

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at 9:00AM, with the following Board members present, Dennis Brown, Dennis Hopkins, and Rick Friday.

**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, May 13th, 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 on Ordinance #76 at 9:05AM in the Union County Board of Supervisors Office. Roll call vote: Hopkins aye, Brown aye, Friday aye, motion carried. The following were present: Delbert and Marian Davenport; Nick Pauly, Creston News Advertiser; and Jessica Hagen, Union County Assessor. No written or oral comments were received from the Auditor's Office or from the Board of Supervisors. There being no further comments, motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to close the Public Hearing at 9:09AM. **Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #76 – Industrial Abatement. Roll call vote: Hopkins aye, Brown aye, Friday aye, motion carried. **Resolution #27 – Waive/Suspension of Multiple Readings and Approve Ordinance #76:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution #27 – Waive/Suspension of Multiple Readings and Approve Ordinance #76 as follows: NOW on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, the matter of the waiver/suspension of the requirement of multiple readings of the proposed new Ordinance #76 – Industrial Abatement which comes to the attention of the Union County Board of Supervisors. WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Supervisors has determined that Ordinance #76 has been duly published in two (2) official newspapers of Union County as required by Iowa Code Sections 349.3(1), 331.305, and 331.302; and WHEREAS the Union County Board of Supervisors has previously received and considered information regarding this ordinance, and WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Supervisors has held 1 public hearing, and no written or oral objections were received; oral comments were taken in consideration; and WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Supervisors believes it is in the best interests of the citizens of Union County to adopt Ordinance #76 without further delay; and BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Union County, by and through the Union County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the provisions of section 331.302(5) formally waives/suspends the requirement of multiple readings (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings) of the proposed adoption of Ordinance #76 – Industrial Abatement. Roll call vote: Hopkins aye, Brown aye, Friday aye, motion carried.

**VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: Board Resignation:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to accept with regret the resignation of Sharon Moffitt as a Veteran's Affairs Board Member as submitted by Union County Veterans' Affairs Director Gary Gelhaye. All voting aye, motion carried. Veteran's Board will be seeking a replacement. **Veteran's Affairs Monthly and Quarterly Reports:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to accept the Veterans Affairs May Report and Quarterly Reports as presented by Union County Veteran's Affairs Director, all voting aye motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #28 FYR 25/26 – SUPPORT JOINT RCE GRANT & CRISI GRANT APPLICATION AGREEMENT:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution #28 FYR 25/26 – Support Joint RCE Grant & CRISI Grant Application Agreement with Union, Clarke, Lucas, and Monroe Counties as follows: In Support of the Joint RCE Grant and/or CRISI Grant Application Agreement & Letter of Support for the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program Planning Grant Project and/or Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grant Project: WHEREAS, the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program provide federal funding to improve the safety and efficiency of at-grade railroad crossings through planning and project development, and WHEREAS, Union County has been identified as being part of a joint Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program Planning Grant Project and/or Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program Planning Grant Project, and WHEREAS, we accept the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) as the Lead Applicant and Contracting Authority for the grant application package, responsible for overall project administration and oversight, and WHEREAS, we accept that the Iowa DOT shall be responsible for providing all required non-federal matching funds associated with the grant, and that Union County shall not be required to contribute any local

financial match for the completion of this project, and WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Union County to participate in the RCE and/or CRISI project as a Subrecipient and to provide all necessary information and coordination to support completion of the project, and WHEREAS we support the Iowa DOT serving as Lead Applicant and Primary Recipient for the RCE and/or CRISI Program Planning Grant, and WHEREAS, it is the intent of Union County, upon award of RCE and/or CRISI Program Funds, to enter into a Federal-aid Agreement with the Iowa DOT to carry out the project. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Union County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program Planning Grant Project and/or Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Planning Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to: Amanda Martin, CPM Rail Director Modal Transportation Bureau. Roll call vote: Hopkins aye, Brown aye, Friday aye, motion carried.

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

**COST ADVISORY SERVICES INC CONTRACT RENEWAL:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to approve the 3-year contract, with no increase, with Cost Advisory Services Inc for cost allocation services in obtaining reimbursements for indirect costs expended on behalf of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). All voting aye, motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to appoint Dr Joshua Capson, an internist at Greater Regional Health as a deputy-county medical examiner as recommended by Dr Lonny D Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

**CLERK OF COURT REPORT:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Hopkins to accept the April Monthly Report as presented by Union County Auditor Sandy Hysell. All voting aye, motion carried.

**TNF FIREWORKS LLC DISPLAY APPROVAL:** Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Brown to approve the TNF Fireworks LLC Display request at 1680 E Adams St Creston Iowa on July 11, 2026. All voting aye, motion carried.

**CONNECTIONS UPDATE:** Kelly Butts-Elston, Chief Executive Officer and Sherri Carson, Health Living Director from Connections, updated the board on the closing of meal sites in and around the county with losing state funding, federal funding not what is used to be and cost increase in providing the meals and the meal sites.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34AM.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**RICK FRIDAY, CHAIRMAN**

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