

**MARCH 3, 2026, TENTH MEETING OF THE WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Board members present were Carper (by phone), Dietrich, Nelson, Ung, and Bittinger II (by phone). Staff members present were Karen James, Board Administrative Assistant, Ryan Ericson, Budget and Finance Director, Melissa Thomas, HR Director, Joshua Widman, Assistant County Attorney, and Michelle Skaff, Auditor/Clerk to the Board.

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

1. Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to approve the March 3, 2026 agenda. Carried 5-0. Copy filed.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to approve the following items by consent:

2. To approve minutes of the February 24, 2026 meeting. Copy filed.
3. To approve the claims totaling \$322,755.53. Copy filed.
4. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution approving petition for suspension of taxes for Cynthia Baker, parcel #894814329006, 915 Edgewater.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #14,009  
RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Barker, as titleholder of a property located 915 Edgewater., Sioux City, Iowa, Woodbury County, Iowa, and legally described as follows:

**Parcel #894814329006**

**EDGEWATER 3<sup>rd</sup> LOT 22 BLK 10**

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Barker of the aforementioned property has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a suspension of taxes pursuant to the 2017 Iowa Code section 427.9, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes from documents provided that the petitioner is unable to provide to the public revenue; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby grants the request for a suspension of taxes and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to so record the approval of this tax suspension for this property.

**SO RESOLVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.

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Copy filed.

5. To approve the property tax refund request for Sororro Melendrez, parcel #894716401023, in the amount of \$336.00. Copy filed.
- 6a. To approve the separation of Froso Konidas, Clerk II, County Treasurer Dept., effective 02-25-2026. Resigned.; the reclassification of Jae Fehrle, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney Dept., effective 03-16-2026, \$91,024.00/year, 5%=\$4,175.00/yr. Per AFSCME Attorney-Move from Step 1 to Step 2. Anniversary Date: 3/17/26.; and the reclassification of Andrew DeMers, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney Dept., effective 03-16-2026, \$99,364.00/year, 4%=\$4,174.00/yr. Per AFSCME Attorney-Move from Step 3 to Step 4. Anniversary Date: 3/18/26. Copy filed.
- 6b. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Authorization to initiate the hiring process for Clerk II, County Treasurer Dept. AFSCME Courthouse: \$19.82/hour. Copy filed.

- 7. To approve an application for a 12-month Class C Retail Alcohol License, for Foot Wedge Lounge/Sloan Comm Rec, effective 02/15/26 through 02/14/27. Copy filed.
- 8. To approve the utility permit for City of Merville. Copy filed.

Carried 5-0.

- 10. Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to receive for signatures a Resolution Vacation of Excess Right of Way. Carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION #14,012**  
**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA**  
**VACATION OF EXCESS RIGHT OF WAY**

**WHEREAS** the Code of Iowa, section 306.10 gives the Board of Supervisors the power on its own motion to alter or vacate and close any highway or road under its jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS** the Code of Iowa, section 306.11 allows the Board to vacate a road right of way held by easement that will not change the traveled portion of the road or deny access to adjoining landowners, and

**WHEREAS** a road vacation under the circumstances outlined in section 306.11 does not require a hearing, and

**WHEREAS** there is excess right of way on the abandoned roadway alignment and

**WHEREAS** vacation of the excess right of way does not affect access or highway use, and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Supervisors no longer believes the County needs to maintain its easement on the following County right of way,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, enters the following order in regard to the aforementioned right of way vacation.

The Board of Supervisors order the following described right-of-way be vacated.

The abandoned portion of Road 92 (now known as Newton Path), the former alignment of the relocated county highway (now known as Osceola Avenue), in the (NW ¼ NE ¼, SW ¼ NE ¼, SE ¼ NE ¼ & NE ¼ SE ¼) of Section 13, Township 88 North, Range 43 West of the 5th P.M., Woodbury County, Iowa, further described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the road centerline of Newton Path as described in Roll 695 Image 8626 and Document 2022-05818 "...thence North 76°10'03" East, a distance of 90.18 feet to a point on the Centerline of a Local County Road...", thence southeasterly to its intersection with Osceola Ave except the right-of-way as recorded in Book 1213 Page 501, the current west right-of-way of Osceola Avenue.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors that all interest in the subject section of road right-of-way be vacated, subject to utility easements of record for ingress and egress.

**SO ORDERED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

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- 9a. A public hearing was held at 4:35 p.m. for the sale of parcel #894729406018, 121 Market St. The Chairperson called on anyone wishing to be heard.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to close the public hearing. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution for the sale of parcel #894729406018, 121 Market St., to Kiet & Kelly Kguyen, 1401 Court St., Sioux City, for \$32,000.00 plus recording fees. Carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #14,010**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Woodbury County, Iowa, that the offer at public auction of:

**By Kiet Nguyen and Kelly Nguyen** in the sum of **Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars & 00/100 (\$32,000.00)**---  
-----dollars.

For the following described real estate, To Wit:

**Parcel #894729406018**  
**Lot Eighteen (18) & the East ½ of Lot Nineteen (19) Block Nineteen (19) Sioux City Addition to Sioux City, in the County of Woodbury and State of Iowa (121 Market Street)**

Now and included in and forming a part of the City of Sioux City, Iowa, the same is hereby accepted: said Amount being a sum LESS than the amount of the general taxes, interests, costs and penalties against the said Real Estate.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that payment is due by close of business on the day of passage of this resolution or this sale is null and void and this resolution shall be rescinded.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that per Code of Iowa Section 569.8(3 & 4), a parcel the County holds by tax deed shall not be assessed or taxed until transferred and upon transfer of a parcel so acquired gives the purchaser free title as to previously levied or set taxes. Therefore, the County Treasurer is requested to abate any taxes previously levied or set on this parcel(s).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed for the said premises to the said purchaser.

**SO DATED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March, 2026.  
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Copy filed.

- 9b. A public hearing was held at 4:37 p.m. for the sale of parcel #894721456011, 1011 15<sup>th</sup> St. The Chairperson called on anyone wishing to be heard.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to close the public hearing. Carried 5-0.

Kelly Nguyen expressed concerns that she had bid on the incorrect parcel earlier in error. Assistant County Widman advised he would look into it and provide guidance to the Board and Ms. Nguyen.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution for the sale of parcel #894721456011, 1011 15th St., to Kiet & Kelly Nguyen, 1401 Court St., Sioux City, for \$1,000.00 plus recording fees. Carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #14,011**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Woodbury County, Iowa, that the offer at public auction of:

By Kiet Nguyen and Kelly Nguyen in the sum of One Thousand Dollars & 00/100 (\$1,000.00)-----  
-----dollars.

For the following described real estate, To Wit:

**Parcel #894721456011**

**The East 37 ½ feet of the South 30 feet of Lot 13 and the East 37 ½ feet of Lot 14, all in Block 3, Galbraith’s Second Addition to Sioux City in the County of Woodbury and State of Iowa (1011 15<sup>th</sup> Street)**

Now and included in and forming a part of the City of Sioux City, Iowa, the same is hereby accepted: said Amount being a sum LESS than the amount of the general taxes, interests, costs and penalties against the said Real Estate.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that payment is due by close of business on the day of passage of this resolution or this sale is null and void and this resolution shall be rescinded.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that per Code of Iowa Section 569.8(3 & 4), a parcel the County holds by tax deed shall not be assessed or taxed until transferred and upon transfer of a parcel so acquired gives the purchaser free title as to previously levied or set taxes. Therefore, the County Treasurer is requested to abate any taxes previously levied or set on this parcel(s).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed for the said premises to the said purchaser.

**SO DATED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March, 2026.

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Copy filed.

11a. Motion by Nelson second by Bittinger to approve the miscellaneous budget reviews. Copy filed. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to approve the FY27 maximum county tax rates and dollars for Auditor budget statement mailing. Carried 5-0. Copy filed.

Motion by Nelson second by Dietrich to set the time and date for the max tax asking public hearing as 3-31-36 at 4:00 pm. Carried 5-0.

12. The Board shared reports on committee meetings.

13. There were no citizen concerns.

14. Board concerns were heard.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting until March 10, 2026.

Meeting sign in sheet. Copy filed.