

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 2, 2024
REGULAR January SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Kyle Stecker, Chairman, Carter Nath, Joshua Waechter, Roger Tjarks and Jack Plathe.

Chairman, Kyle Stecker called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public discussion was held.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated December 26, 2023. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Nath to approve the claims. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	Srvs	9162.68	1
AMU	Srvs	200.00	2
Algona Plumb & Htg	Srvs	10.80	1
Alg Pub Co	Notices	661.59	1
Alliant Energy	Srvs	532.26	1
Amazon Capital Serv	Supp	214.81	2
AU Life Ins	Ins.	90.00	1
Fidelity Sec Lif Ins	Ins	59.78	1
Carole Bernhard	Exp	24.89	1
BMC Aggregates	Rock	3995.03	1
Bomgaars	Supp	1917.07	6
T. Brandt	Exp	5.89	1
Calhoun-Burns & Associates, In	Engineer Su	1114.05	1
Card Services	Exp	194.33	1
Central IA Dist	Supp	347.00	1
Centurylink	Phone	145.42	2
City of Fenton	Utilities	114.30	1
City of Ledyard	Utllities	117.00	1
City of Wesley	Cons	67.67	1
City of West Bend	Utilities	312.93	1
City of Whittemore	Exp	874.79	1
Consolidated Electrical Dist.	Exp	6640.00	1
CoZo	Phone	75.00	1
Crisis Canines of the Midlands	Exp	2000.00	1
Crysteel Dist Inc	Exp	13096.20	1
Echo Group Inc	Supp	3829.63	1
Ecolab	Srvs	241.11	1
Farmers Coop Elev	Fuel	558.79	1
Fire Fire Equip	Srvs	330.00	1
R Fisher	Exp	33.16	1
Fleetsoft	Exp	919.00	1
G. Forsythe	Exp	70.74	1
Foundation 2	Srvs	746.40	1
Galls	Supp	78.94	1
J Grandgenett	Exp	5.89	1
D Green	Exp	14.92	1
J Haag	Exp	226.31	1
Heartland Asphalt, Inc.	Engineer Su	25699.48	2
Holiday Inn	Lodging	644.00	1
Hometown Dist LLC	Supp	156.52	1
Hy-Vee (Johnston)	Exp	2596.84	1
Hy-Vee	Supp	6488.13	1
IA Ofs of St Medical Examiner	Srvs	8217.00	1
IEMA	Reg.	225.00	1
ILCC	Reg	5715.00	1
Ia Law Enforcement Academy	Srvs	250.00	1
IA Prison Ind	Supp	1210.00	1
ISAC	Supp	30.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Supp	3178.00	5
Jacks OK Tire Srv	Srvs	482.18	1

John Deere Financial	Parts	1152.57	1
N. Johnson	Exp	175.31	1
Ellengray Kennedy	Exp	438.70	1
Klocke's Emergency Vehicles	Exp	46.74	1
KCEDC	Allocation	62500.00	1
Koss Co	Exp	25000.00	1
KRHC	Srvs	3418.50	2
Mail Serv	Supp	604.10	1
Cinn Mawdsley	Exp	25.00	1
MB Auto Clinic	Srvs	470.85	2
P McGuire	Exp	906.60	1
Merryman Bridge Cons	Exp	52573.31	1
B. Meyer	Exp	493.70	1
Mid Am Energy	Srvs	3747.08	3
Mid Country Mach	Supp	1292.00	1
Midwest Technology Services LL	Exp	2573.99	2
A Miller	Exp	25.00	1
D Miller	Reim	204.53	1
S Nielsen	Exp	25.00	1
K. Molsberry	Exp	18.34	1
Monroe Sys Busi	Exp	231.53	1
R Monson	Exp	750.00	2
Aaron Montag	Exp	224.60	1
Motorola Solutions Inc	Supp	844.77	1
MSC Industrial Supply Co	Supplies	315.18	1
Newman Signs Inc	Engineer Su	1257.10	1
D Nielsen	Exp	271.49	1
North Iowa Reporting	Srvs	487.50	3
NW Comm	Service	111.18	1
NUGENCO	Exp	260.00	1
Oakcrest	Srvs	2200.00	1
IOS	Supp	899.57	6
Payroll Forms	Exp	50.55	1
PCC Billing Services	Exp	2250.00	1
Print Shoppe Plus	Srvs	29.25	1
Reding's Gravel & Excav	Srvs	302372.93	1
Rinker Materials	Engineer Su	3913.20	1
N Roethler	Exp	25.00	1
Rolling Tree Service	Srvs	6000.00	1
Levi Rosenmeyer	Exp	149.80	1
Ruhnke Bros	Srvs	340.19	1
D Schulz	Exp.	234.89	1
Simpson Auto Repair	Exp	203.13	1
Solutions	Srvs	500.00	1
Spencer Municipal Hospita	Exp	80.00	1
Water Conn	Srvs	325.00	1
Thilges Bros LLC	Engineer Su	250.00	1
Z Thompson	Exp	25.00	1
Titonka Munc Utilities	Srvs	439.46	1
R Tjarks	Exp	72.05	1
Tom Eischen Sales	Parts	889.63	2
US Cellular	Srvs	63.06	1
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Exp	540.95	1
Verus	Supp	5934.25	2
Counsel Ofs & Doc	Supp	221.22	2
Counsel Ofs & Doc	Suppl	52.92	1
P WALKER	EXP	252.51	1
White Tools LLC	Engineer Su	1132.86	1
Windstream	Srvs	84.58	1
Grand Total		593897.20	

Drainage Claims

Bolton & Menk	Drain 60 Sub 4	\$15091.50
Bolton & Menk	Drain 129	\$604.00
Erpelding Excavating Ent	Drain 132	\$1220.00
Erpelding Excavating Ent	Drain PAK 1 Lat K	\$600.00
Goodwin Law office	Drain 80	\$241.50
Goodwin Law Office	Drain 90 Lat 1	\$724.50

I & S Group	Drain 90 Lat 1	\$1031.25
Jacobson Westergard Assoc	Drain PAK 1	\$10247.85
Martin Kramer	Drain 9	\$1000.00
Zachary Laubethal Excav	Drain 82	\$4359.93
Zachary Laubethal Excav	Drain 135	\$1001.92
Zachary Laubethal Excav	Drain EK 2 Lat H	\$1298.44
Reutzel Excavating	Drain 80 Lat 80	\$18837.00
TOTAL		\$56257.89

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the offices and employees' respective salaries for the 2023 calendar year.

Supervisors

Carter Nath	37736.14
Jack Plathe	41128.15
Roger Tjarks	41128.15
Joshua Waechter	37736.14
Kyle Stecker	41128.15
Galen Casey	3705.13
Donnie Loss	3705.13

Auditor

Tammy Eden	79114.62
Marjorie Mergen	55495.46
Christy Skilling	59451.26
Melissa Arndorfer	59451.26
Brittany Cressler	42299.25

Treasurer

Nicholas P Rahm	76475.65
Constance A Ludwig	59324.37
Patricia Rightman	39899.64
Joann Smith	39426.28
Shara Long	52564.74
Vivian Streit	53043.98
Marlys J Jennings	65004.33
Diana Ostwald	47405.15
Nadel Vipond	45280.09
Shaunya Smith	44539.77

Attorney

Todd M Holmes	109730.72
Cinnamon A Mawdsley	46008.94
Debra J Mueller	56184.99
Stephanie M Miller	93271.16
Jacquelyn Richardson	44484.77

Sheriff

Roger Fisher	106151.01
Brian Runneberg	74720.18
Josh Adams	170.00
Marcia L. Baade	54843.33
John Ternes	152.50
Marcia Baade	222.50
Matthew Holmquist	81025.73
Christopher Lawson	240.00
Melissa Hoch	80903.69
Caleb Hill	67866.64
Wesley Gibbs	24864.75
Jacob Radmaker	89257.12
Shayne Hoch	81152.33
Shane Grimm	77537.19
Mark A. McGregor	97670.48
Keara A Omdahl	52140.44
Lori L. Winkel	52053.60
Bailey Pfeffer	64462.34
Joe Risius	1632.00
Dean E Simpson	54494.15
Keith Briggs	80273.11
Dawn R Heiderscheidt	55020.27
Randall R Sewick	55158.87

