

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, at 9:00AM, with the following Board members present, Dennis Brown, Dennis Hopkins, and Rick Friday. Also present from the Creston Community School Government Class were as follows: Allen Kendrick and Kal Barber

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

MINUTES: Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to approve the minutes from Wednesday, April 8th, 2026. All voting aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke in open forum.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to open the Public Hearing at 9:05AM for Reducing Level of Maintenance to an Area Service "C" Road on 225th St Section 2 in Grant Township. Roll call vote: Dennis Hopkins, Aye; Dennis Brown, Aye; Rick Friday, Aye; motion carried. Present for the public hearing were as follows: Al Hysell, Christian Boehmer, Allen Kendrick, Kal Barber and Nick Pauly. No comments were received from the Secondary Roads Office, Auditor's Office or from the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to close the Public Hearing at 9:10AM Roll call vote: Brown, Aye, Hopkins, Aye, Friday, Aye, motion carried. **Resolution #24 FYR 25/26 – Reduced Level of Maintenance to an Area Service "C" Road:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution #24 FYR 25/26 – Reduced Level of Maintenance to an Area Service "C" Road as follows: WHEREAS, Union County desires to classify certain roads on the area service system in the County to provide for a minimal level of maintenance and access by means of a gate or barrier; and WHEREAS, the County, after construction with the County Engineer, has the authority to specify certain roads within the County who will have access rights to the roads shall be: (1) The owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land. (2) The agent or employee of the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land. (3) Any Peace Officer. (4) Any Magistrate. (5) Any public employee whose duty it is to supervise the use or perform maintenance of the road. (6) Any agent or employee of any utility located upon the road. WHEREAS the minimal level of maintenance will be as follows: 1. Blading: Blading or dragging will not be performed on a regular basis. 2. Snow and Ice Removal: Snow and ice will not be removed, nor will the road surface be sanded or salted on a regular basis. 3. Signing: Except for load limit posting for bridges, signing shall not be continued or provided. ALL AREA SERVICE LEVEL C ROADS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED WITH A SIGN AT ALL POINTS OF ACCESS TO WARN THE PUBLIC OF THE LOWER LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE. 4. Weeds, Brush and trees: Mowing or spraying weeds, cutting brush and tree removal will not be performed on a regular basis. Adequate sight distances will not be maintained. 5. Structures: Bridges and culverts may not be maintained to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss, the replacement structure will be appropriate for the traffic thereon. 6. Road Surfacing: There will be no surfacing materials applied to Area Service System C Roads on a regular basis. 7. Shoulders: Shoulders will not be maintained on a regular basis. 8. Crown: A crown will not be maintained on a regular basis. 9. Repairs: There will be no road repair on a regular basis. 10. Uniform Width: Uniform width for the traveled portion of the road will not be maintained. 11. Inspections: Regular inspections will not be conducted. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED HEREBY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UNION COUNTY that this County does hereby establish the road described as an Area Service "C" road with restricted access and a minimal level of maintenance. Roll call vote: Brown, Aye, Hopkins, Aye, Friday, Aye, motion carried.

SECONDARY ROADS: Union County Roads Superintendent, Al Hysell, presented and discussed the weekly maintenance activity report. **Grading Agreement:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to approve the grading agreement between Hoover Angus Farms/Andrew Livingston and Union County for ditching along with dozing the fence line with tree and brush removal on the north side of 270th St in Section 32 of Pleasant Township. All voting aye, motion carried. **Equipment Quotes:** Hysell presented bids from Vetter Equipment and AgriVision for a roadside mower. Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to approve the bid from Vetter Equipment for \$14,800.00 for a 9'2" working width 7 HD Disc pull rope 3pt, Cat 2, Quick Hitch Compatible 540PTO mower. All voting aye, motion carried.

GREEN VALLEY SIREN CONTROLLER: Union County Emergency Director, Paul VerMeer, will keep the board updated with any additional information on the Green Valley and Shannon City Sirens. No action was taken at this time pending the gathering of additional information.

SHERIFF: Brian Bolton, Union County Sheriff, presented 3 bids for a new sheriff vehicle from Stivers Ford, Stalkers and Karl Emergency Vehicles. Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to go with Karl Emergency Vehicles for a 2026 Tahoe Pursuit 4-wheel drive for \$53,740. All voting aye, motion carried.

CARE LEASE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins for the chair to sign both CARE Lease and Management Agreements. All voting aye, motion carried.

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT: Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to accept the monthly Clerk of Court's Report, as presented by Union County Auditor Sandy Hysell. All voting aye, motion carried.

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE: Kathryn Polson and Skip Lowe, North Risk Partners presented and discussed fiscal year 26/27 health insurance plan and a preview into future health plans that the county may want to look at for fiscal year 27/28.

Brown left at 11:40AM

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS REPORT: Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Friday to accept the monthly Veteran's Affairs report as presented by Union County Auditor Sandy Hysell. All voting aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29PM.

BY: _____
RICK FRIDAY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
SANDY HYSELL, AUDITOR