

## REGULAR SESSION

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to open the Public Hearing at 9:00AM for the Proposed Max Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget. Roll call vote: Friday aye, Brown aye, Hopkins aye, motion carried. Present: Jocelyn Burkhalter, Krish Travis, Grace Travis, Makenna Brown, Wilferd Hubatka, Tom Spencer, Mike Morris, Deron Shawley, No written or oral comments were received from the Auditors Office or from the Board of Supervisors. Mike Morris expressed concerns on taxes. There being no further discussion: Motion by Friday and seconded by Brown to close the public hearing at 9:11 AM. Roll call vote: Brown aye, Friday aye, Hopkins aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

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**AGENDA:** Motion by Friday and seconded by Brown to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to approve the minutes for March 25, 2024. All voting aye, motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM:** Deron Shawley and Randy Miller discussed a nuisance/fence matter in Lincoln Township.

**ENGINEER:** Christian Boehmer, Union County Engineer, presented and discussed the pavement marking bids. Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to approve the bid from Vogel Traffic Services, Inc for \$58,792.34 for traffic marking in Union County. All voting aye, motion carried. Boehmer also presented and discussed the weekly maintenance activity report.

**RESOLUTION #15 FYR 23/24 – NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:** Kristie Nixon, Brittany Marshall and Christine Sherrod from the Union County Support Council discussed and presented information on National Child Abuse Prevention Month to the Board. Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to approve Resolution #15 FYR 23/24 – National Child Abuse Prevention Month as follows: WHEREAS, children are our nation’s most vulnerable members as well as our nation’s most valuable resources, helping to shape the future of Union County; and WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences (PCEs)—like loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships—can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual’s lifetime and impact future generations of their family; and WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every community in the U.S., and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and WHEREAS, children who live in families with access to concrete economic and social supports are less likely to experience abuse and neglect; and WHEREAS, prevention is possible because of the partnerships created between families, prevention advocates, child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and local, state, and national governments; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that in order to solve the public health issue of abuse and neglect we must work together to change hearts and mindsets through storytelling and sharing, center the needs of families, break down bias and barriers, and inspire action from expected and unexpected partners in prevention; and WHEREAS, we are committed to advancing equitable, responsive, and effective systems that ensure all children and families are healthy and thriving; and WHEREAS, we recognize the need to prioritize kids and invest in more prevention initiatives like home visiting and family-strengthening policies, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention programs at the national, state, and local levels; and NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Hopkins, Union County BOS Chair, do hereby proclaim April as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Union County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by building a narrative of hope for children and families through collaboration and the creation of an ecosystem of primary prevention that does not currently exist in this country.

Roll call vote: Friday aye, Brown aye, Hopkins aye, motion carried.

**28E AGREEMENT:** Rachel Cecil, Director of Regional Operations and Darcy Alt, Director of Heart of Iowa Region, presented and discussed the 28E Agreement. Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to approve the chairman to sign the one-year Proposed 28E Agreement for Union County to join Heart of Iowa Region for mental health services. All voting aye, motion carried.

**NEW JAIL HIRE:** Motion by Friday and seconded by Brown to approve the hire of Eric Denton for the new hire in the Jail at a starting wage of \$22.86 per hr. as presented by Union County Chief Deputy Chris Knouse. All voting aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #16 FYR 23/24 – COMPENSATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to approve Resolution #16 FYR 23/24 – Compensation Board Recommendation as follows: WHEREAS, the Union County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and WHEREAS, the Union County Compensation Board met on December 13th, 2023, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$67,784.79	6% +\$3,000 wage adj	\$74,851.88
County Attorney	\$118,764.39	4%	\$123,514.96
Recorder	\$67,784.79	6% +\$3,000 wage adj	\$74,851.88
Sheriff	\$97,621.98	6%	\$103,479.30
Supervisors	\$30,159.64	4%	\$31,366.02
Treasurer	\$67,784.79	6% +\$3,000 wage adj	\$74,851.88
Budget Director			\$3,500.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>
Auditor	\$67,784.79	4.5% +2955	\$73,790.11
County Attorney	\$118,764.39	2.5%	\$121,733.51
Recorder	\$67,784.79	4.5% +2955	\$73,790.11
Sheriff	\$97,621.98	4.5%	\$102,014.97
Supervisors	\$30,159.64	2.5%	\$30,913.63
Treasurer	\$67,784.79	4.5% +2955	\$73,790.11
Budget Director	\$3,325.00		\$3,447.50

Roll call vote: Brown aye, Friday aye, Hopkins aye, motion carried.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to set the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 24/25 Union County Budget for April 22, 2024, at 10:00AM in the Union County Board of Supervisors Office. All voting aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DENNIS HOPKINS, CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SANDY HYSSELL, AUDITOR**