

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
July 28, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Present: Chairman Chris Watts, Vice Chairman Casey Callanan, Supervisor Carl Ginapp, and various members of the public.

Chairman Watts convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Ginapp moved with Callanan seconding, to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the July 21, 2025 regular session. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment session was held.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to approve claims. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Callanan seconding, to authorize Bolton + Menk to conduct field review on the following drainage district:

Work Order Number:	2025-07-24-01
Drainage District:	68
Reported By:	Spencer Nielsen
Problem:	Sink hole

Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to approve the Final Pay Request #4 to Larson Contracting Central for Drainage District 57 – Open Channel Cleanout. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Callanan seconding, to adopt Resolution 2025-51, WHEREAS, Cerro Gordo County is the recipient of grant funding from the Department of Health and Urban Development (HUD) and the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Health Homes (OLHCHH), and WHEREAS, said funding was awarded under Assistance Award Instrument #IALHB0736, and WHEREAS, the awarded funds will be used to remove lead hazards and create healthier home environments for residents of Cerro Gordo County, and WHEREAS, the funding requires environmental research, publication of notice, and certification, and WHEREAS, the program requires that an individual be appointed to serve as the Certifying Official for the environmental process, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chris Watts, as Chair of the Board of Supervisors, is hereby appointed to be the Certifying Officer for the environmental process for Grant Assistance Award number IAHHP0162-24 and this designation and duties affiliated thereto shall further pass to subsequent chairs of the Board of Supervisors, and THEREFORE, the Certifying Officer is hereby authorized to assume the status of Federal Officer under the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of the laws apply to the HUD responsibility for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the County of Cerro Gordo and its Department of Public Health, and THEREFORE, the Certifying Officer is hereby authorized on behalf of the County of Cerro Gordo to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the enforcement of all of these responsibilities, and THEREFORE, the Certifying Officer is hereby authorized to appoint members of the North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) staff to approve and submit Section 106 historic clearance reviews to the State Historic Preservation Office on behalf of Cerro Gordo County as part of the environmental process and to designate individuals within the Department of Public Health to approve Tier II OLHCHH environmental reviews (a.k.a. Appendix A (of Tier I RER)). Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to adopt Resolution 2025-52, WHEREAS, Cerro Gordo County ("County") is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC, and WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by and Affiliated Association of ISAC. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately,

hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors	Carl Ginapp Casey Callanan Chris Watts
Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association	David Hepperly
Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc	Carlyle Dalen
Iowa State Association of County Auditors	Adam Wedmore
Iowa State County Treasurers Association	Nikki Fessler
Iowa County Recorders Association, Inc	AnnMarie Legler
Iowa County Engineers Association	Brandon Billings
Iowa State Association of Assessors	Dana Naumann
Iowa Community Services Association	None
Iowa Emergency Management Association	Eric Whipple
County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa	Josh Brandt
Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc	Jodi Willemssen
Iowa Counties Public Health Association	Kara Vogelsson
County Zoning Officials of Iowa	Tom Meyer
Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization	Ken Bahls
Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc	Paul Beatty

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Watts opened the public hearing on Change of Zone for Watt at 10:05 a.m.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Callanan seconding, to adopt Resolution 2025-53, WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Planning & Zoning Commission, after study, has recommended that the change of zoning classification of a certain area hereinafter described, upon the application of Lyle D. Watt and Nancy J. Watt, be made, and WHEREAS, the final public hearing has been held with notice as required by law. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors that Ordinance No. 15, Article 5.2, of the Zoning Ordinance of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, is hereby amended by changing the district boundaries thereof so as to change the classification of the following described property from the A-1 Agricultural District to the A-2 Agricultural Residential District of the following described real estate, to-wit:

A parcel of land designated as Parcel 'A' containing 4.47-acres being part of Tract One (1) as described and depicted in Book One-hundred two (102) Page four hundred ninety-two (492) that is on file at the Cerro Gordo County Recorder's Office also being part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 13, Township 94 North, Range 21 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Cerro Gordo County, Iowa as described in the Plat of Survey dated May 14, 2025 and recorded on June 2, 2025 with the Cerro Gordo County Recorder's Office as Document No. 2025-2760.

Motion passed unanimously.

County Engineer Billings provided an update.

Chairman Watts opened the hearing on Change of Zone for Reidenouer-Siemers at 10:10 a.m.

Ginapp moved with Callanan seconding, to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to adopt Resolution 2025-54, WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Planning & Zoning Commission, after study, has recommended that the change of zoning classification of a certain area hereinafter described, upon the application of Steven J. Siemers and Tracie L. Siemers on behalf of Emily N. Reidenouer, be made, and WHEREAS, the final public hearing has been held with notice as required by law. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors that Ordinance No. 15, Article 5.2, of the Zoning Ordinance of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, is hereby amended by changing the district

boundaries thereof so as to change the classification of the following described property from the A-1 Agricultural District to the A-2 Agricultural Residential District on the following described real estate, to-wit:

A parcel of land designated as Parcel 'C' containing 2.22-acres being part of Plat of Survey described and depicted in document Number 2003-14933 that is recorded at the Cerro Gordo County Recorder's Office and also being part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) lying and being easterly of the east Right-of-Way line of the mason City and Fort Dodge Railway Co. Right-of-Way in Section 27, Township 95 North, Range 21 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Cerro Gordo County, Iowa as described in the Plat of Survey dated June 5, 2025 and recorded on June 16, 2025 with the Cerro Gordo County Recorder's Office as Document No. 2025-3054.

Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property at 10:13 a.m. Roll call vote: Callanan – Aye; Ginapp – Aye; Watts – Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to come out of closed session at 10:43 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Callanan moved with Ginapp seconding, to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Various tabulations, reports, correspondence and other documents that were presented at today's meeting are placed on file with the supplemental minutes.

Chairman Chris Watts  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Bob Peshak, Deputy Auditor  
Cerro Gordo County