

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Marshall County Communications Commission Meeting

January 8, 2026

Immediately following the E911 Board Meeting which starts at 5:30

2369 Jessup Ave Marshalltown, Iowa Meeting Room ~ 3rd Floor (off the Lobby)
Marshall County Sheriff's Office ~ Marshalltown, Iowa

Call Meeting to Order

Approval or Amendment of Agenda Items

- 1. Approval of January, 2026 Agenda**
- 2. Approval of December, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Discussion and Possible Action

- 1. MCCC Salary and Benefits Budget / Comments / Approval for EMA State Submission / TO**
- 2. Annual Report**
- 3. 2026 Vice-Chair Nominations & Vote**

Unfinished / Old Business

New Business

Public Comments

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Chairperson – Sheriff Joel Phillips
Vice Chairperson – Evan Folk, Mayor of Laurel
Secretary – Caitlan Reineke (Alternate Tiffany Eibs)

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City of Marshalltown, City of State Center, City of Melbourne, City of Albion, City of LeGrand, City of Laurel, City of Gilman, City of Haverhill, City of Rhodes, City of Clemons, City of Ferguson, City of Liscomb, City of St. Anthony, Marion Township, Marshall County Sheriff, Emergency Management Coordinator, Marshall County Board of Supervisors

Marshall County Communications Commission Meeting Minutes
December 11th, 2025

Commission Members in Attendance: Joel Phillips, Dale Thompson, Mike Ladehoff, Madeleine Welton, Kim Elder, Jodi Abrahams, Evan Folk, Jarret Heil, Josh Fueller (Proxy)

Guests: Rhonda Braudis, Matthew Vogeler, Glenda Thompson, Marie Thoms

Roll Call: Ferguson, Legrand, Haverhill, Laurel, BOS, MCSO, Marshalltown, Melbourne, EMA, Marion Township

Call meeting to order: Meeting called to order at 7:47pm

Approval or Amendment of Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of December 2025 Agenda**
 - i. Motion to approve by Elder, 2nd by Folk. All ayes. Motion carries.
2. **Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes**
 - i. Motion to approve by Thompson, 2nd by Elder. All ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion and Possible Action

1. **Budget / Updates / TO (Table of Organization)**
 - i. The Director reviewed the long-term budget plan, noting current surplus balances of approximately \$1.9 million, generated through sustained fiscal management and interest earnings. To reduce taxpayer impact while meeting operational needs, the Director proposed moving three years of maintenance costs to surcharge funds and requesting approval for a 3% wage increase and one final additional full-time position, increasing the budget by \$83,410.85. With the required \$12,000 rent/utilities included, the total levy would be \$1,053,386.72, achieved by applying \$1 million from surplus reserves. The Director emphasized this approach would result in a lower levy than prior years, maintain adequate reserves, and support long-term staffing stability and service quality. Cost-saving measures already implemented were outlined, including reduced part-time and holiday hours, while still planning for contingencies such as illness or emergency staffing needs. Discussion included future levy reduction and reserve planning. The Director requested approval to publish the budget as presented, noting flexibility if the commission wished to adjust the proposed 3% increase. Phillips asked whether an evaluation has been completed to determine if future reductions are possible. The Director explained that a full five-year evaluation is still in progress, noting that COVID significantly disrupted earlier projections; however, more accurate assessments are already being planned for future budget cycles.
 - ii. Motion to approve and publish budget as is by Welton, 2nd by Ladehoff. Roll call vote Ayes: Ferguson, Haverhill, Laurel, Legrand, BOS, MCSO, Marshalltown, EMA Nay: Melbourne (voted via Proxy) 8 Aye / 1 Nay / 7 absent; motion passes
2. **2026 Vice-Chair Nominations and Vote**
 - i. Tabled until January due to three change overs
 - ii. Motion to approve by Thompson, 2nd by Welton. All ayes, Motion Carries

Unfinished/Old ~ No unfinished/old business

New Business ~ No new business

Public Comments ~ No public comments

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Elder, 2nd by Abrahams – Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 8th 2026 at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office