

September 9, 2025

Present: Supervisors: Nin Flagel, Mike Steines, Don Schwenker; Auditor Alisa Smith; IT Director Bjorn Beck; Executive Assistant LuAnn Goeke; Brittany Nopar – Maquoketa Sentinel Press. Resolutions and Ordinances are available in the Auditor's Office – Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at www.jacksoncounty.iowa.gov

Guests via ZOOM: Dan Fox, Senior Planner from ECIA and Land Agent Charlie White from Aurum Capital Ventures

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Schwenker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened the public hearing for the FY25/26 Budget Amendment. Deputy Auditor Shelley Hoyer updated the Board on the reason for the amendment. No comments for or against the amendment were received. George Daugherty asked for a clarification on the amount of the amendment.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to close the public hearing for the FY25/26 Budget Amendment as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve Resolution #1141-09-09-2025 for the Amendment to the County Budget for Fiscal Year 25/26 and authorize the Chair and Auditor signatures on the Record of Hearing and certify to the State of Iowa as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 329 as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Rhonda Rowan spoke about the Data Mining Moratorium and asked the Board to consider issues with noise and concerns about potential fires.

Interim Zoning Administrator Becca Pflughaupt updated the Board.

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve Resolution #1142-09-09-2025 approving a Moratorium on Data Mining Facilities until August 31, 2026, unless ended sooner by action of the Board of Supervisors as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 330 as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Charlie White from Aurum Capital Ventures addressed the Board concerning the noise issues with Data Mining. His company has implemented a new modular data center which is to significantly reduce the noise produced due to its hydro-cooled system.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve and authorize Chair and Auditor signatures on an Agreement for Services between Jackson County and East Central Intergovernmental Association for assistance and technical services with the temporary Zoning Administration and enforcement up to \$15,000.00 from September 17, 2025 through September 16, 2026 as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Pioneer Cemetery Commission Chairman George Daugherty requested a utility pole be moved adjacent to the Sweezy Cemetery in section 1 of Farmers Creek Township with Jim & Sue Mayberry paying the cost to move the electrical pole. The Board requested the utility company be contacted to make sure all customers have been notified of the moving of the pole and to return to the Board after all notifications have been made to approve the request.

Engineer Jayden Scheckel presented county business.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve the final plans and authorize signatures on project FM-CO49(103)--55-49 to fog seal on Highway Z20 from Iowa Highway 64 continuing north five miles as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Auditor Alisa Smith presented county business.

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 Board proceedings as written by Auditor Smith and authorize publication in the official newspapers as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve and authorize the Auditor's Office to issue warrants and the publication of the claims listing in the amount of \$302,054.23 as presented.
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to authorize signatures on a handwritten warrant to Jeff Lynch for \$50.00 to replace a cancelled warrant for two township trustee meetings as presented.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to accept, place on file and authorize Chair and Auditor signatures on the County Recorder’s Report of Fees for the month of August, 2025 in the amount of \$47,575.16 as presented.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve the Jackson County Voting System Security Policy dated 9-9-2025 as presented.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Executive Assistant LuAnn Goeke reviewed the Board calendar and business.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to table approval on the contract between Jackson County and Dittmer Recycling, Inc from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 as presented.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. until the next board meeting on September 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the courthouse in Maquoketa.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Clerk _____
Alisa Smith, Auditor

Chair _____
Don Schwenker, Board of Supervisors