Greg A Elbert	55914.32
Seth A Muller	54256.73
Angela B Zwiefel	54724.04
Linda Studer	55067.07
Elaine H Davis	27859.13
Jennetta L. Helmers	54851.88
Tammy Dils	54152.07
Jayne Baker	53288.51
Jacob Combs	27002.21

Recorder

Karen M Benschoter	75903.54
Kimberly K Doughan	64518.01
Autumn L Zwiefel	54833.73
Kristi Frambach	46020.24

Custodian

Ron Reefer	53316.90
William Struecker	48583.20
Deborah Naab	34077.00

Veteran Affairs

Kim Groesbeck	375.00
Carole Bernhard	412.50
James Grandgenett	525.00
Troy Brandt	262.50
Gary Forsythe	262.50
Kevin Molsberry	225.00
John Hyink	782.25
Daniel Green	46441.00
Brian Runneberg	353.50
Donald Fickbohm	458.50

Conservation

Kendall D Stumme	71233.54
Ryan L Schmidt	58908.98
Billie J Wille	54223.20
Julie Fosado	29497.80
Kristyn Thul	45600.30
Madison Beenken	48450.51
Mark Jordan	18675.00
Angela Resner	3176.25

Community Service

Dale R. Briggs	10672.97
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GIS

Luke Snyder	66673.66
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IT

Derek Olson	105744.15
Donald Heidner	50973.25
Carson Elston	24576.80

Sanitarian

Aaron Montag	45468.53
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Mental Health

Anna Miller	53673.03
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General Asst/Human Resource

Dona R Nielsen	77382.72
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Weed Commission

Aaron Montag	3230.06
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Secondary Road

Douglas A Miller	139666.69
Douglas A Crouch	113016.69
Adam S. Miller	88999.69
Zachary A. Thompson	77354.62
Nicholas Roethler	58433.62
Caleb Omdahl	4558.95
Elizabeth Olson	4109.57
Lisa Hefty	52666.69

David Loss	53429.58
Mark Behr	54812.59
Lynn Stevens	53196.16
Anthony Whitacre	53472.99
Christopher Gelhaus	53213.83
Darrell W Nyman	11183.89
Mark C Blocker	57688.14
Andrew Whitacre	18034.32
Nicholas B Hoch	89191.77
Vern L Ryen	53662.60
Gary Goetz	5112.01
Paul F Grein	53116.98
Ronald P Engelbarts	54386.17
Robert A Kockler	57289.88
Dylan Adams	51265.77
Heath Paulsen	3814.40
Marlyn L Helmers	8160.83
Dennis W Higgins	3117.71
Paul Jahnke	54144.54
Cory Bartrom	42704.60
Tyler Heetland	41880.14
James M Smith	52884.31
Dale A Kollasch	56141.09
John Ternes	28998.34
Dustin Walters	4529.60
William Menke	53402.54
Phillip J Goche	53805.41
Ryan Reutzel	54632.03
Scott A Ziesman	77615.99
Matthew G Schleuger	53457.47
William G Merron	77464.31
Fay Preston	5466.30
Jacob Eischen	53178.49
Conley Rolling	53408.20
Hunter Ricke	49324.05
Christopher Crawmer	51518.77
Jeffrey R Gambell	53101.49
Cody J Holmes	52738.96
Dennis Rasmus	54284.47
Alex Langel	53702.90
Brian Blair	55125.51
Randy Boekelman	19123.05

Civil Defense

Charissa Mueller	63945.00
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Ambulance

Phil Albers	75648.72
Hanah Hill	27253.63
Anna Penning	28370.00
Merlin Platt	47508.63
Jason Smith	22998.25
Brian Spry	35813.63
Christopher Zinnel	31312.38
Evan Bollinger	12207.51
Kaitlyn Householder	16241.00
Courtney Mielke	114.00
Charissa Mueller	190.00
Kirsty Riggert	57.00
Darrel Orwig	1900.50
Randolph Perdue	4064.00
Charles Redemske	1759.00
James Wilcox	572.00
Adam Elbert	965.25
Justin Tickle	5998.50
James Elbert	663.00
Kristen Donnelly	3238.00
Larry Schmisking	510.00
Michael Kofoot	1583.00
Jacob Eischen	402.00
Christopher Stevens	2413.38
Skyler Lufkin	135.00
Elisabeth Grimm	368.00
Joseph Klukow	1782.75
Donald Dunn	1363.00

