

# **AGENDA**

**FORT DODGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS • MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 5:00 PM**

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**City Hall Guests wifi password: Fort Dodge**

**Our Mission**

***Guided by the "Six Pillars of Character" we will create a global community that is a catalyst to stimulate economic development and adds value to the quality of life for our citizens, partners, and investors.***

**DATE: June 30, 2026**

1. Call to order and roll call.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. New Business:
- 3.a) Resolution Approving Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority
4. Comments and Questions from the public.

Adjournment

**June 25, 2026**

**From:** David Fierke  
**To:** Mayor Flattery and City Council  
**Subject:** Resolution Approving Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority




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**ACTION:** For vote, June 30, 2026

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**Brief History**

The City of Fort Dodge and Webster County have been discussing the need for a long-term solution for addressing long-standing public safety facility needs for Fort Dodge and Webster County residents. The need for a modern public safety center has become increasingly urgent. The Webster County jail, housed in the Law Enforcement Center in downtown Fort Dodge, is undersized for the community's needs and affects the operations of both County and City law enforcement.

**Analysis of Issue**

Iowa Code Section 346.27 allows a county and its county seat city to jointly incorporate an authority for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, maintaining, and operating a public building for joint use. The proposed Articles of Incorporation would create the Webster County Public Safety Authority as the legal entity to move this project forward.

The Authority would be governed by a three-member Board of Commissioners. One commissioner would be selected by Webster County, one by the City of Fort Dodge, and one by joint action of both governing bodies. This structure is intended to provide shared governance and joint decision-making between the City and County.

Under the joint building authority framework, the project only works through joint approvals and shared governance. The City and County must act together on foundational decisions such as forming the Authority and approving the site.

Approving the Articles of Incorporation does not, by itself, approve a final project design, site, bond issue, lease agreement, or tax levy. Instead, it creates the legal

structure needed for the City and County to continue planning, evaluating options, and pursuing the next steps in a coordinated manner.

### **Budget Impact**

There is no immediate direct budget impact from approving the Articles of Incorporation. Future financial obligations, including any lease payments, bond financing, project costs, or tax levies, would require additional action and approvals by the appropriate governing bodies.

### **Strategic Plan Impact**

This action supports public safety, intergovernmental cooperation, and long-term facility planning. A modern law enforcement center would help address current operational challenges, support recruitment and retention of public safety employees, and improve the City's ability to serve residents effectively.

### **Financial and/or Service Impact if action not taken**

If the Articles are not approved, the City and County would not be able to proceed under the proposed joint building authority structure at this time. This would delay the planning process and could limit the ability to address current facility deficiencies, jail capacity concerns, and public safety operational needs in a coordinated manner.

### **Staff Conclusions / Recommendations**

Staff recommends approval of the resolution approving the Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority. This action establishes the legal framework for continued City–County cooperation and allows the next phase of planning for a law enforcement center to proceed.

### **Alternatives**

The City Council could decline to approve the Articles, request changes to the Articles before approval, or direct staff to explore a different project structure. However, delaying action may make it more difficult to maintain the project schedule and coordinate with Webster County on next steps.

### **Implementation and Accountability**

If approved, the Mayor and City Clerk will execute the Articles of Incorporation on behalf of the City. Staff will coordinate with Webster County and legal counsel on filing, recording, and publication. Future Council Actions are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- July 13, 2026 - consideration and vote on commissioner appointments
- July 27, 2026 - Concurrence to Bylaws and Rules of Procedure approved by Commission

- August 10, 2026 - Resolution Approving the Site(s) of the new Webster County Public Safety Center and Resolution of Concurrence to Webster County Public Safety Authority's Resolution Calling a Special County Election

Special Election. November 3, 2026.

**Approved By:**

David Fierke, City Manager

**Department:**

City Manager's Office

**Status:**

Approved - 25 Jun 2026



June 25, 2026

David Fierke  
City Manager/City Hall  
Fort Dodge, Iowa  
**Via Email**

Re: Joint Authority/Articles of Incorporation  
Our File No. 419414-219

Dear David:

We have prepared and attached resolutions that may be used at a Fort Dodge City Council meeting and an upcoming Webster County Board of Supervisors meeting, for the purpose of approving the proposed Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority. Also attached is a copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

As soon as possible after the City Council meeting, please return one fully executed copy of these proceedings.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Cris Kuhn

Best regards,

John P. Danos

cc by email: Dawn Siebken

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APPROVE JOINT AUTHORITY  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

419414-219

Fort Dodge, Iowa

June 29, 2026

The City Council of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, met on June 29, 2026, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_.m., at the \_\_\_\_\_, in the City. The Mayor presided and the roll was called showing the following members of the City Council present and absent:

Present: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_.

The City Clerk reported that the City had been provided with proposed Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority and the City Council had been requested to approve the Articles.

\*\*\*MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION\*\*\*

Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the resolution to approve the Articles hereinafter next set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out.

• • Other Business • •

At the conclusion of the meeting, and upon motion and vote, the City Council adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Fort Dodge/Joint Authority/419414-219

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution to approve Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 346.27 of the Code of Iowa, any county may join with its county seat city to incorporate an "Authority" for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping a public building for the joint use of the county and the county seat city; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the City of Fort Dodge (the "City") and Webster County, Iowa (the "County") take action to establish a joint authority pursuant to Section 346.27 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and operating a law enforcement center; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a joint authority, the City Council of the City and the Board of Supervisors of the County must approve articles of incorporation; and

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority have been presented to this City Council for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by this City Council as follows:

Section 1. The establishment of the Webster County Public Safety Authority is hereby approved. The Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority, in substantially the form attached to this Resolution with such final changes as approved by legal counsel for the City, are hereby approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Articles of Incorporation on behalf of the City and to take such other actions as may be required by Section 346.27 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Passed and approved June 29, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Fort Dodge/Joint Authority/419414-219

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF WEBSTER  
CITY OF FORT DODGE

SS:

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Fort Dodge, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the City Council relating to approving the Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority, as referred to therein.

WITNESS MY HAND this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WEBSTER COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AUTHORITY**

The undersigned, acting as the incorporating units of an authority under Iowa Code Section 346.27, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the Webster County Public Safety Authority:

### **ARTICLE 1.**

Section 1.01. Name. The name of the Authority is Webster County Public Safety Authority.

Section 1.02. Incorporating Units. The Authority is incorporated by Webster County, Iowa, and the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, which is the county seat of Webster County. These Articles of Incorporation have been adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body of each incorporating unit.

Section 1.03. Effective Date. The Authority shall become effective at such time as these Articles of Incorporation have been recorded in the Webster County Recorder's office, filed with the Iowa Secretary of State, and published once in the Messenger.

### **ARTICLE 2.**

Section 2.01. Purposes. The purposes of the Authority are to acquire, destruct, demolish, improve, enlarge, equip, furnish, repair, maintain, and operate one or more public buildings (i.e., Law Enforcement Center), and to acquire and prepare any necessary site(s), including demolition of any structures, for the joint use of the incorporating units.

Section 2.02. Powers. The Authority is a body corporate with power to sue and be sued in any court in Iowa, to have a seal and alter it at its pleasure, and to make and execute contracts, leases, deeds, and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers. In addition, it has and may exercise the following public and essential governmental powers and functions and all other powers incidental or necessary to carry out and effectuate its express powers:

- a. To select, locate, and designate property lying wholly within the territorial limits of the City of Fort Dodge as the site or sites to be acquired (the "Building Sites") for the construction, alteration, enlargement, or improvement of one or two public buildings. The Building Sites selected are subject to approval by a majority of the members of the governing body of each of the incorporating units.
- b. To acquire in the corporate name of the Authority the fee simple title to real property, including the Building Sites, by purchase, gift, devise, or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or to take possession of real estate by lease.
- c. To demolish, repair, alter, or improve any building within the Building Sites, to construct a new building in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 73A, and to furnish, equip, maintain, and operate the building.
- d. To construct, repair, and install streets, sidewalks, sewers, water mains, and other similar facilities and otherwise improve the Building Sites.

