

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 26, 2026

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

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

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the May 18, 2026 regular session. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment session was held.

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

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to approve FY2027 employee payroll effective July 1, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to adopt Resolution 2026-30, WHEREAS, the following payroll change requests were submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review; and, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, has reviewed and considered the change requests as follows:

Department	Name
Pay Change	Effective Date
Conservation	Merrin Hanson
\$17.00/hourly	05/26/2026

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County does hereby approve the requests as shown above and directs the Auditor to make the necessary adjustments to the payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to approve the payroll register for period ending 05/16/2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to adopt Resolution 2026-31, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CERRO GORDO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026. WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors shall increase the salaries for the Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, County Board of Supervisors, and Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as allowed under Iowa Code Section 331.907(1&2) as follows:

Elected Official	07/01/2025	% Increase	07/01/2026
Attorney	\$156,145.00	2.75%	\$160,439.00
Auditor	\$96,217.00	2.75%	\$98,863.00
Recorder	\$96,217.00	2.75%	\$98,863.00
Sheriff	\$155,656.00	2.75%	\$159,937.00
Supervisor	\$53,903.00	2.75%	\$55,385.00
Treasurer	\$96,217.00	2.75%	\$98,863.00

Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to approve FY2027 wages for Public, Professional, and Maintenance Employees Local Union 2003. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to abate taxes on mobile home VIN 31183 in the amount of \$300 and mobile home VIN 98A17150 in the amount of \$3,993. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to approve dock permit 60P. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to reappoint Jessica Reith and Cecil Foell to the Veteran Affairs Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Callanan opened the public hearing on FY2026 Budget Amendment at 10:05 a.m.

Finance Director outlined the budget amendment noting that an amount was on the wrong line in the publication, but the total was correct and in compliance and clarified with the State and external auditor.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to close the public hearing on the FY2026 Budget Amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to adopt Resolution 2026-32, WHEREAS, on this 26th day of May, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, held a public hearing at 10:05 a.m. to consider an amendment to the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget, and, WHEREAS, there was present a quorum as required by law; and, WHEREAS, after hearing all taxpayers to be heard, the Board of Supervisors took up the budget amendment for final consideration and determined that said budget amendment be approved. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County does hereby approve the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to adopt Resolution 2026-33, WHEREAS, it is desired to make supplemental appropriations, in accordance with Section 331.434 (6) of the Code of Iowa; and, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts itemized by account number on the attached schedule are hereby appropriated from the resources of each fund so itemized. (the following amounts are for FY2026).

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from the itemized fund, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 331.437, Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditure of money for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this resolution. For purposes of this section, the use of holding accounts shall be deemed an appropriate mechanism for the allocation of expenses. Appropriations made to such accounts shall be deemed as sufficient authority for department heads to expend such resources and will be allocated to expenditure accounts in the same manner as the related expenditures are allocated.

Section 4. If at any time during the 2025-2026 budget year the auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for that year will be less than said fund's total appropriations, the Auditor shall immediately so inform the board and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amounts charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly during the 2025-2026 budget year.

Department	Supplemental Appropriations
	05/26/2026
Non-Department	3,000
Board of Supervisors	35,300
County Grants	146,139
County Libraries	3,284
Special Projects	(1,092,854)
Auditor	15,000
Treasurer	8,500
Attorney	14,700
Sheriff	(238,000)
Postage	20,279
Secondary Roads	1,040,000
Health Department	442,219
Mental Health	(18,000)
Advocate/Human Services	
Court Services	25,800
GIS	7,693
No Department	250,000

Motion passed unanimously.

County Engineer Brandon Billings provided an update.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to approve the FY2026 Iowa DOT 5-year Construction Plan Amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to approve the FY2026 Iowa DOT Budget Amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 10:24 a.m. Roll call vote: Callanan – aye; Ginapp – aye; Watts – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Ginapp seconding, to come out of closed session at 10:36 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Video recording and documents associated with this meeting are available on the Cerro Gordo County website at www.cerrogordo.gov/supervisors/meetings_minutes.

Chairman Casey Callanan
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Bob Peshak, Deputy Auditor
Cerro Gordo County