



Board of Supervisors - Work Session Meeting
Agenda
Wednesday, July 29, 2026
9:00 am

Work Session

Boardroom 301, Health & Human Services Bldg., 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City
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A. Welcome

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B. Call to Order

1. Call to order
2. Roll call, establishment of quorum
3. Approval of agenda

C. Business from the Public

1. Public comment, limited to 3 minutes per speaker

D. Work Session Business, not to exceed 15 minutes per item

1. [Discuss speed limit recommendation and resolution establishing speed limit on F14 / Suttiff Road NE](#)
2. [Discuss jail bond financing with Piper Sandler & Co. and bond referendum tax impact amount disclosure](#)
3. [Discuss Service Agreement with Lighting Up Language, LLC. in the amount of \\$85,000 for Language Access Planning Development and Procurement of Technology funded by the American Rescue Plan Act*](#)

E. Business from the Board Office

1. Strategic Plan update
2. Discuss state and federal legislative issues, including updates on the Urban County Coalition, pending legislation affecting Johnson County, and representation of County and Supervisor

positions

3. Discuss operational issues of the Board of Supervisors Office
4. Discuss new agenda item requests from Supervisors (not to exceed 3 minutes per item)
5. Workday implementation update
6. Discuss appointment(s) to the Greater Iowa City, Inc., data center working group

F. Adjournment

1. Adjournment with the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled on July 30 at 9:00 a.m.

**This item is on the next Formal Meeting agenda for consideration*



Board of Supervisors - Work Session Meeting
July 29, 2026
Agenda Item 1

Department:	Secondary Roads Department
Initiator:	Jenny Moore
Item Owner:	Paul Wittau
Item Type:	Resolution
Item Title:	Discuss speed limit recommendation and resolution establishing speed limit on F14 / Sutliff Road NE
Item Explanation:	F14 / Sutliff Road NE currently has no posted speed limit and therefore the speed limit is the statutory speed limit set in Section 321.285 of the Code of Iowa. On July 1, 2026, the Code was amended to set the statutory speed limit at 60 mph up from the previous 55 mph. Because the amendment changed the speed limit, an engineering investigation was completed by the Johnson County Engineer on F14 / Sutliff Road NE. The results of the investigation were reviewed, and a recommended speed limit was selected.
Fiscal Impact:	
Budgeted:	No
Finance Dept Review:	Approved
County Attorney Office Review:	Approved
Recommendation:	Recommends placing this item on the Thursday, August 6th, 2026 Formal to consider approving resolution establishing Speed Limit on F14 / Sutliff Road NE.
Attachments:	2026-07-29 Executive Summary Sutliff Rd Speed Limit.pdf Map F14 Sutliff Rd.pdf Speed Limit Resolution - Sutliff Rd.docx



SECONDARY ROADS DEPARTMENT

JOHNSON COUNTY ENGINEER
Paul Wittau, P.E.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER
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ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER
Ed Bartels, P.E. & P.L.S.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER
Matt Amelon, P.E.

ASSISTANT TO THE ENGINEER
Jesse Ward, P.E.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT
Kevin Braddock

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE
SUPERINTENDENT
Shannon Smith

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Executive Summary

Meeting Date: July 29, 2026

Agenda Language: Discuss speed limit recommendation and resolution establishing speed limit on F14 / Sutliff Road NE

Prepared by/Contact: Paul Wittau, County Engineer, Secondary Roads

- ☒ This agenda item contemplates action which would have financial implications and has been discussed with the Finance Director as required and includes a fiscal note from the Finance Director
- ☐ This agenda item contemplates a contract and has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office as required
- ☐ This agenda item DOES NOT contemplate a contract or action which would have a financial implication

Background:

F14 / Sutliff Road NE currently has no posted speed limit and therefore the speed limit is the statutory speed limit set in Section 321.285 of the Code of Iowa. On July 1, 2026, the Code was amended to set the statutory speed limit at 60 mph up from the previous 55 mph. Because the amendment changed the speed limit, an engineering investigation was completed by the Johnson County Engineer on F14 / Sutliff Road NE. The results of the investigation were reviewed, and a recommended speed limit was selected.

