

**MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JULY 21, 2026**

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa with Chairman Fox presiding. Other Supervisors present: Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips arriving at 8:35 a.m. Supervisor Absent: None. Also present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to approve the agenda. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Engineer John Rasmussen was present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox, to open the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on classifying 265th Street to a Level B Road. Cameron Madsen was present. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips, to close the public hearing on classifying 265th Street to a Level B Road at 9:07 a.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action taken.

Discussion items were updating job descriptions, equipment, roads, inspecting equipment, and cutting tree limbs. No action taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox, to recess the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 10 a.m. to convene as Drainage Trustees. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None.

Amy Borchardt-Sick and Ashley Brown, Drainage Clerks, were present for Drainage business. It was moved by Fox, seconded by Phillips, to approve the quote from Niewohner Construction, Inc for the 2024 FEMA work on the Barber Creek and Maple River Lat 1. The total Quote was \$ 41,000. Vote on motion: Ayes: Phillips, Brouillette and Fox. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In response to legal counsel, it was moved by Brouillette, seconded by Phillips, to hire another contractor to spray the weeds on Oliver Lake Lateral 1; this will be offset from Armodus' contract. Vote on motion: Ayes: Phillips, Brouillette and Fox. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Brouillette, to approve the drainage claims. Unanimously approved and moved.

The Board, on its own motion and vote, duly carried, adjourned.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to reconvene the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 10:09 a.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None.

Supervisor Fox summarized the letter from Hawthorn Land Holdings, LLC, stating that they are withdrawing from the project and will not proceed now or in the future. Copies of letters from Hawthorn Land Holdings, LLC and DNR were shared with those present. The Supervisors allowed a half-hour for discussion. No action taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2026, as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to approve claims. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fox attended the Monona County Conservation and Monona County Board of Health meetings; he shared the information presented.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to acknowledge receipt of letter from Hawthorn Land Holdings, LLC. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to acknowledge receipt of report from Iowa DNR concerning Hawthorn complaints. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips, to acknowledge receipt of letter from Chad L. Gosch. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox, to authorize the Chairman's signature on Monona County and Provider Program agreement with Monona County Veterans Memorial Museum. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to authorize the Chairman's signature on Monona County and Provider Program agreement with Monona County Historical Preservation Commission. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox, to authorize the Chairman's signature on grant agreement under the fiscal year 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips, to authorize the Chairman's signature on Monona County and Provider Program agreement with Family Crisis Centers. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette, to hereby adjourn at the hour of 11:46 a.m. o'clock. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/ Bo Fox
BO FOX, CHAIRPERSON MONONA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: /s/ Peggy A. Rolph
PEGGY A. ROLPH, MONONA COUNTY AUDITOR