Kendal Pals 667.50

Assessor

Judy L Samp 92318.32
Brandon J Ostwald 45299.25
Christopher M. Lawson 73854.62
Nancy Dixon Knecht 49285.81
Tricia Garry 540.00
Lawrence W Heyn 540.00
Lynette A Hankins 540.00
Linda Zwiefel 540.00
Allan Boyken 540.00

Landfill

Blake Stevens 64143.97
Scott Shillington 5894.44
Dustin Hansen 58412.67

E-911

Derek Olson 8807.03
Donald Heidner 10155.20
Amanda Miller 7530.00
Jenessa Ehmen 7275.00
Jason Smith 460.00
Robert Householder 160.00
Jeffrey Broesder 150.00
Kaitlyn Householder 770.00
Riker Brindley 2400.00
Warren Brindley 3970.00

Medical Death Investigator

Phil Albers 9178.50
Charissa Mueller 8449.50
Cameron Giddings 6026.50

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to approve the cash on hand in the following offices: Auditor \$0, Recorder \$200, Sheriff \$0 and Treasurer \$3,526.21. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to conclude business for the 2023 Calendar Year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

2024 New Business

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to nominate Kyle Stecker to serve as Chairman for 2024 and Carter Nath to serve as Vice Chairman for 2024. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: no, Tjarks: no, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks to nominate Roger Tjarks as Chairman and Carter Nath as Vice Chairman for 2024. Motion failed due to past motion.

Chairman, Kyle Stecker called to order the new year and let it be known that all members were present.

Kossuth County EMS Administrator, Phil Albers gave a monthly update.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule for the Kossuth County Employees as requested by Department Heads and Elected Officials. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: no, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter that the Kossuth County Advance, Bancroft Register, and the Swea City Herald Press be approved as official newspapers for 2024 in Kossuth County. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to approve Resolution #01-02-24-01, which sets out the procedure that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors wish to adopt a construction evaluation resolution relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
01-02-24-01**

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304 (3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KOSSUTH COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304 (3).

Resolution declared adopted this 2nd day of January, 2024.

Chairman, Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Tammy Eden, Auditor
Kossuth County

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve Resolution #01-02-24-02, which determines the depositories of public funds belonging to Kossuth County, Iowa and execute the amount which may be deposited without further approval. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 01-02-24-02
DEPOSITORIES

Determine the depositories of public funds belonging to Kossuth County, Iowa and execute the amount which may be deposited without further approval.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kossuth County Treasurer will utilize the services of the following depositories for the deposit of public funds belonging to Kossuth County, Iowa, or coming into its possession, pursuant to a duly executed amount which may be thus deposited without further approval of this Board and the Treasurer of State is as listed:

<u>NAME OF DEPOSITORY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM DEPOSIT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION</u>
IOWA STATE BANK	ALGONA	\$20,000,000.00
FIDELITY BANK & TRUST	BANCROFT	\$9,000,000.00
SECURITY STATE BANK	ALGONA	\$18,000,000.00
FARMERS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	LAKOTA	\$9,000,000.00
BANK PLUS	SWEA CITY	\$9,000,000.00
FARMERS STATE BANK	ALGONA	\$12,000,000.00
NORTHWEST BANK	ALGONA	\$9,000,000.00
WEST IOWA BANK	WEST BEND	\$9,000,000.00
NORTHWOODS STATE BANK	MASON CITY	\$9,000,000.00
IA PUBLIC AGENCY INVMNT TRUST	DES MOINES	\$9,000,000.00

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement, to execute and deliver signature authorization cards to depository concurrently therewith, and to execute all drafts, checks and other documents and correspondence regarding any accounts of Kossuth County, Iowa as established depositories:

NICHOLAS P. RAHM	TREASURER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2024
CONNIE LUDWIG	DEPUTY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2024
MARLYS JENNINGS	DEPUTY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers described above are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, and execute such documents and agreements as may be necessary to secure the repayment of the deposits of public funds authorized hereunder, including to, but not limited to: Security Agreements, Bailment Agreements, Notices, and any documents or instruments supplemental or incidental thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auditor forward a certified copy of this resolution to Depository, and other parties which may request it for purposes of effectuating the deposit of public funds authorized hereunder or any security therefore, together with a certificate attesting to the names and signatures of the present incumbents to the offices described above; and the auditor further certify to Depository or other parties from the time to time the signature of any successor in office of any of the present incumbents.

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa this _____, 2024.

 Chairman, Kossuth County
 Board of Supervisors

Attest:

 Tammy Eden, Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to approve Resolution #01-02-24-03, which determines the depositories for 2024 for the Kossuth County Recorder and Kossuth County Sheriff with maximum limitations. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #01-02-24-03
 DEPOSITORIES
 Kossuth County Recorder and Kossuth County Sheriff

Designate the depositories for 2024 for the Kossuth County Recorder and the Kossuth County Sheriff with maximum limitations.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following banks be designated as depositories for 2024 for the Kossuth County Recorder and the Kossuth County Sheriff with maximum limitations as shown.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name of Depository/Location</u>	<u>Maximum Deposit</u>
Kossuth County Recorder	Iowa State Bank, Algona	\$50,000.00
Kossuth County Sheriff	Northwest Bank, Algona	\$50,000.00

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa this 2nd day of January, 2024.

 Chairman, Kossuth County
 Board of Supervisors

Attest:

 Tammy Eden, Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to approve Resolution #01-02-24-04, which authorizes the Kossuth County Auditor to issue checks for payment against Kossuth County when the board is not in session. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

01-02-24-04

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa that pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.506 (3), Code of Iowa, the Auditor of Kossuth County, Iowa is hereby authorized to issue warrants in payment of claims against Kossuth County when the Board is not in session for the following purposes:

1. For fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, water, light, telephone service or contractual services, after a bill is filed with the auditor.
2. For salaries and payrolls if the compensation has been fixed or approved by the board. The salary or payroll shall be certified by the officer or supervisor under whose direction or supervision the compensation is earned for payment to vendors of payroll expenses, health, dental, ipers, FICA, etc.
3. For reimbursements of elected officials, department heads, employees (who have been approved by their department head) attending schools of instruction or seminars for which they have first paid the registration fees, mileage (at the rate established by the Board of Supervisors with the documentation) meals (up to \$20 per meal with receipt attached to claim) and hotel accommodations (with receipt attached to claim).
4. For advance to the Sheriff for expenses needing to be covered at a time other than our normal days for paying bills.
5. For payment of expenses to election workers and rent of election facility.
6. For payment to employees for medical claims through the flex plan. This being authorized under the Board of Supervisors' power of Home Rule.

Resolution declared adopted this 2nd day of January 2024.

Chairman, Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____

Tammy Eden, Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the Eminent Domain Commission as submitted. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to set mileage reimbursements at the federal rate. The 2024 Federal rate is \$0.67 per business mile driven. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to allow employees of Kossuth County, Iowa on official business to charge their motel and food bill to Kossuth County, Iowa in 2024. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter to approve the rate of lodging for out of county inmates at \$50.00 per day for court ordered work release and reimbursements of \$50.00 per day for jail room and board reimbursement fee for convicted inmates. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to approve the spending limit for any one item of \$5,000 for Elected Officials and Department Heads. Prior authorization from the Board of Supervisors will be needed if the dollar amount is above \$5,000. Motion was amended to leave the spending limit of \$5,000 per item for elected officials and department heads as the county currently has with exception for the Kossuth County Engineer. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Dr. Alan Hjelle as Kossuth County Medical Examiner; Dr. Jeff Doolittle, Dr. Michael Lampe, Dr. Brent Owen, Dr. John Schantzen, Dr. Rachel Venteicher, and Dr. Christian Grindberg as Kossuth County Deputy Medical Examiners and Philip Albers, Charissa Mueller and Cameron Giddings as Medical Examiner Investigators effective January 1, 2024. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve the re-appointment of Steve Young as District 3 Conservation Board Member. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Nath to appoint Jim Hudson and Robert Goodwin to handle questions as drainage attorneys for the year 2024 in Kossuth County. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

There was no Construction in ROW.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer/Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Nath to reduce the recommendation of the Kossuth County Compensation Board by 50%, which would allow for a 1.6% increase for the Board of Supervisors, 3% increase for the County Auditor, 3% increase for the County Attorney, 3% increase for the County Recorder, 7.5% increase for the Sheriff and 3% increase for the County Treasurer. This motion is for budget purposes only and final action of the recommendation will be made at the Kossuth County Budget Hearing for FY 24/25. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: pass, Tjarks: pass, Waechter: no, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes, Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to establish a priority list for natural conservation or wildlife areas to be allowed for property tax exempt status of which is not to exceed 1% of total agricultural land in the county or 3,000 acres. The following list has been proposed: 1. Open prairies 2. River and stream banks 3. Forest covers 4. Rivers and streams 5. Recreational lakes. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter approving the appointment of Dona Nielsen to coordinate compliance with the employment nondiscrimination requirements for 2024 – Employees Equal Opportunity Officer. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to appoint Charissa Mueller as Emergency Management Coordinator for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to appoint Phil Albers as EMS Administrator for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Aaron Montag as the Kossuth County Employee designated to do on-site evaluations for the Master Matrix for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Nath to appoint Aaron Montag as Weed Commissioner for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Aaron Montag as Environmental Health Specialist for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Daniel Green as the Full-Time Director of Veteran's Affairs for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Nick Roethler as Safety Director for Secondary Road for 2024. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to appoint Doug Miller as Kossuth County Engineer for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter to appoint Doug Miller as Engineer of the Kossuth County Landfill and Transfer Station for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Doug Miller as Zoning Administrator for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Blake Stevens as the Manager of the Kossuth County Landfill and Transfer Station for the 2024 year. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to designate the County Assessor and/or County Conservation Staff to inspect the areas where an application has been filed for forest & fruit tree reservation tax exemption. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Nath to appoint Harley Kohlhaas as the City Official on the NIACOG Board, to table the Economic Development Representative until next week, and appoint Jeff Theisen as the Revolving Loan Fund Committee Representative for NIACOG. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to appoint Jack Plathe, Dixie Meyer, and Dr. Rachel Venteicher to the Kossuth County Board of Health. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to approve the appointments of the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors to the following organizations for 2024: Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Third Judicial District Department of Corrections Advisory Board.....	Josh Waechter
Boone River Watershed Authority.....	Roger Tjarks & Carter Nath
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Board Delegate	Kyle Stecker
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Board Alternate	Roger Tjarks
Care Connections of Northern Iowa.....	Carter Nath
Alternate.....	Josh Waechter
De Cat Board	Carter Nath
E-911 Delegate	Josh Waechter
E-911 Alternate	Carter Nath
Early Childhood North Central Iowa Board.....	Jack Plathe
Emergency Management Commission.....	Josh Waechter
Alternate.....	Kyle Stecker
EMS Advisory Board.....	Kyle Stecker
ICAP Representative.....	Jack Plathe
Kossuth County Board of Health	Jack Plathe
Kossuth County Economic Development Board Delegate	Josh Waechter
Kossuth County Economic Development Board Alternate.....	Kyle Stecker
Kossuth Waste Management Association Delegate.....	Kyle Stecker
Alternate.....	Josh Waechter
NIACOG Board Delegate	Roger Tjarks
NIACOG Alternate.....	Carter Nath
North Central Regional Response Commission Delegate.....	Josh Waechter
Alternate	Kyle Stecker
North Iowa Community Action Organization.....	Carter Nath
Transportation Policy Board Delegate.....	Josh Waechter
Alternate.....	Kyle Stecker

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Stecker to appoint Supervisor Nath to serve on the Kossuth County Wellness Committee. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to appoint Supervisor Stecker to serve on the Kossuth County Safety Committee. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to adjourn at 10:01 A.M. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Attest:

Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Chairman,
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors