

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 9:00AM, with the following Board members present, Dennis Hopkins, and Rick Friday. Dennis Brown was absent. Also attending were Abby Freeman, Creston Community Government Class; Taylor McClellan, Local Ops Interstate Power & Light; Amy Moenk, Project Manager Alliant Energy; Sean Keenan, Alliant/IPL; Roger Vicker, Protect Our Land's Future; Nick Pauly, CNA; Jessica Hagen, Union County Assessor; Christian Boehmer, Union County Engineer; Al Hysell, Union County Roads Superintendent and John Huff, Project Outreach Manager MidAmerican.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Friday to approve minutes from Wednesday, March 11th, 2026. All voting aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke in open forum.

MIDAMERICAN ORIENT ENERGY CENTER PROJECT: John Huff, Project Outreach Manager MidAmerican, gave an update on the Orient Energy Center Construction and Paving Project.

ALLIANT ENERGY SOLAR SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: Sean Keenan, Alliant/IPL; Amy Moenk, Project Manager Alliant Energy and Taylor McClellan Local Ops Interstate Power and Light. Keenan gave an update on the Solar Project and 25mg battery storage site that is currently under construction located in Union County. Keenan and Amy Moenk will be meeting with EMA Director Paul VerMeer and Fire Chief Todd Jackson on coming up with an emergency safety plan for the site after meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Keenan will also meet with Union County Engineer Christian Boehmer about submitting an amendment to the first permit to increase the battery storage to 40mg. Board asked about the location and if they would consider moving. Keenan said the location is important because the substation and transmission lines need to be close together, so the location needs to stay where it is. The reason for the upgrade is due to an increase in energy demand now and in the future. The benefit for Union County residents is for more efficiency in energy transmission during peak times of energy usage.

RESOLUTION #19 FYR 25/26 – SPEED LIMIT SIGNS: Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Friday to approve Resolution #19 FYR 25/26 – Speed Limit Signs presented by Union County Engineer Christian Boehmer as follows: WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa to Determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and WHEREAS, such an investigation has been requested and has been completed by the Union County engineer, and WHEREAS, the secondary road as described below is aligned along the Adair-Union County line and shares jurisdiction equally with both Adair and Union County, and WHEREAS, both Adair and Union County have acted jointly to determine a reasonable speed limit within their respective jurisdictions along described secondary road. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UNION COUNTY that the speed limit be established and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows: 35 miles per hour speed limit on Adair-Union Street from the intersection of Orange Avenue to State Highway 25. Roll call vote: Hopkins aye, Brown absent, Friday aye, motion carried.

SECONDARY ROADS: Union County Roads Superintendent, Al Hysell, presented and discussed the weekly maintenance activity report.

DATA CENTER DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors discussed setting up a committee to do research and come back with information and recommendations. Volunteers for the Data Center Committee are as follows: Phil Kinser, Southwest Iowa REC; Dillion Daughenbaugh; Jessica Hagen, Union County Assessor; Roger Vicker, Protect our Land's Future; Christian Boehmer Union County Engineer and Jeff Rice, SIRWA. **Data Centers & High-Density Computing Facilities Moratorium:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Friday to move forward with setting up a Moratorium for up to one-year on the development and operation of Data Centers & High-Density Computing Facilities. All voting aye, motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: Board worked on Fiscal Year 26/27 budget.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19PM.

BY: _____
RICK FRIDAY CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
SANDY HYSELL, AUDITOR