

Marshall County Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting May 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.  
Courthouse, First Floor Meeting Room  
1 East Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa  
MINUTES

The Marshall County Board of Supervisors met for the regular meeting according to the posted notices in the Courthouse, First Floor Meeting Room 1 East Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, and online via ZOOM. Chair Heil called the meeting to order on May 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Present: Chair Jarret Heil, Vice Chair Carol Hibbs, Member Christian Goodman. Goodman moved to approve the agenda second by Hibbs. Motion carried 3-0.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Upcoming Work on 260<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridge Road.** No action was taken.

This meeting was scheduled following comments and concerns raised during a previous Regular Meeting Public Forum by Mark Wyant, resident of 2601 Ridge Road, Marshalltown. Marshall County Engineer Paul Geilenfeldt was present and began by reading a letter that had been delivered to all residents along 260<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridge Road regarding the upcoming road improvement project. Geilenfeldt explained that the proposed work will include regrading ditches, reshaping driveways, improving the intersection of Ridge Road and 260<sup>th</sup> Street, replacing most driveway culverts, improving drainage, and raising road grades and crowns where necessary. Geilenfeldt noted that some ditch slopes may not be mowable following completion of the project and stated that additional permanent easement may need to be acquired near the intersection of Ridge Road and 260<sup>th</sup> Street in order to flatten the slope to the north. He emphasized the importance of communication throughout the project and encouraged residents to contact him directly with any questions or concerns. Geilenfeldt's letter was as follows: "The Marshall County Board of Supervisors is holding a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming work to provide needed repairs and improvements to the roads in your neighborhood. I am inviting you to attend this meeting in-person or virtually. I have attached the agenda for your reference.

This work will be on the 2600 mile of 260<sup>th</sup> St and the 2600 mile of Ridge Road. The work will include cleaning and regrading ditches, reshaping driveways and improving the intersection of Ridge Road and 260<sup>th</sup> Street. The emphasis on driveways will be to correct paved driveways that impede proper maintenance of the road and right-of-way. Most of the driveway culverts will be replaced during this work to align with the new ditch grades.

I am asking for your patience and understanding as we work on this project. There will be times during this project when you will need to use alternate routes to get to and from your home. Your driveway may need to be modified to improve drainage. The ditch along the roadway at your property may need to be modified, as well. There is a possibility that not all ditches will have slopes that can be mowed. We are going to attempt to acquire additional permanent easement near the intersection of Ridge Rd and 260<sup>th</sup> St. for flattening the slope to the north.

Communication is going to be very valuable during this project. I will hear your concerns, and I hope that you will consider hearing mine. I am going to be careful not to make promises that I can't keep. I can promise you that wet weather will make our project messy. I will also promise that we will work hard to control erosion and restore ground cover.

I apologize for the short notice for this meeting. If you cannot attend, I'll look forward to meeting you soon."

Marshall County Secondary Roads Road Maintenance Superintendent Brad Nichols was also present and assisted Geilenfeldt in answering questions from residents and Supervisors. Geilenfeldt encouraged all residents to take one of his business cards containing his mobile phone number and email address for future communication.

Residents attending both in person and virtually included Harlan Helgren of 2671 260th Street; Steve Seberger of 2608 Ridge Road; David Hala of 2669 260th Street; Paul Seberger of 2621 Ridge Road; Melvin Osgood of 2610 Ridge Road; Carolyn and Jeffrey Himes of 2680 260th Street; Mark Wyant of 2601 Ridge Road; Tina and Danny Nelson of 2636 Ridge Road; Ashleigh and Robert Sager of 2652 260th Street; Pat Himes of 2606 Ridge Road; and Andrew Streeter of 2678 260th Street. Residents addressed concerns regarding the current conditions of the roads and intersections, including issues involving ditches, drainage, road crowns, culverts, erosion, and general drivability. Several residents discussed safety concerns associated with the current and past conditions of the roads, including vehicles entering the ditches due to roadway conditions. Additional concerns were expressed regarding inadequate drainage and the overall condition and maintenance of the roads.

Geilenfeldt responded to the concerns raised by residents and discussed possible solutions and planned improvements. He stated that, according to Iowa Department of Transportation traffic count statistics, more than 270 vehicles travel the roads daily. Geilenfeldt explained that the long-term goal is to repair and improve the roads to acceptable grade and drainage standards before eventual paving can occur in the future. He further noted that roads are typically considered for paving once daily traffic counts reach approximately 150 to 200 vehicles per day. Supervisor Hibbs inquired about the anticipated timeline for the project. Geilenfeldt stated that surveying work and right-of-way acquisition would need to occur prior to construction. He estimated that construction could begin after July 1, 2026, and would take approximately two to three weeks to complete, weather depending. Planned work includes raising roads and intersections, raising road crowns, creating and improving ditches, replacing culverts, installing cable guardrails, and improving overall drainage.

The Board of Supervisors and Geilenfeldt agreed that the project is long overdue and encouraged residents to continue communicating any concerns or questions throughout the process.

**Public Forum.** There were no public comments.

**Adjournment.** The next regular session is Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 1 East Main Street. All business to be acted upon at that session should be submitted to the County Auditor and Recorder's Office or the Board of Supervisors' Office by Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned at 10: 58 a.m.

  
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Jarret Hell  
Board of Supervisors, Chair

Attest:   
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Nan Benson  
Marshall County Auditor / Recorder