Fiscal Note:

There are currently no speed limit signs on F14 / Sutliff Road NE, so new ones will need to be installed. The cost for new signs is approximately \$275 per sign, including labor. Approximately six signs are anticipated to be installed for an estimated total of \$1,650.

Maintenance funds would be used to implement the required changes.

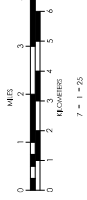
Recommendation:

The County Engineer recommends setting the speed limit on F14 / Sutliff Road NE, between the intersection of F14 / Sutliff Road NE and F12 / 140th Street NE to the Johnson / Linn county line, to 55 mph and recommends placing this item on the Thursday, August 6th, 2026 Formal Agenda for Board of Supervisors consideration to approve the attached Resolution Establishing Speed Limit on F14 / Sutliff Road NE.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION MAP JOHNSON COUNTY IOWA

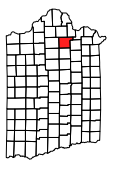
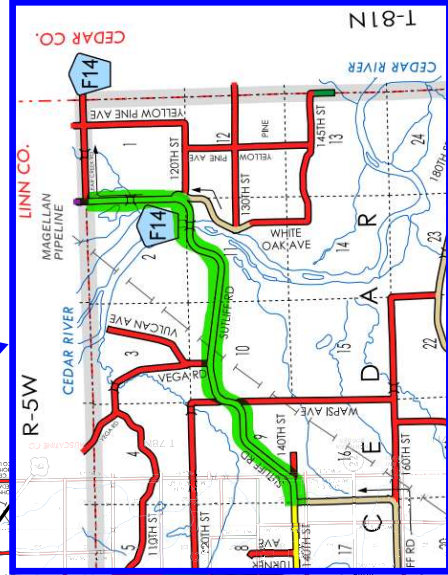
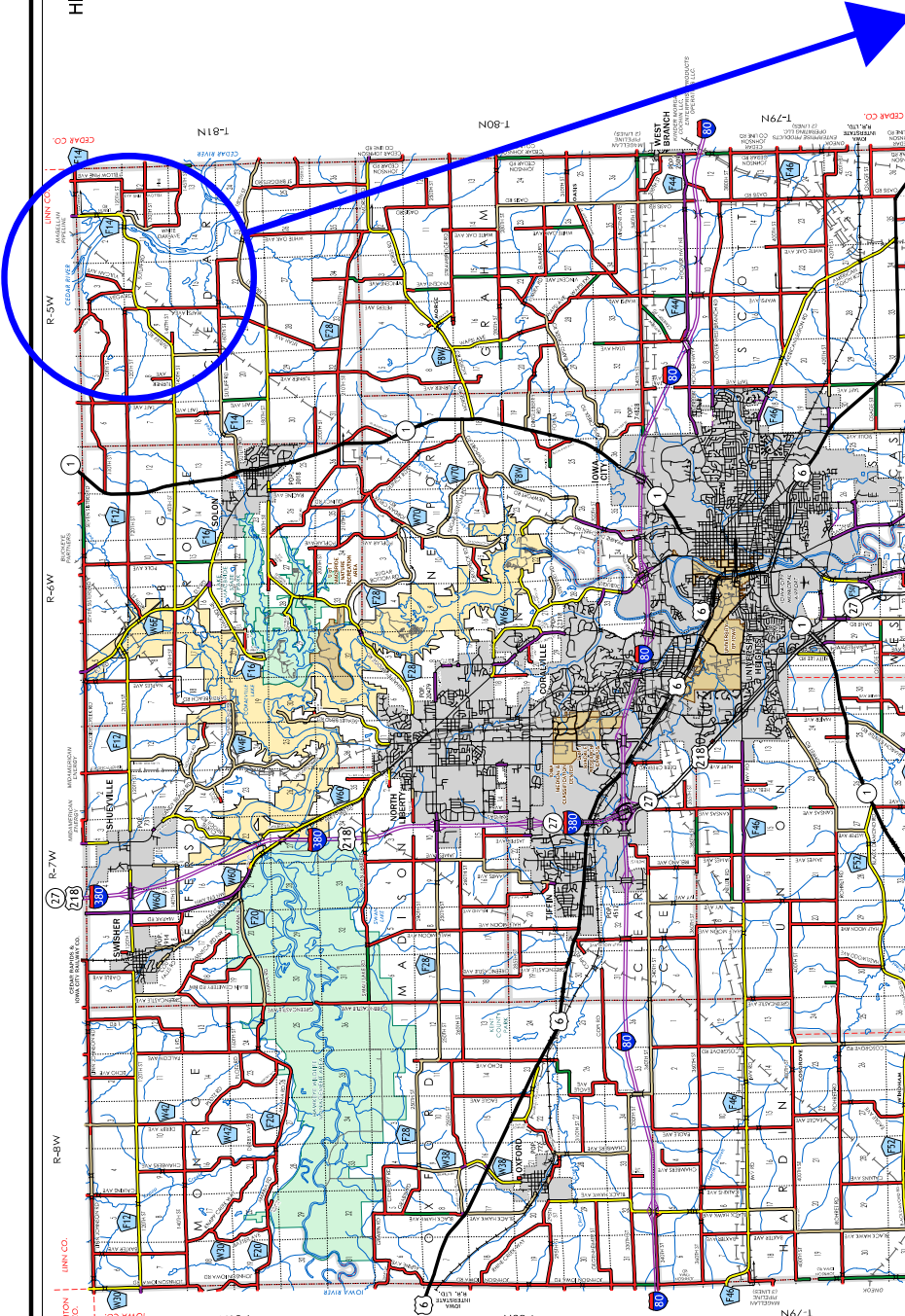


