

**March 30, 2026**

Chairperson Bosch called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 23, 2026 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

In open forum, Amanda Rink with the Wright County Monitor explained that the Wright County Monitor and Eagle Grove Eagle have been purchased and will still be in publication.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Wright County Courthouse Grounds Use Policy for Clarion Development Alliance (CDA) for May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup> for Wright Nights on Main and June 13<sup>th</sup> for Festival in the Park. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to appoint Melisa Mendez as a Civil Process Server. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2026-11 for Interfund Transfers as amended during the meeting. By roll call votes: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2026-11 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2026-11  
RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 331.432 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors shall authorize inter-fund transfers.

**WHEREAS**, During the time of Seismic Testing in Wright County, the Board of Supervisors negotiated funding (insurance) for any incidental of possible damage to tile or bridges in the amount of \$110,000

**WHEREAS**, these funds were placed in the Drainage Administration Fund as a holding place for the funds.

**WHEREAS**, the Board now feels a more appropriate place to put the fund will be in the Rural Services Basic Fund as recommended by the external auditing firm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor be authorized to make transfer of funds during the 2025-2026 budget year, not to exceed the following amounts:

**From** Drainage Administration

**To** Rural Services Basic

**Amount** \$ 109,153.36

Passed and approved on this 30th day of March, 2026.

Aaron Budweg, Wright County Economic Development Director, discussed with the Board the Wright County Agribusiness Park. The Agribusiness Park has been on the market since 2019 through the Wright County Economic Development Office. Budweg would like to initiate a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) and Request for Qualification (RFQ) to attract other entities to Wright County. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to authorize the Economic Development Director to issue an RFP and RFQ for professional real estate marketing and brokerage service for the parcel known as the Wright County Agribusiness Park with Aaron Budweg and Dean Kluss to serve on the scoring committee. Motion carries.

Budweg then presented information on the possible merger of Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. There has been a request submitted to the transportation board to pursue the merger and their initial application was denied. Budweg feels that anything that can grow Wright County, he supports. Kluss is opposed as he doesn't like the idea of one railroad carrier for the United States and the lack of willingness to work with the Counties on situations that occur. Rasmussen agrees with Kluss as there have been issues with the railroad and drainage districts. There was no action taken during this agenda item.

Sandy McGrath, Wright County Public Health Administrator, presented the Thrive Iowa Grant. This grant is for resource navigation, which Public Health currently does. Wright County is in District 2 which should consist of two to three contiguous counties in the district and McGrath did reach out for letters of support from the other counties in the district. The Wright County Board

of Health encourages McGrath to write it but will need approval from the Board of Supervisors for the financial aspect. With this grant, it requires hiring a coordinator and two navigators. Public Health will receive 15% of the grant for administrative costs. If the grant is awarded, it will start July 1<sup>st</sup> which requires up front cost and the grant will be billed each month for actual costs. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to allow McGrath to apply for the Thrive Iowa Grant. Motion carries with Bosch and Loux voting nay.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented Resolution 2026-12 for the 4-corner bridge in Norway Township. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2026-12 awarding contract for Project BROS-C099(108)–8J-99. By roll call votes: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2026-12 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12  
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR  
PROJECT BROS-C099(108)–8J-99**

**WHEREAS**, the Wright County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes that **BROS-C099(108)–8J-99**, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Wright County, Iowa, and the residents thereof.

The project is defined as **BROS-C099(108)–8J-99** consisting of PRECAST RCB CULVERT; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Wright County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** by Board to accept the bid from PETERSON CONTRACTORS, INC., in the amount of **\$554,351.15** and awards the associated contract(s) to the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Adam W. Clemons, P.E., the Engineer for Wright County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Wright County, Iowa, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

Tonee Nicholas, Wright County Assessor, presented the annual Slough Bill applications for allow or disallow. There were 308 applications consuming over 2,700 acres. The applications consisted of 300 renewals, 5 removals and 3 new applications. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Slough Bill applications as presented to be signed by the Board of Supervisors Chairperson. Motion carries.

Nicholas presented a Military Service Property Tax Exemption application that was missed for the 2025 assessment year. The application was received in November of 2024 and was missed by the office. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to allow the Military Service Property Tax Exemption application for the 2025 assessment year. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Ashley Bosch, Chairperson  
Wright County Board of Supervisors  
Amanda Meyer,  
Wright County Auditor