Board Minutes September 28, 2026

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am September 28, 2026 with Kelsay, Vick, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Rachelle Howe, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, met with the Board to review their programs and give updates. She also presented the FY28 membership dues information.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and the liquor license for Twin Springs Supper Club. Motion carried unanimously.

John Halverson, Building Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss his duties and the timeline and transition plan with his retirement. Vermace and Kelsay will review the job description for approval at a future meeting, and the Board will then begin the process of recruiting a replacement.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to open the public hearing on the proposed moratorium on the construction of Data Centers. Motion carried unanimously. Tony Phillips, P&Z Administrator, reviewed the action taken by the P&Z Commission which held a public hearing and unanimously recommended a moratorium. Wendy Stevens, P&Z Chair, reviewed the research completed so far on the subject and outlined the additional research needed to develop Zoning Ordinance language related to Data Centers. Several members of the public commented on the various reasons a moratorium would be beneficial. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 27-10, establishing a twelve month moratorium on the construction of Data Centers, while the P&Z Commission continues research on appropriate Zoning regulations to propose for updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution will be on file in the County Auditor's office and will be published.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Travis Goedken, Decorah City Manager, met with the Board to answer questions about the proposed Development Agreement. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to approve the proposed

Development Agreement. Motion carried with Kelsay, Vick, Langreck, and Faldet voting aye; and Vermace abstaining.

The Board discussed the procedures for making appointments to the P&Z Commission and Board of Adjustments. The majority consensus was to have all openings advertised and have current appointees reapply if their terms are up and they wish to continue. This is the same procedure used for other Boards & Commissions.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the Tax Abatements on exempt parcels 112027700900 (City of Decorah) and 142531000300 (City of Calmar). Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to review road projects.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to award the low bidder AgVantage FS the contract for Diesel and Unleaded fuel. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to award the low bidder AgVantage FS the contract for LP. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adjourn until 9:30am Monday, October 5, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST_____

Benjamin D Steines	Daniel Langreck, Chair
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors