

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
May 5, 2026
REGULAR May SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Chairman Carter Nath, Howard Haas, Kyle Stecker, Amber Garman and Josh Waechter.

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

Public discussion was held.

Motion by Garman and 2nd by Waechter to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated April 28, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Garman to approve the claims and drainage claims. Motion carried unanimously.

AgSource Coop Srvs	Srvs	513.80	3
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	Srvs	1928.92	3
AMU	Srvs	47.44	1
Alg Pub Co	Notices	98.75	2
Alliant Energy	Srvs	268.35	1
AU Life Ins	Ins.	105.00	1
American Welding & Gas, Inc	Exp	373.56	1
Arnold Motor Supply	Parts	1775.89	1
Auditor of State	Srvs	850.00	1
Fidelity Sec Lif Ins	Ins	43.94	1
Basepoint Building Automaition	Exp	164.00	1
BMC Aggregates	Rock	756.33	1
Bomgaars	Supp	5926.85	5
Bugs N Stuff	Srvs	196.00	1
C & H Sales and Service	Exp	110.00	1
Campbell's	Engineer Supp	1243.20	1
CDW Government Inc	Supp	174.24	1
Central IA Juv	Srvs	1315.50	2
Centurylink	Phone	206.29	2
Cintas	Supplies	230.87	1
City of Fenton	Utilities	131.24	1
City of Wesley	Cons	73.66	1
City of West Bend	Utilities	564.65	1
City of Whittemore	Exp	835.08	1
Cooks Scrap Iron & Metal	Supp	732.70	1
Degen Extinguisher & Repair	Srvs	65.00	1
Ecolab	Srvs	285.11	1
Elec Systems & Software	Supp	11748.85	1
Electronic Specialties	Srvs	1585.00	1
Farmers Coop Elev	Fuel	394.40	1
Fenton Coop Telephone	Srvs	160.75	1
Fratco	Engineer Supp	945.36	1
Gardiner Thomsen	Audit	12925.00	1
D Green	Exp	90.00	1

L Hefty	Exp	55.10	1
Hy-Vee	Supp	4284.33	2
ICIT	Membership	1150.00	1
Ia Law Enforcement Academy	Srvs	175.00	1
ISAC	Srvs	100.00	1
JCL Solutions	Supp	67.34	1
John Deere Financial	Parts	4548.39	1
Johnston Autostores	Parts	811.20	1
Kemna GM	Serv	1863.26	4
M. Kollasch	Exp	110.39	1
Koss Co Recorder	Exp	7.00	1
KRHC	Srvs	547.08	1
KRHC-Phar	Srvs	241.10	1
Lone Rock Coop Tel	Phone	95.95	1
Martin Marietta Agg	Exp	348.49	1
MB Auto Clinic	Srvs	459.90	1
Mid Am Energy	Srvs	3668.70	3
Midwest Technology Services LL	Exp	137.50	1
D Miller	Reim	113.49	1
S Nielsen	Exp	1136.18	1
Motion Industries Inc	Engineer Supp	196.60	1
MSC Industrial Supply Co	Supplies	1150.66	1
E. Needs	Exp	1242.49	1
NW Comm	Service	549.21	2
Oftedahl Plumbing	Engineer Supp	2073.20	1
K Omdahl	Exp	13.26	1
B Ostwald	Exp	494.55	1
Quill Corp	Supp	75.19	1
Radiologists of North Iowa PC	Exp	247.00	1
J Radmaker	Exp	45.51	1
Renew BioMedical	Exp	5012.50	1
Reutzel Excav	Srvs	1180.00	1
Rinker Materials	Engineer Supp	10544.96	1
N Roethler	Exp	25.00	1
Sportsmans Corner	Exp	380.35	1
State Medical Examiner's Ofc I	Exp	6294.00	1
W Struecker	Exp	130.95	1
Water Conn	Srvs	23.50	1
Thompson Sewer & Drain	Supp	2643.00	3
Z Thompson	Exp	25.00	1
TimeClock Plus Data Management	Exp	21.00	1
Titonka Munc Utilities	Srvs	348.37	1
Tom Eischen Sales	Parts	24.95	1
Uline	Supp	151.95	1
Vaske Sales & Srvs	Supp	64.40	1
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Exp	279.20	1
Verus	Supp	5362.50	1
Visual Edge IT	Supp	198.74	3
White Tools LLC	Engineer Supp	1845.50	1
Wright County Auditor	exp	1091.36	1
Xerox IT Solutions	Supp	5419.00	4
154i, LLC	Exp	480.00	1

Grand Total
Drainage

114420.03

Cynthia, Arndorfer	DD4 Lat 42 Crop Damages	3397.92	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #HK 2-36 Weed Contr	849.26	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #HK 5-87 Weed Contr	6547.56	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #HK 7-120 Weed Cont	35.9	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #WK 3-11 Weed Contr	25.57	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #WK 35-89 Weed Cont	608.39	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #WK 68-136 OD Weed	462.18	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #116 Weed Control	2205.75	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #132 Weed Control	3375.3	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #177 Weed Control	1035.45	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #25 Weed Control	2106.15	2
	Drain #68 MOD Weed		
B & W Control Specialists	Contro	167.85	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #68 MRD Weed Contro	181.95	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #68-136 Lat 2 OD	12.06	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #7 Weed Control	3721.2	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #78 Weed Control	803.85	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #80 Lat 2 Weed Cont	574.05	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #80A OD Weed Contro	5620.05	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #80A-Lat30 Weed Con	450.15	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #80B-OD Weed Contro	6382.05	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #82 Lat A Weed Cont	2676	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #82 Lat B Weed Cont	4906.05	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #82 Weed Control	9433.35	2
B & W Control Specialists	Drain #91 Weed Control	71.5	1
B & W Control Specialists	Drain HK 25-176 Lat 1	1394.85	1
Bolton & Menk	DD 20 Main 2	860	1
Bolton & Menk	DD 80 Lat 10 Professional	5080	2
Bolton & Menk	DD 80 Lat 70 Professional	5080	2
Bolton & Menk	DD 82 Lat 33B Professiona	6870	2
Paul & Mary Ann Bormann	DD4 Lat 40 Crop Damages	3610.03	1
Paul & Mary Ann Bormann	DD4 Lat 42 Crop Damages	3966.54	2
Faribault County Auditor	CD 41/DD 185 Ditch Mainte	3647.35	2
Faribault County Auditor	JD7FM/DD 129 Ditch Mainte	18060.41	4
Janice Geerdes	DD4 Lat 42 Crop Damages	183.76	1
Bruce Jones & Joy Family Trust	DD4 Lat 40 Crop Damages	238.1	1
Angeline Kollasch & Randall	DD4 Lat 40 Crop Damages	6619.42	5
Charles Laubenthal	DD4 Lat 40 Crop Damages	5630.83	3
Charles Laubenthal	DD4 Lat42 Crop Damages	813	1
Zachary Laubenthal Excavating	DD2 Main #3-B sink hole	4180	1
James Post	Beaver Tails JDD 46-104	100	1

Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD TRI#84 Wash Out Req 20	5595.6	2
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 106 Blowout Req 2025-4	643	2
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 114 Lat 41 Req 2025-48	14200.8	3
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 20 Main #2 Req 2025-71	3030	1
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 4 Lat 85 Plugged	7340	3
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 72 Tile Fix Req #2026-	1963.5	2
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD91 Request #2025-24	708.5	1
Reutzel Excavating Inc	JDD Pak #1 Main-OD E23114	126892.7	26
Jerry Sanftner Trust	DD4 Lat 40 Crop Damages	541.27	1
LaVerne E Smith	DD4 Lat 40 Crop Damages	6798.81	3
Royce Valvick	DD 166 Remaining Balance	325	1
Grand total		290023	

The board acknowledged the Budget Status Report.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Haas to approve Resolution #05-05-26-01, which is a resolution approving payment of certain FY 25/26 compensation in excess of previously approved annual amounts solely due to conversion from monthly to bi-weekly payroll. Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote: Waechter: yes, Garman: yes, Stecker: yes, Haas: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-05-26-01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FY 2025/2026 COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ANNUAL AMOUNTS SOLELY DUE TO CONVERSION FROM MONTHLY TO BIWEEKLY PAYROLL

WHEREAS, the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors previously approved compensation amounts for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 for certain salaried county employees, including employees within the Engineer’s Office and Information Technology Department; and

WHEREAS, Kossuth County is converting its payroll schedule from payment on the first day of each month to a biweekly payroll schedule, effective June 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this payroll schedule conversion, certain salaried employees will receive a payroll disbursement on June 19, 2026, for a two-week pay period, which will cause the total amount paid during Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to exceed the annual compensation amount previously approved by the Board for those employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that any such excess paid during Fiscal Year 2025/2026 is the result of a change in payroll timing only, and does not constitute an increase in the employees’ salary rate, wage rate, or authorized compensation beyond that otherwise intended by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize and ratify such payments in order to implement the payroll conversion and to avoid disruption in employee compensation administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, as follows:

1. Approval of Payroll Conversion.

The conversion of payroll for the affected salaried employees from a monthly payroll schedule to a biweekly payroll schedule, effective June 19, 2026, is hereby approved.

2. **Authorization of FY 2025/2026 Payments Exceeding Prior Approved Annual Amounts Due Solely to Timing.**

For those salaried employees in the Engineer's Office, Information Technology Department, and any other similarly situated county departments identified by the County Auditor, the Board hereby authorizes payment during Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in an amount exceeding the previously approved annual compensation figure only to the extent such excess results solely from the transition in payroll frequency and timing.

3. **No Increase in Salary Rate Intended.**

This Resolution shall not be construed as granting any additional raise, bonus, or increase in the employees' approved salary or wage rate. The sole purpose of this Resolution is to address the timing difference created by the transition from monthly to biweekly payroll.

4. **Administrative Implementation.**

The County Auditor and other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution, including processing payroll consistent with the new payroll schedule.

5. **Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of May, 2026.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to use Northland Securities as the financial advisor for issuance of financing for the Buffalo Township Urban Renewal Amendment Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding improving safety on the Hobarton Blacktop (90th Ave.) at the intersection of B-40 (210th St.). Kossuth County Engineer Doug Miller will look at the lighted stop sign options and review at next week's board meeting.

Teleconference was held with Palo Alto County in regard to JDD PAK 1. Board members present from Palo Alto County were Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill, Ronald Graettinger and Linus Solberg, Absent: Roger Faulstick. Board members present from Kossuth County were Josh Waechter, Amber Garman, Kyle Stecker, Howard Haas and Carter Nath. Collin Klingbeil from Jacobson Westergard & Associates Inc. presented the information via phone.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Graettinger to approve Change Order #3 for JDD PAK 1 which is an increase of \$6,648.25. Motion carried unanimously by both boards.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Graettinger to approve Pay App #2 for JDD PAK 1 in the amount of \$76,971.52 to Reutzel Excavating, Inc. Motion carried unanimously by both boards.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Garman to not move forward with the pre-classification for DD 80 Lats 10 & 70 due to the petition being withdrawn. Motion carried unanimously.

Bergland & Cram presented their updated plan for the Emergency Response Center. Kossuth Regional Health Center advised the cost of the proposed project is outside of what they are willing to fund. The project will not move forward.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to have the Supervisors handle their requests as follows:
Supervisor Garman: Request 2026-021 DD 63 L8 or L8A; Request 2026-030 DD 45 Main 2 or Main;
Request 2026-031 DD 78 Outlet into DD #2 & 36 (OD); Request 2026-032 JDD HK 5-87 Lat 23; Request
2026-033 DD 86 Main and Supervisor Stecker: Request 2026-029 DD 4 Lat 53; Request 2026-034 DD 12
Lat 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker to direct Minnesota to use the plastic option with Alternate A for the road crossing project on DD 129. Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Garman to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support for Hancock County's Safe Street for All Implementation Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Garman to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Annual Financial Assurance Report for Kossuth County Sanitary Landfill for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

There wasn't any construction in ROW.

Motion by Garman and 2nd by Haas to change the Kossuth County Engineer's Contract to state a 4/5 vote of the board instead of a majority is needed to terminate his contract and leave the severance period the same. Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote: Waechter: Pass, Garman: yes, Stecker: no, Haas: yes, Nath: no, Waechter: no. Motion failed.

Motion by Waechter to leave the vote of the board at majority in order to terminate the Kossuth County Engineer's Contract and to extend the severance pay from six months to nine months in paragraph 10A. Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion by Stecker to offer the contract to Kossuth County Engineer Doug Miller as discussed and changed previously. Motion failed for lack of second.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer.

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

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to adjourn at 12:11 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Carter Nath, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors