

**Commission Workshop
Summary and Commission
Meeting Minutes**

July 14, 2026

July 14, 2026 Commission Workshop Summary

The Commission workshop began at 9:30 am on July 14, 2026. The meeting was held in the Lincoln Highway Conference Room at the Iowa DOT Complex in Ames, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Ray Gaesser, Sally Stutsman, Linda Juckette, Brian Quirk, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, Bill Anderson and Rich Arnold.

The following items were discussed at the workshop:

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13	Regional Planning Agency Overview	Travis Halm, MPO/RPA Coordinator, Systems Planning Bureau Zach James, Assistant Director, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission	20

The workshop adjourned at 11:52 am.

IOWA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda / Commission Orders

July 14, 2026

Lincoln Highway Conference Room, Iowa DOT Complex
Ames, Iowa

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1:10 p.m.	Adjourn		

*Action Item

On Tuesday, July 14th, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 9:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Highway Conference Room in Ames, IA. Transportation-related matters will be discussed, but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Commission Order No. C-2027-1
Submitted by Ray Gaesser Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date July 14, 2026
Title Election of Commission Officers

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

As a part of the first meeting on or after July 1 of each year, the Commission is required to take action on the following:

In accordance with Iowa Code section 307A.1A, the “commission shall meet in July of each year for the purpose of electing one of its members as chairperson.” In addition, it is the desire of the Commission that one of its members be designated as vice chairperson to act in the absence of the chairperson.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended Bill Anderson be elected chairperson, and Mary Mulgrew Gronen be elected vice chairperson for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Stutsman Seconded by Quirk

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division
Director

Legal

State Director

Commissioner Gaesser called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on July 14, 2026, in the Lincoln Highway Conference Room at the Iowa DOT Complex in Ames, Iowa.

Commissioners present: Ray Gaesser, Sally Stutsman, Linda Juckette, Mary Mulgrew Gronen, Bill Anderson, Brian Quirk and Rich Arnold.

C-2027-1

Ray Gaesser, Commission Chair

Commissioner Gaesser asked if there was a nomination for chair and vice chair of the Commission.

Bill Anderson was nominated as chair and Mary Mulgrew Gronen as vice chair.

Commissioner Stutsman moved and Commissioner Quirk seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Director Marler congratulated newly appointed Commission Chair Anderson and shared appreciation to outgoing Commission Chair Gaesser for his service and gave him an honorary gavel.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2027-2
Submitted by Jill Smith Phone No. 515-239-1067 Meeting Date July 14, 2026
Title Approve Minutes of the June 9, 2026 Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Commission meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Juckette Seconded by Mulgrew Gronen

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Division Director Legal State Director

D-2027-2

Jill Smith, Director's Office

Commissioner Anderson asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2026, Commission meeting.

Commissioner Juckette moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Stutsman expressed gratitude towards outgoing Commission Chair Gaesser on his leadership of the Commission the past year and welcomes Anderson and Mulgrew Gronen into their new roles.

DOT Comments

None.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2027-3
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date July 14, 2026
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Burlington

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

The city of Burlington submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in construction of a roundabout at the intersection of West Burlington Avenue and Division Street located on the west side of town. This project is anticipated to be completed by November 2027.

Because this project will provide improved access to more than seven acres for industrial purposes and to maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

The evaluation and rating for the project will be discussed.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2026 round of applications and award a RISE grant of \$853,017 or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the city share of the RISE Fund.

		Vote			
		Aye	Nay	Pass	
COMMISSION ACTION:		Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
		Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
		Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
	Moved by <u>Arnold</u>	Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
	Seconded by <u>Stutsman</u>	Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
		Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
		Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	
<u> </u>	Division Director	<u> </u>	Legal	<u> </u>	State Director

TD-2027-3

Deb Arp, Local Systems Bureau

The city of Burlington submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application to assist with the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of West Burlington Avenue and Division Street located on the west side of town. To maximize RISE support for this project, staff evaluated the application as a RISE Local Development project.

Under our RISE Local Development criteria, this project received a rating of 69 points. The project is anticipated to be completed by November 2027 and the total estimated cost of the project is \$1,706,033. The city of Burlington is requesting a total RISE grant of \$853,017 and will be providing 50 percent in local match.

Based on the capital investment commitment and potential for future job creation, staff recommends the Commission reclassify the project as a RISE Local Development project in the February 2026 round of applications and commit a RISE grant of \$853,017 from the city share of the RISE fund or up to 50 percent of the total RISE-eligible project costs, whichever is less.

Commissioner Arnold moved and Commissioner Stutsman seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION ORDER

Transportation Development Division
Division/Bureau/Office Local Systems Bureau Order No. TD-2027-4
Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date July 14, 2026
Title Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application – Butler County

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:

Butler County submitted a RISE Immediate Opportunity application requesting a grant to assist in the paving of approximately 2,400 feet of Industrial Park Road located northwest of Shell Rock. This project is anticipated to be completed by April 2028.

This project is necessary to provide access to the proposed relocated site of Feldmeier Equipment Inc, a producer of ASME Code-stamped pressure vessels. This company conforms to the legislative requirements of the RISE program.

The improvement will support:

- The retention of 36 new full-time jobs.
- \$22,513,868 in associated capital investment.

The RISE cost per job assisted will be \$10,000 and there will be a total capital investment of \$62.54 for each RISE dollar requested.

PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job retention commitments, award a RISE grant of \$360,000 or up to 80 percent of the total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE Fund.

			Vote		
			Aye	Nay	Pass
COMMISSION ACTION: Moved by <u>Quirk</u> Seconded by <u>Mulgrew Gronen</u>			Anderson	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
			Arnold	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
			Gaesser	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
			Juckette	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
			Mulgrew Gronen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
			Quirk	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
			Stutsman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Division Director	<u> </u> Legal	<u> </u> State Director			

TD-2027-4

Deb Arp, Local Systems Bureau

Butler County submitted an Immediate Opportunity RISE application to support the relocation of Feldmeier Equipment, a producer of ASME Code-stamped pressure vessels. RISE funds will assist in the paving of approximately 2,400 feet of Industrial Park Road located northwest of Shell Rock.

The proposed RISE grant will support the retention of 36 full-time jobs and investment of over \$22.5 million in associated capital investment. The anticipated average wage of \$30.00/hour is 104% of the Butler County laborshed average wage of \$28.76/hr.

The RISE cost per job assisted is anticipated to be \$10,000 and the capital investment per RISE dollar requested will be \$62.54.

The total RISE-eligible roadway project cost is estimated to be \$577,625.

It is recommended the Commission, based on the capital investment and job retention commitments, award a RISE grant of \$360,000 or up to 80 percent of total RISE-eligible project cost, whichever is less, from the county share of the RISE fund.

Commissioner Quirk moved and Commissioner Mulgrew Gronen seconded a motion to approve.

There were no further questions or comments.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned 1:06 pm.