

June 29, 2026

Twenty-seventh Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. All members voting “AYE” unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to amend agenda to add discussion regarding Worthwhile Solar with Kate Millar and Jeff Gorball. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today’s amended agenda and June 22, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve work orders per the following schedule. Motion carried.

- DD #11-F, submitted by Dennis Meyer
- DD #11-F, submitted by Steve Arnold
- DD #11-F, submitted by Bruce Sawin
- DD #11-F, submitted by Kathleen Gentz
- DD #11-F/Lat 38, submitted by Bruce Sawin
- DD #49, submitted by Harlan Slaichert

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of \$26,727.10 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Agvantage Fs Inc	Fuel-Eng	11,820.34
Alliant Energy	Service-Con	6,053.15
Black Hills Energy Inc	Service-Eng	121.07
Brandon Diedrich	Reimb-Eng	1,950.50
Cintas Corporation	Supplies-Eng	241.78
Falkstone Llc	Rock-Eng	543.26
Gordy's Repair & Implement, Ltd	Parts-Eng	78.85
Heartland Asphalt Inc	Supplies-Eng	1,745.20
Jeff Greve	Mileage-Aty	213.88
Kimberly Bode	Reimb-Eng	88.16
Knudtson Automotive Service	Service-Eng	1,160.27
North Central Occupational Med	Service-Eng & Con	1,322.60
Northwood Electric Inc	Service-Eng	440.20
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc	Service-Gsr	65.72
Vestis	Service-Eng	18.48
Wageworks, Inc.	Service-Ndp	71.10
Worth County Sheriff	Service-Juj	83.35
Ziegler Inc	Parts-Eng	709.19
	Grand Total	26,727.10

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-21. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-21

ESTABLISHING NEW FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County has identified a purpose to establish the following fund:

- Sheriff Department Weapons Fund, Fund 0045 – This budgetary fund will function as a fund for the purpose of purchasing weapons for the sheriff's department. The money for this fund will be derived from donations and allocations determined by the Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, the County will oversee the operations of the fund established and ensure that assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures are accounted for;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to establish the Sheriff Department Weapons Fund 0045, effective upon the date of passage of this resolution unless otherwise noted above.

Adopted this 29th day of June, 2026.

Worth County Board of Supervisors

Enos Loberg, Chair

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-22. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried.

2025/2026 INTERFUND TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2026-22

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor is hereby directed to transfer \$500,000.00 from the General Fund (0001) to the General Basic Trust Fund (0003). This transfer is to be set aside for future capital repairs and/or projects as seen fit by the Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 29th day of June 2026.

Ayes: Smeby, Stone, Loberg

Nays: None

Worth County Board of Supervisors

Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-23. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-23

A Resolution Directing Administrative Action Regarding Ordinance # 2019.09.30

Whereas on September 5, 2019 the Worth County Zoning Commission recommended a change to the County Zoning Ordinance to add conditional use permit requirements for Commercial and private solar generators and battery storage systems, and

Whereas the County Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance #2019.09.30 on September 30, 2019 directing the text of the County Zoning Ordinance to be updated to include language requiring conditional use permit requirements for Commercial and private solar generators and battery storage systems, and

Whereas Administrative oversight failed to update the text of the actual Zoning Ordinance published to the county relating to conditional use permits for solar generators and battery storage facilities, and

Whereas the discovery of the administrative error of not updating the text was not discovered until early Jun 2026, and

Whereas a commercial solar project (Worthwhile Solar West) has been proceeding through planning and near implementation during the intervening period between the date the Ordinance was to have been updated in 2019 and the date of discovery of the failure to do make the updates (June 2026), and

Whereas the Worthwhile West Solar project has already proceeded through the milestones of (1) obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the State of Iowa, (2) executed an Interconnect Agreement with the electrical authority, (3) Executed a Road Use Agreement with the County Board of Supervisors, (4) Executed a Drainage agreement with the County Board of Supervisors, and

Whereas a Conditional Use Permit would normally be required prior to the milestones of 3 and 4 above (Road Use and Drainage Agreements),

Now Therefore Be IT Resolved;

1. That the Worth County Board of Supervisors directs the County Auditor to take immediate action to update the text of the County Zoning Ordinance consistent with the Ordinance 2019.09.30
2. That the Worth County Board of Supervisors recognize that the Worthwhile West Solar Project has proceeded, as a result of a county administrative error, past the point at which the project should have applied for a conditional use permit if the Zoning Ordinance had been updated as directed on September 30, 2019 and as a result has a vested right to continue the project without reversing the process and thereby exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Conditional Use Permit.

Adopted this 29th day of June 2026.

Worth County Board of Supervisors

Enos Loberg, Chairperson

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the 2026 Homestead and Military Disallowances.
Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:25 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor

Enos Loberg
Chairperson