In Cooperation With
United States
Department of Transportation
JANUARY 1, 2025



LEGEND

- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE ROAD
- BITUMINOUS ROAD
- GRAVEL ROAD
- UNPAVED ROAD
- UNIMPROVED HIGHWAY
- UNIMPROVED STATE HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY HIGHWAY
- RAILROAD
- TRAIL
- HYDROLOGY
- HYDROLOGICAL
- STATE BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- TOWNSHIP LINE
- SECTION LINE
- ROAD NAMES
- UNINCORPORATED PLACE
- STATE PARKS
- STATE INSTITUTIONS
- FEDERAL LAND



RESOLUTION _____

ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT ON F14 / SUTLIFF ROAD NE

Whereas, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit; and

Whereas, such an investigation has been completed by the Johnson County Engineer; and

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Johnson County that the following speed limits are established and appropriate signs be erected on F14 / Sutliff Road NE at the locations described as follows:

55 miles per hour from the intersection of F14 / Sutliff Road NE and F12 / 140th Street NE to the county line between Johnson County and Linn County;

in Sections 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, and 16, Township 81 North, Range 05 West of the 5th P.M.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ the Resolution be adopted.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Jon Green, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors Johnson County, Iowa

Julie Persons, Auditor
Johnson County, Iowa



Board of Supervisors - Work Session Meeting July 29, 2026 Agenda Item 2

Department:	Finance Department
Initiator:	Jill Wenger
Item Owner:	Dana Aschenbrenner
Item Type:	Bonds
Item Title:	Discuss jail bond financing with Piper Sandler & Co. and bond referendum tax impact amount disclosure
Item Explanation:	see attached Executive Summary.
Fiscal Impact:	
Budgeted:	N/A
Finance Dept Review:	Approved
County Attorney Office Review:	Approved
Recommendation:	Finalize an annual tax impact disclosure amount that the Board is satisfied with while also preserving our options in negotiating the best financing terms for the County.
Attachments:	Executive Summary work session 7-29-2026.pdf summary of options with tax impacts 2026-07-23 v2.pdf

Executive Summary
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Agenda Item – July 29, 2026

Action Item:

Discuss financing aspects of the proposed jail bond referendum, including the public notice's tax impact disclosure

Background:

In early June I prepared a pro-forma annual tax impact calculation, an amount that is a required disclosure on the bond referendum public notice/resolution. Using the following assumptions (\$96 M borrowed, now adjusted to \$94.5 M, a somewhat aggressive 10-year bond payback schedule and an APR of 5.5% compounded monthly). The annual tax impact calculation for \$100,000 in taxable property value under these assumptions were \$107/year for a \$96 M issuance and \$105/year for a \$94.5 M issuance.

My primary goal was to set a “ceiling” that I could confidently state regardless of the ultimate financing terms agreed upon, that the notice's tax increase amount would not be exceeded. Along with that primary goal was to leave the county's options open to negotiating terms that are the most favorable to the county and its taxpayers, including a 10-year payback schedule, and I think it's wise to leave that option open regardless of any changes the Board wants to make to these assumptions based on our municipal advisors' input.

Recommendation:

Finalize an annual tax impact disclosure amount that the Board is satisfied with while also preserving our options in negotiating the best financing terms for the county.

Dana Aschenbrenner
Finance Director

Financing Options & Tax Impact

Johnson County, Iowa

Scenario

Column	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
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Est FY28 valuation 11,810,398
 Est Growth FY 28 0.00%
 FY 27 Valuation 11,810,398

Final bond	Estimated Interest	Est Bond	Est Bond	Estimated Bond	Est Tax Rate	Estimated Bond	Proceeds Available for	Assumed Bond call	-----Tax impact annually-----						
Maturity	Cost	Yield	AIC	Proceeds	Increase	Costs	Construction	date	100,000 Taxable Value	-----Median assessed value home in-----					
										Ia City	Coral	Hills	N Lib	Solon	Tiffin
6/1/37	25,034,648	4.17%	4.33%	96,139,273	1.01216	744,100	95,395,173	6/1/33	101.22	111.00	116.03	88.36	121.71	123.73	128.12
6/1/38	27,582,867	4.25%	4.39%	95,955,341	0.93977	744,100	95,211,241	6/1/33	93.98	103.06	107.73	82.04	113.00	114.88	118.95
6/1/39	30,206,135	4.31%	4.45%	95,802,366	0.87997	744,100	95,058,266	6/1/34	88.00	96.50	100.87	76.82	105.81	107.57	111.38
6/1/40	32,845,751	4.36%	4.49%	95,673,343	0.82947	744,100	94,929,243	6/1/34	82.95	90.96	95.08	72.41	99.74	101.40	104.99
6/1/41	35,457,884	4.39%	4.51%	95,563,159	0.78603	744,100	94,819,059	6/1/35	78.60	86.20	90.10	68.62	94.51	96.09	99.49
6/1/42	38,015,889	4.41%	4.52%	95,468,012	0.74807	744,100	94,723,912	6/1/35	74.81	82.03	85.75	65.30	89.95	91.45	94.69
6/1/43	40,561,340	4.42%	4.53%	95,385,149	0.71479	744,100	94,641,049	6/1/35	71.48	78.38	81.94	62.40	85.95	87.38	90.48
6/1/44	43,114,276	4.43%	4.53%	95,312,456	0.68546	744,100	94,568,356	6/1/35	68.55	75.17	78.58	59.84	82.42	83.80	86.76
6/1/45	45,754,374	4.44%	4.53%	95,248,393	0.65980	744,100	94,504,293	6/1/35	65.98	72.35	75.63	57.60	79.34	80.66	83.51
6/1/46	48,608,230	4.46%	4.55%	95,191,314	0.63779	744,100	94,447,214	6/1/35	63.78	69.94	73.11	55.68	76.69	77.97	80.73
6/1/47	51,613,419	4.49%	4.58%	95,140,642	0.61863	744,100	94,396,542	6/1/35	61.86	67.84	70.91	54.00	74.39	75.63	78.30



Board of Supervisors - Work Session Meeting July 29, 2026 Agenda Item 3

Department: Board of Supervisors Office

Initiator: Paola Jaramillo Guayara

Item Owner: Paola Jaramillo Guayara

Item Type: Agreement (Contract, MOU)

Item Title: Discuss Service Agreement with Lighting Up Language, LLC. in the amount of \$85,000 for Language Access Planning Development and Procurement of Technology funded by the American Rescue Plan Act*

Item Explanation:

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted to invest ARPA funds in the development of a Language Access Plan (LAP) to provide more accessible services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) community members, helping ease the burden on internal process, systems, and staff to do their work and provide services in the best manner possible.

In March of 2026, a Request for Proposals was published in search of a consultant to support the development of the LAP for \$85,000. By the deadline, we received 10 proposals. The Language Access Plan Internal Steering Committee (LAPISC), composed of staff and elected officials representing eleven departments, reviewed and scored all the proposals. Three rounds of interviews were held between mid-May and June of 2026. The committee unanimously voted to recommend Lighting Up Language, LLC.

This project will be completed and invoiced by the ARPA expenditure deadlines. The contract proposed has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office and is set for approval at tomorrow's formal meeting (7/30/2026)

Fiscal Impact: \$85,000

Budgeted: Yes

Finance Dept Review: Approved

County Attorney Office Approved

Review:

Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the Service Agreement as proposed. This is to be discussed at the 7/29/26 work session, with expected final approval at the formal meeting on 7/30/26.

Attachments:

[LAP_Service_Agreement_Draft_07212026.pdf](#)

SERVICE AGREEMENT

Between Johnson County Board of Supervisors and LIGHTING UP LANGUAGE

This Service Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors (“County”) and Lighting Up Language, LLC. (“Recipient”).

Execution of this Agreement by a duly authorized representative of Recipient affirms that funds provided under this Agreement will be used solely for the purposes described herein.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) has allocated to the County federal funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under CFDA No. 21.027 (“ARPA Funds”) under Section 603(b) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for the limited purposes identified in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Award Terms and Conditions between the Treasury and the County (“Interagency Agreement”) and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule¹ and Final Rule² (altogether, the “Final Rule”); and

WHEREAS, ARPA authorizes expenditure of ARPA Funds awarded to local governments like the County for eligible purposes identified in the Final Rule, such as:

- (1) To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (2) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- (3) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- (4) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively “Eligible Uses”); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury permits the County to make subawards with ARPA funds for the purpose of carrying out an eligible use under the ARPA program; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to allocate portions of the ARPA funds awarded to Johnson County to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; and

This Agreement shall commence on July 30, 2026, and terminate on December 1, 2026, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals which are incorporated herein by reference, and the terms and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Recipient shall provide services in Johnson County consistent with its mission, including:

Phase 1: ILLUMINATE (Needs Assessment & Analysis)

- **Data Diagnostics:** Review and analyze the County's May 2025 language survey results (751 total responses) to map out the baseline landscape of municipal service delivery and employee needs.
- **Workflow Mapping:** Map existing internal procedures to identify friction points regarding how County frontline staff document encounters and access interpretation assets.
- **Key Informant Interviews:** Conduct targeted qualitative interviews largely focused on County staff, with optional input from select outside organizations (e.g., local school districts, refugee resettlement agencies) to gain deep insights into internal needs.
- **Deliverable:** Submission of a finalized, comprehensive *Language Access Needs Assessment Report*, including workflow mapping, interpretation assets and any other necessary information for a comprehensive current state of language usage across Johnson County

¹ Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Interim Final Rule), 86 Fed. Reg. 26,786 (May 17, 2021).

² Coronavirus and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Final Rule), 87 Fed. Reg. 4,338 (Jan. 27, 2022).

Phase 2: CONNECT (System & Policy Design)

- **Language Access Plan (LAP) & Staffing Strategy:** Draft a customized, operational LAP that delineates interpretation procedures, translation standards, and vital document criteria. The LAP will outline a recommended staffing structure complying with County HR guidelines:
 - **Language Access Program Lead:** The County will identify an existing staff member to oversee the Language Access Program as part of their current duties. The Contractor will comprehensively train this lead on all program aspects so they can effectively train departmental leads, analyze service utilization, and understand ongoing departmental needs.
 - **Language Access Department Leads:** Designated internal champions within each department to serve as localized resources.
 - **Bilingual Staff:** The full implementation of the bilingual staff project is currently tabled; however, the Contractor will provide recommendations and a policy framework to guide its future development and implementation.
- **Technology & Vendor Recommendations:** The Contractor will evaluate and recommend a hybrid approach utilizing cloud-based Over-the-Phone and Video Remote Interpreting (OPI/VRI) platforms (e.g., Propio, Boostlingo, Big Language Solutions) that bypass the need for expensive hardware by working on existing County computers and tablets.
- **Local Service Partnerships:** The Contractor will thoroughly vet any potential local organizations for use by the County to provide in-person professional interpretation and translation services.
- **AI Guardrails:** Provide distinct policy guardrails enforcing an "AI + Human" workflow. AI-generated content shall be strictly prohibited for medical, legal, or sensitive interactions, and all AI-assisted translations must undergo human review.
 - **Deliverables:**
 - *Final Language Access Plan*
 - *Companion Policy Document:* A formal document intended for Board of Supervisors approval that details step-by-step staff guidance, grievance processes (taking into consideration , and departmental procedures.
 - *Monitoring Framework:* Tracking tools and data-logging procedures designed to help the County assess program effectiveness and compliance over time.

Phase 3: AMPLIFY (Implementation, Training & Procurement)

- **Multimodal Staff Training:** Design and execute scenario-based training for up to 600 County employees, delivered via virtual, writing, and video modes.
- **Train-the-Trainer Track:** Develop a manual and curriculum to allow County departmental leadership to sustain long-term training independently.
- **Procurement Support:** Assist the County in identifying vendors, creating RFPs, and supporting the initial evaluation of language access solutions in adherence with the County's General Purchasing Policy.
- **Frontline Toolkits:** Deliver user-friendly toolkits, including quick reference guides, detailed record-keeping tools, and physical posters for operational spaces, all delivered and made available to staff through a digital platform.
- **Deliverables:** Delivery of all training materials, technology/vendor recommendations, toolkits, and procurement support.

II. DELIVERABLES

During the term of this Agreement, Recipient shall:

- Deliver the services described in the Scope of Services
- Participate in monitoring activities, including meetings or site visits, as requested by the County
- Provide presentations or updates to the Board of Supervisors or designated committee upon request
- Provide additional documentation upon request, including financial information, board minutes, or audit reports.

III. FUNDING

- As its sole obligation under this Agreement, and without any commitment, obligation or expectation of future agreements or financial support, the County shall pay to Recipient up to \$85,000 to assist Recipient in meeting its operating expenses.
 - **Contractor Professional Fees (\$68,500.00):** Total fixed compensation payable directly to the Contractor for core consulting, needs assessments, policy formulation, administrative overhead, and full multimodal training deployment.
 - **County Technology & Translation Fund (\$16,500.00):** A separate, dedicated pass-through placeholder fund set aside strictly for the County's direct acquisition of software licenses, OPI/VRI tech setup, and vital document translation services from third-party vendors. **This \$16,500.00 fund is not professional fee revenue and is structurally excluded from direct payments to the Contractor.**
- Funds shall be disbursed as stated above as follows and are subject to the following conditions:
 - Recipient's compliance with all terms of this Agreement
 - Submission of required reports
 - Demonstrated delivery of services consistent with the Scope of Services

Milestone Invoice Event	Target Submission Date	Deliverable Requirements / Cost Categories	Payment Amount
Invoice #1: Kickoff Advance	Upon Contract Execution	Initial Contractor Mobilization & Technical Program Launch Fee	\$15,000.00
Invoice #2: Phase 1 Closure	September 4, 2026	Submission of Final <i>Language Access Needs Assessment Report</i>	\$15,000.00
Invoice #3: Phase 2 Closure	October 2, 2026	Submission of <i>LAP, Companion Policy, and Monitoring Framework</i>	\$18,500.00
Invoice #4: Phase 3 Midpoint	November 2, 2026	Launch of Multimedia Staff Training & Delivery of Draft Procurement RFP Packages	\$10,000.00

Invoice #5: Final Closeout	November 25, 2026	Completion of Training Sessions, Delivery of Frontline Toolkits, & Final Closeout Reports	\$10,000.00
TOTAL PAYABLE TO RECIPIENT			\$68,500.00

- The County reserves the right to delay, reduce, or withhold payments if Recipient fails to meet reporting requirements or demonstrates insufficient progress. The County makes no commitment to future funding beyond the term of this Agreement.
- At the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, funding may be reduced in the event of budget constraints which cause the Board to enact budget reductions within County operations or in the event Recipient does not successfully meet Scope of Services or reporting requirements.
- Invoices will be sent to:
Paola Jaramillo Guayara
Johnson County Board of Supervisors
855 S. Dubuque St. Suite 314
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

IV. MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

A. Monitoring and Oversight

The County may conduct monitoring activities including, but not limited to:

- Review of program documentation and data
- Site visits
- Meetings with Recipient staff
- Review of financial and organizational records

Recipient shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that services were delivered in accordance with this Agreement and shall provide such documentation upon request.

Authorized representatives of the County shall have access to records necessary to verify compliance.

B. Corrective Action

If the County identifies concerns related to performance, reporting, or compliance, the County may require Recipient to submit a Corrective Action Plan.

The plan shall outline:

- Identified issues
- Steps to address the issues
- Timeline for completion

The County may delay or condition future payments until satisfactory progress is made.

C. Conditional Status and Enforcement

If concerns are not adequately resolved, or if significant issues are identified, the Board of Supervisors may place Recipient on conditional status.

Circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to deliver services as described
- Failure to meet reporting requirements
- Fiscal or organizational concerns
- Noncompliance with Agreement terms

Upon placement on conditional status:

- The County will provide written notice outlining concerns and required actions
- Recipient must demonstrate progress within established timelines
- The County may require additional reporting or monitoring

Failure to demonstrate sufficient progress may result in:

- Withholding or reduction of funding
- Denial of future funding requests
- Termination of this Agreement

V. NONDISCRIMINATION

Recipient shall not:

- Discriminate in employment practices
- Deny services based on protected characteristics
- Recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

VI. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. The County's sole responsibility under this Agreement is to provide funding in accordance with its terms. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the parties.

B. Recipient shall retain all records related to this Agreement for a period of not less than five (5) years following the termination of this Agreement, or longer if required by applicable law.

C. All notices under this Agreement shall be provided in writing. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice.

D. Intellectual Property Rights: Contractor retains exclusive ownership of its pre-existing proprietary workflows, toolkits, and methodologies. Upon full payment of the applicable fees, the County shall own the final work product created specifically for the County under this Agreement, provided that such work product does not incorporate Contractor's pre-existing proprietary materials.

E. Waiver of Jury Trial: Each party hereby waives its right to a jury trial in any action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement.

F. Contract Management Oversight: Each respective department is responsible for monitoring Contractor performance benchmarks to verify compliance with the quality specifications herein. Administrative issues or disputes shall first be addressed locally via the designated Board Coordinator.

G. Governing Law: This agreement and all rights and duties of the parties hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa.

H. Venue: Venue for any lawsuit brought by either party arising out of this agreement shall be in Johnson County, Iowa, or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

- I. **Public Records and Information Trade Secrets:** The County agrees to manage all submissions, reports, and communications in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 22 (Examination of Public Records). To the maximum extent permitted by law, the County shall exempt the Contractor's proprietary workflows, training manuals, watermarked toolkits, and redacting methods from public disclosure, classifying them as confidential trade secrets.

VII. **ASSIGNMENT**

This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without prior written agreement of the other party.

VIII. **USE OF FUNDS**

Funds provided under this Agreement shall be used solely for public purposes and in support of the services described in the Scope of Services.

Recipient shall maintain appropriate financial controls and documentation to demonstrate that funds were used in accordance with this Agreement and applicable laws.

The County reserves the right to request documentation supporting the use of funds.

IX. **INDEMNIFICATION**

Recipient shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from all liability, loss, cost, damage and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) resulting from or incurred by reason of any actions based upon the negligent acts or omissions of Recipient's officers, employees or agents during the performance of this Agreement. Recipient shall maintain in effect insurance policies adequate and sufficient to wholly satisfy the above-stated obligations.

For Johnson County, Iowa:

Lighting Up Language, LLC:

Jonathan Green, Board of Supervisors, Chairperson Date

Name Date

Title

ATTEST:

Julie Persons, Auditor Date

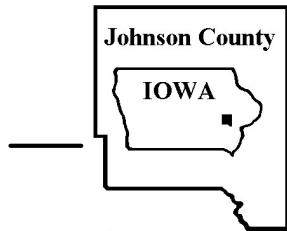


Board of Supervisors - Work Session Meeting

July 29, 2026

Agenda Item 6

Department:	Board of Supervisors Office
Initiator:	Erin Shane
Item Owner:	Erin Shane
Item Type:	Appointment / Designation
Item Title:	Discuss appointment(s) to the Greater Iowa City, Inc., data center working group
Item Explanation:	Pursuant to the joint entities meeting on Monday July 20, the entities agreed to work with Greater IC to develop guiding principles to inform a regional approach to data center development. Each entity agreed to assign one or two persons to serve on said working group. Names are requested to be sent to Greater IC as soon as possible, preferably by early August, to allow the working group to create recommendations by November 2026. This timeline aligns with the Johnson County data center moratorium end date. Greater IC committed to return to a future joint entities meeting to share the final product.
Fiscal Impact:	N/A
Budgeted:	N/A
Finance Dept Review:	N/A
County Attorney Office Review:	N/A
Recommendation:	Recommend confirming up to two persons to serve on the Greater Iowa City, Inc. data center working group, to be discussed at the Wed 7/29 work session and approved on the 7/30 formal meeting.
Attachments:	260721-LTR-GIC_datacenters-to-mayors.pdf



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21 July 2026

Mayor Chase Lang
City of Shueyville
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Shueyville IA 52338

Mayor Lang,

I write on behalf of the attending membership of the Johnson County Joint Entities, which met yesterday afternoon and received a presentation from Greater Iowa City, Inc., on the possibility of forming a multi-jurisdictional working group to explore regional strategy on data centers, especially in the context of land use authorities that we all share.

Greater IC has asked Johnson County cities and the county to assign one or two elected officials (or your city's professional staff) to this group, preferably at your next meeting. The exact charge and membership of the group will likely be considered at its first meeting, which GIC would like to occur soon, likely in late August or early September. Please contact Nancy Bird on 319-337-9637 or nancy@greateriowacity.com with any questions, or to inform her of who your city has appointed, and how best to contact them.

Water use concerns were discussed during the meeting, and Johnson County has commissioned US Geological Survey studies of the primary aquifer in our area, the Silurian. These reports can be viewed here:

<https://johnsoncountyiowa.gov/SilurianAquifer>

The Joint Entities of Johnson County meet quarterly with the hosting entity responsible for preparation of the agenda and minutes. Iowa City Schools, the cities of North Liberty, University Heights, Iowa City and Coralville, along with Johnson County, have recently hosted. If any city, school board, or Board of Regents is interested in hosting in the future, please join us at our next meeting, October 19 at 4:30, hosted by Iowa City Schools, to learn more.

Regards,

Jon Green