

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
April 23, 2024
REGULAR April SESSION

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

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

There was no public discussion.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meetings dated April 16, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged the Wellness Committee minutes and the Safety Committee Minutes.

A monthly update was given by the Veteran’s Affairs Director, Dan Green.

The General Assistance Supervisor, Dona Nielsen gave her monthly update.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the FY ’25 Budget and Certificate of Taxes from Kossuth Regional Health Center.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter to approve Resolution #04-23-24-01, which is a Resolution approving the Elected Official Compensation Schedule for FY ’25. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #04-23-24-01

Elected Official Compensation Schedule
FY 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907 and

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Compensation Board met on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, and made the salary recommendations as follows: Sheriff receive a 15% increase, 3.2% increase for the Supervisors and all other elected officials receive 6% increase for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. The Kossuth County Board of Supervisors adjusted the recommendations as shown below:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>
Auditor	\$ 81,419	0%	\$ 81,419
Attorney	\$ 112,927	0%	\$ 112,927
Recorder	\$ 78,115	0%	\$ 78,115
Sheriff	\$ 111,804	0%	\$ 111,804
Supervisors	\$ 41,722	0%	\$ 41,722
Treasurer	\$ 78,704	0%	\$ 78,704

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors adopts the salaries as indicated above for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Attest:

Kyle Stecker, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Tammy Eden, Kossuth County Auditor

By Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Jack Plathe, Supervisor

Jack Plathe, Supervisor

Roger Tjarks, Supervisor

Roger Tjarks, Supervisor

Joshua Waechter, Supervisor

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Carter Nath, Supervisor

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Kyle Stecker, Supervisor

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FY '24-'25 Kossuth County Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter to open the Public Hearing for the FY'25 Kossuth County Budget. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

The FY '25 Kossuth County Budget was presented by Kossuth County Auditor, Tammy Eden.

Public comments were made after the presentation was given and discussions were held.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to close the Public Hearing for the FY '25 Kossuth County Budget. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks to adopt the FY '25 Kossuth County Budget and Certification of Taxes by Resolution #04-23-24-02. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: no. Motion carried 4-1.

Resolution #04-23-24-02

Approval of FY 2024/2025 Budget and Certification of Taxes

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY2024-2025 county budget and certification of taxes, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget was held on April 23, 2024; and the budget was published as provided by Iowa Code. No written comments were received. Members from the public were present for the hearing and comments were made.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County that the county budget and certificate of taxes for FY 2024/2025, as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Kossuth County Auditor is directed to file said budget and to establish accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the County Auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY 2024/2025 county budget.

Signed and dated this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Attest:

Kyle Stecker, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Tammy Eden, Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter to approve Resolution #04-23-24-03, which is a Resolution approving a Public Purpose for Economic Development Expenditures. Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
Public Purpose for Economic Development Expenditures
#04-23-24-03**

WHEREBY, the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County held a public hearing as required by law on April 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. for the Budget Year 2024-2025. The budget was published prior to the hearing as required by law. The budget was reduced and adopted as summarized and attached hereto and tax levies voted on all taxable property of the county. Information provided was the Compensation Schedule and Proof of Publication in the Kossuth County Advance, Bancroft Register and Swea City Herald.

WHEREAS, the money in the budget for Economic Development is allocated to make Kossuth County more visible to businesses and industry to locate in Kossuth County and to enhance more jobs, and quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors declare Resolution #04-23-24-03 be adopted this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Kyle Stecker, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve the Handwritten Claim in the amount of \$500.00 to the U.S. Postmaster. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Nath to approve and sign the Avesis L3 Plan, which will be in effect until June 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to approve and sign the Wellmark account information and binder agreement and set the Kossuth County Open Enrollment for May 2, 2024, through May 13, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged that Dona Nielsen will sign and send in the self-funded insurance final alternate rates and confirmation of MSP Addendum form and send the Cobra Addendum to Wellmark.

Kossuth County EMS Director Phil Albers gave a monthly update.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Waechter to approve the pay increase for Mac Kahler to \$24.50/hour effective at the beginning of this pay period due to the advance of his certification to Paramedic. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve ordering and locking in the bid for a 2026 Ambulance Chassis from Feld Fire in the amount of \$291,856 to be delivered in the Spring of 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve the purchase of 1 re-certified transport ventilator with a one-year warranty in the amount of \$13,400 from Bound Tree and three Technimount Systems from Life Med Safety in the amount of \$18,000. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held with EMS Director Phil Albers regarding approving a contract with KRHC for the transport of mental health patients. This will be addressed again at next week's board meeting.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve the agreement with Language Line Solution for EMS. Motion carried unanimously.

An agreement with Credit Management Services, Inc for EMS collections was discussed. Phil Albers will talk to County Attorney Todd Holmes regarding collections, and it will be discussed at a later date, if needed.

Phil Albers, Kossuth County EMS Director requested the Kossuth County Handbook be updated to allow for EMS Personnel to receive 48 hours of vacation per year rather than 40 hours per year based on their work schedule. The handbook is currently under editing, and this will be addressed again before it is approved.

There was no construction in ROW.

Discussion was held with the County Engineer/Zoning Administrator.

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

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Plathe to adjourn at 12:18 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Kyle Stecker, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors