

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 10:45 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Justin Trees, Rich Brumm, Shannon Paulus, Laura Huisman, Ashlie Sveum, Brandon Halsne, Deb Scharper, Rebekah Barr, Guadalupe Bandillo, and Sandra Vandeventer. The meeting was made available by video via “Go to Meeting”. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the August 11th meeting. Roll call: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy was not available.

County Sheriff Trees had nothing to present.

Shannon Paulus stated the taxes should be printed and mailed this week. Paulus thought phones were being replaced, not reduced, and is asking for two additional phones for her office.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated the rock run is happening and discussed that blades will cost roughly \$10k per truck.

Laura Huisman provided a Home Health update and discussed the transition with Environmental Health. Huisman explained a Sanitation update and the Combat Cancer Initiative grant with Marion County. Home Health will not be going anywhere with the Public Health alignment, and they will not be merging. The state funding will no longer go directly to the County but will go to the district lead county. Huisman is busy planning flu vaccination clinics. Recently Mitchell County became a 5-star rating, which is directly rated from citizens within the County. Huisman is proposing the board discusses increasing the mileage rate to be the same as the federal mileage rate.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve 28E Agreement with Iowa DNR. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing for FY27 budget amendment at 11:11 a.m. There were no oral or written comments were received. The public notice was published in the proper newspapers. There was no discussion amongst the board members or public in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 11:12 a.m. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Appropriations Resolution #1380-26. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Deb Scharper discussed the Frontotemporal Degeneration Proclamation and the need to be open and have public discussions.

There was discussion on splitting Department 15. The board will wait until next fiscal year to split into two departments.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to appoint Jacob Staudt as a Deputy Medical Examiner. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Liquor License for Otter Creek Apple Farms LLC. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Marzen reported on Conservation, Board of Health, training with John Robbins & Paige Martin, and ReGov. Wherry, Hartogh, Frein, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors