

February 3, 2026

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. Brunkhorst, Cerwinske, Hildebrandt present. Cassandra Johansen, Finance Director, also present. Unless otherwise noted all actions were approved unanimously. Some Resolutions and Ordinances herein are summary descriptions, full text is available for viewing online at:

https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/resolutions_and_ordinances.php and also available M – F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM in the Bremer County Auditor’s office.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Brunkhorst. Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve the agenda, removing the FY27 health insurance contribution discussion due to late-arriving information.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the 1/27/26 minutes.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve claims as listed below and authorize Auditor to issue checks.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve a payroll addition for Katlyn Swieter, Treasurer's Office Clerk, full time, \$18.50/hr. effective 2/4/26; payroll change for Dominique Griffin, CBS Direct Care Staff full time, from \$17/hr., \$10.30/hr. sleep time to \$17.25/hr., \$10.40/hr. sleep time, step increase effective 2/4/26.

Board/Committee updates: Cerwinske – attended a Northeast Iowa Community Action fund raising planning meeting, Sierra Club reception in respect to CO2, Statewide Supervisor mtg, Courthouse proposed construction planning meeting; Brunkhorst – Statewide Supervisor mtg.

Board met with Lindsey Koehler, Building & Zoning Admin., for a FY27 budget work session.

Board met with Nate Koehler, IT Director, for a FY27 budget work session.

Bremer County Fair Association representatives Nicole Reynolds-Thimmesch, President & Roy Petersen, Facilities Co-Mgr., presented an analysis of the economic impact the Bremer County Fair brings to the County and continued discussion of their FY27 funding request. Feasibility of continued ownership of the piece of property located at the fairgrounds that is owned by Bremer County was discussed and will be evaluated by the board beginning with checking whether or not there will be a future need for a Public Health site.

Board met with Landon Moore, County Engineer, for a weekly department update.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement with Calhoun Burns and Associates to provide bridge inspection services for 2026 & 2027.

Board met with Lindsey Koehler, Building & Zoning Admin.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to open the Public Hearing for the First Reading of Ordinance #26-01, providing for a change in zoning for Barry J & Nicole L Porath from A-1 to A-2 on property described as: Section 20, T91N R14W of the 5th P.M. Bremer County, Iowa,

NW NW "EX 4 AC". Barry & Nicole Porath present in support. Karen Hostetler, representing Shirley Hostetler, neighbor, present as an interested party who is comfortable with Porath's plan but would be in opposition if there would be plans for further development. Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to close the Public Hearing. Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve the first reading of Ordinance #26-01 and set the date for the Second Reading to be held 02/10/26 at 10:15 a.m.

Board continued meeting with Koehler to review subdivision requests. Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve division of land and adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-17: APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF Marion Bumgardner: Parcel A in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec 20, T91 N, R14W of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, Iowa, and more particularly described as commencing at the SE Corner of said ¼ - ¼ Sec; Thence S 89°24'19" W, 33.00' along the S Line of said ¼ - ¼ Sec to the W Line of the E 2 Rods of the S ½ of said ¼ - ¼ Sec, also to the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing S 89°24'19" W, 430.00' along said S Line; Thence N 30°47'40" E, 754.80' to the Southwesterly Right-of-Way Line of Cottage Ave; Thence S 61 °39'50" E, 37.83' along said Right-of Way Line to the W Line of the E 2 Rods of the S ½ of said ¼ - ¼ Sec; Thence S 00°56'18" E, 626.04' along said W Line to the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.42 Acre(s), subject to any easements recorded or unrecorded. WHEREAS, ON THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026 at a regular meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors, Bremer County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Marion Bumgardner: Parcel A (previously described) has been considered and should be approved. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bremer County Board of Supervisors, Bremer County, Iowa that said minor subdivision plat be approved, and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor of Bremer County, Iowa, are hereby directed to affix their signatures to said Resolution. PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve division of land and adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-18: APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF Parcel G in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and in the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec 29, T91 N, R14 W of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, Iowa, and more particularly described as beginning at the NE Corner of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said Sec; Thence N 89°40'30" E, 33.00' along the N Line of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of said Sec to the E Line of the W 2 Rods of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of said Sec; Thence S 01 °00'16" E, 790.00' along said E Line; Thence S 87°10'30" W, 340.15'; Thence N 01°00'16" W, 805.00' to the N Line of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said Sec; Thence N 89°42'18" E, 307.00' along said N Line to the Point of Beginning. Containing 6.22 Acre(s), including 0.31 Acre(s) of 265th St Right-of-Way, subject to any easements recorded or unrecorded. WHEREAS, ON THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026 at a regular meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors, Bremer County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel G (previously described) has been considered and should be approved. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bremer County Board of Supervisors, Bremer County, Iowa that said minor subdivision plat be approved, and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor of Bremer County, Iowa, are hereby directed to affix their signatures to said Resolution. PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

Brunkhorst presented a 28E Agreement for future consideration to join the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center.

Hildebrandt moved/Brunkhorst second to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-19: WHEREAS, the Bremer County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No 25-74: Dissolving the Bremer County Compensation Board on July 1, 2025; WHEREAS, the Bremer County Board of Supervisors will now carry out the duties of the compensation board in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bremer County Board of Supervisors approve the following salary increase for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>
Auditor	\$85,911	2.8%	\$88,316
County Attorney	\$140,548	2.8%	\$144,483
Recorder	\$84,275	2.8%	\$86,635
Sheriff	\$130,113	2.8%	\$133,756
Supervisors	\$45,272	2.8%	\$46,540
Supervisor Chair	\$45,272 +\$1,000 stipend	2.8% +\$1,000 stipend	\$46,540+\$1,000

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Treasurer	\$84,275	2.8%	\$86,635
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Approved this 3rd day of February, 2026. Ayes: Hildebrandt, Brunkhorst. Cerwinski abstained citing a conflict of interest related to his wife's employment as Deputy Treasurer whose wage is tied to the Treasurer's wage. Non-elected position's wages were discussed. Finance Director Johansen reported she, HR & Supervisor Cerwinski are looking at employee health insurance alternate options. Board reviewed FY27 capital project requests and budget requests from outside agencies. Darius P. Robinson, Co. Attorney, Missy Thurm, Recorder, Dan Pickett, Sheriff, Barbara Meeker, Human Resource Mgr., present.

Jackie Bailey introduced herself to the board. Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinski second to appoint Jackie Bailey as Bremer County's Mental Health Advocate, occasional employee, \$39.39/hr. effective 2/3/26. Robinson, Thurm, Pickett, B. Meeker, present.

Board met with Darius P. Robinson, Co. Attorney & Lindsey Koehler, B & Z Admin. Cerwinski moved/Hildebrandt second to go into Closed Session at 11:14 a.m. in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel: Co. Attorney Robinson, Tim Whipple & Jason Craig, Ahlers & Cooney P.C., concerning Summit Carbon Solutions litigation in regard to Ordinances 23-02 & 24-10. Cerwinski moved/Hildebrandt second to end Closed Session at 11:28 a.m. Cerwinski moved/Hildebrandt second to move forward with the recommendation to repeal Ordinance 23-02 by submitting to the Planning & Zoning Commission to begin the process. County Engineer will be consulted for consideration of repealing Ordinance 24-10.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinski second to adjourn at 11:32 a.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular session of the Tuesday, February 3, 2026 meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Bob Brunkhorst, Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor

Claims Publication Summary 2/3/26:

Ahlers & Cooney PC	Legal Services	162.00	
Alliant Energy - IP&L	Utilities	522.20	3
Amazon Capital Services	Office Supplies	142.05	
Arcasearch LLC	Recorder Archive Project	70,898.95	
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1,357.49	2
Blackhawk Auto Sprinklers Inc	Annual Inspection	315.00	
Bremer Co Health Ins Fund	Early Retiree Insurance	967.33	
Bridget Steere-Bollman	Mileage Reimbursement	9.60	
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc Inc	Professional Services	13,202.75	4
Capital Sanitary Supply Co Inc	Jail Supplies	158.92	
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Equipment Repair/Supplies	1,079.00	3
Consolidated Electrical Distributor	Annual Service Fee	2,115.00	
Cooley Sanitation/Cooley Pumping	Landfill Waste Disposal	1,200.00	2
Crawford Supply Co	Commissary Supplies	51.96	
Dale Rogers	Well Shocking	309.77	
David Seedorff	Well Plugging	700.00	
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Parts	65.12	
Electronic Service System	Annual Maintenance	1,459.20	
Elsamiller Electric Co	Building Supplies	27.33	
Garry's Tire Service Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	167.40	
GFC Leasing – WI	Copier Lease	86.59	
Iowa Prison Industries	Signs	700.92	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	Utilities	191.76	
Jerry Dove	Mileage Reimbursement	29.75	
Jerry Roling Mts Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	2,330.59	
Keefe Supply Co	Commissary Supplies	2,326.96	
Laura Kuhlman	Well Plugging	608.70	
Lessin Supply Co	Parts	253.51	2
Lindley Sharp	Employee Expense Reimbursement	99.00	
Loran & Marlea Van Raden	Well Assessment	600.00	
Mark Halbach	Mileage Reimbursement	21.00	
McCloud Services	Monthly Pest Service	210.68	
MCI	Phone Service	28.99	
MidAmerican Energy Co	Utilities	1,952.02	5
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	Parts	89.32	2
P & K Midwest Inc	Equipment Parts	76.97	
Riley's Inc	Office Supplies	173.98	
Roling Ford LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	64.95	
Smart Vending Services	Commissary Supplies	2,140.97	
Spahn & Rose Lumber Co	Building Materials	394.50	
Stokes Welding	Parts/Safety Equipment	1,327.31	2
The Shredder	Document Shredding	144.00	2
Visa	Business Expense	2,463.84	6

Waverly Newspapers	Publications	68.08	2
Waverly Tire Co	Vehicle Maintenance	49.00	
Waverly Utilities	Utilities	1,084.65	2
Wendy Brase	Mileage Reimbursement	27.60	
	Total	112,456.71	
CBS			
Melissa Jordan	Employee Expense Reimbursement	31.50	
MidAmerican Energy Co	Utilities	445.51	
Verizon Wireless	Mobile Data	320.08	
Visa	Business Expense	29.76	
	Total	826.85	
	Grand Total	113,283.56	