

Sheriff Brian Hilt was present to discuss the FY26 re-estimates and the FY27 budget. Hilt reviewed the proposed increases and decreases in both expenses and revenue. The Board and Hilt also discussed the city contracts. Hilt explained that the proposed contracts would cover approximately 60% of projected costs and expressed a desire to gradually increase that amount to about 80% of expenses over time. The Board agreed with the proposed city contracts.

The Board also discussed the sheriff's salary and agreed to a 6.05% increase for FY27, with a mutual understanding that an additional 3.25% may be added to future increases in order to align with Back the Blue guidelines.

Ambulance Director Amy Borman joined the meeting to present the FY26 re-estimates and the FY27 budget. The Board confirmed it will continue following the previously approved compensation plan of a \$2,000 increase plus the recommended annual increase each year for five years, which began in FY2026.

Borman also reported that the State of Iowa recently conducted a review and had no recommended changes, and the ambulance service will remain licensed through 2029. The Board and Borman discussed allowing one of the EMTs to clean the ambulance garage at a rate of \$20 per hour. The Board thanked Borman for attending.

Further budget work was reviewed.

The Board discussed the levy rates to be included in the proposed property tax notice. The proposed levy rates are as follows: General Basic Fund at 3.26611, General Supplemental at 0.87224, and Rural Services at 3.26012.

The Board requested that the following amounts be designated from the General Basic Subfund for FY2026: \$300,000 for an ambulance rig and \$50,000 for Sheriff's Office building updates. For FY2027, the Board requested the following designations from the General Basic Subfund: \$50,000 for a server, \$300,000 for Sheriff's Office building and equipment updates, and \$350,000 for an ambulance rig. The amount designated for the ambulance rig may change, as the Board is considering purchasing the rig in FY2027, in which case the funds may be budgeted rather than assigned

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
County Auditor Chairman

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.