

–CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES –

The Kossuth County Conference Board met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. in the Supervisor’s meeting room in the Kossuth County Court House.

Those members present were:

Board of Supervisors: Carter Nath – 1st District, Howard Haas – 2nd District, Josh Waechter – 3rd District, Kyle Stecker – 4th District and Amber Garman – 5th District.

Mayors: Rick Murphy – Algona; Tom Johnson – Bancroft; Gene Miller – Fenton; Bob Gilbertson – Ledyard (via Microsoft Teams); Kevin McPeak – LuVerne; Andrew Virkler – West Bend.

School Board: Phil Albers – North Kossuth (via Microsoft Teams); Art Pixler – North Union.

Also in attendance were – Brandon Ostwald, Nancy Dixon-Knecht.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Motion by Supervisor Kyle Stecker to approve the agenda. School Arthur Pixler seconded the motion. All Mayors vote aye, all School Board vote aye, all Supervisors vote aye. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mayor Tom Johnson to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026, Supervisor Kyle Stecker seconded the motion. All Mayors vote aye, all School Board vote aye, all Supervisors vote aye. Motion carried.
4. Motion by School Arthur Pixler to adopt County Handbook. Supervisor Amber Garman seconded the motion. All Mayors vote aye, all School Board vote aye, all Supervisors vote aye. Motion carried.
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discussion was held to approve 1” Aerial Flights for 2027. Voting units broke into groups to have discussion about approval. All Mayors vote no, all School Board vote no, all Supervisors vote no.
 - a. Motion by Supervisor Kyle Stecker to move \$350,000 from Undesignated to Designated Fund balance for future projects. Mayor Rick Murphy seconded the motion. All Mayors vote aye, all School Board vote aye, all Supervisors vote aye. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion by Mayor Tom Johnson to set public hearing for April 7 at 12 P.M. School Arthur Pixler seconded the motion. All Mayors vote aye, all School Board vote aye, all Supervisors vote aye. Motion carried.
6. New business - None
7. Motion by Mayor Gene Miller to Adjourn. Supervisor Kyle Stecker seconded the motion. All Mayors vote aye, all School Board vote aye, all Supervisors vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Carter Nath, Conference Board Chairman

Brandon Ostwald, Clerk