- e. To make provisions for off-street parking facilities.
- f. To operate, maintain, manage, and enter into contracts for the operation, maintenance, and management of buildings, and to provide rules for the operation, maintenance, and management of them.
- g. To employ and fix the compensation of technical, professional, and clerical assistance as necessary and expedient to accomplish the objects and purposes of the Authority.
- h. To lease all or any part of a building to the incorporating units for a period of time not to exceed 50 years, on rental terms agreed between the Authority and the incorporating units. The rentals specified shall be subject to increase by agreement of the incorporating units and the Authority if necessary in order to provide funds to meet obligations.
- i. To procure insurance of any and all kinds in connection with a building. The bidding procedures provided in Iowa Code section 73A.18 shall be used in the procurement of insurance.
- j. To accept donations, contributions, capital grants, or gifts from individuals, associations, municipal and private corporations, and the United States, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, and to enter into agreements in connection therewith.
- k. To borrow money and to issue and sell revenue bonds in an amount and with maturity dates not in excess of 50 years from date of issue, to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, demolishing, improving, enlarging, equipping, furnishing, repairing, maintaining, and operating buildings, and to acquire and prepare sites convenient therefor, and to pay all incidental costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, architectural, engineering, legal, and financing expense, and to refund and refinance revenue bonds as often as deemed advantageous by the Board of Commissioners of the Authority.

### **ARTICLE 3.**

Section 3.01. Governance. The Authority shall be directed and governed by the Board of Commissioners, consisting of three commissioners.

Section 3.02. Election of Commissioners. One commissioner shall be elected by the Webster County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors from the area outside of the county seat. One commissioner shall be elected by the Fort Dodge, Iowa, City Council from the area inside the City. One commissioner shall be elected by the joint action of the Board of Supervisors and the City Council, and if the governing bodies are unable to agree on a choice for the third member within 60 days after the election of the first member, the third member shall be appointed by the Governor of Iowa.

Section 3.03. Terms. Commissioners shall serve for terms of six years, except as set out below:

- a. The first commissioner elected by the Webster County Board of Supervisors will serve for a term of two years.
- b. The first commissioner elected by the Fort Dodge City Council will serve for a term of four years.

- c. The first commissioner elected by the joint action of the Webster County Board of Supervisors and the Fort Dodge City Council (or appointed by the Governor of Iowa) will serve for a term of six years.

Section 3.04. Removal of Commissioner. A Commissioner may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the governing body of the incorporating unit or units that elected the Commissioner.

Section 3.05. Officers. The Board of Commissioners shall designate one commissioner to serve as Chairperson, one commissioner to serve as Secretary, and one commissioner to serve as Treasurer. The Board of Commissioners may appoint such other officers as it deems necessary or appropriate.

Section 3.06. Compensation. No commissioner shall receive any compensation in connection with his or her services as a commissioner. Each commissioner shall be entitled to reimbursement for any actual and necessary expenditures in connection with the performance of the commissioner's duties.

#### **ARTICLE 4.**

Section 4.01. By-Laws. The Board of Commissioners shall adopt By-Laws and rules of procedures which provide for regular meetings, the proper safekeeping of the Commission's records, and such other matters as the Board deems appropriate. The By-Laws and any amendments to the By-Laws shall be subject to the approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body of each incorporating unit.

Section 4.02. Amendments. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, provided, however, that no amendment shall impair the obligation of any bond or other contract. Each amendment shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body of each incorporating unit, executed by the Chairperson of the Webster County Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor and by the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Fort Dodge, recorded in the Webster County Recorder's office, filed with the Iowa Secretary of State, and published once in the Messenger

Section 4.03. Disposition of Assets. The Authority's assets are dedicated exclusively to and shall be used exclusively for the purposes stated in Section 2.01. In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the Authority, its entire assets remaining after payment or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Authority and compliance with mandatory provisions of applicable law shall be distributed exclusively to Webster County, Iowa and the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, as directed by the commissioners or by a court of competent jurisdiction if the Commissioners fail to make the selection within a reasonable time.

**CITY OF FORT DODGE, IOWA**

**WEBSTER COUNTY, IOWA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Flattery, Mayor

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Austin Hayek, Chairperson

Attest:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Seibken, City Clerk

Attest:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Shaunna Abrams, County Auditor

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

(Seal)

(Seal)

STATE OF IOWA, WEBSTER COUNTY, ss:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared David Flattery and Dawn Siebken to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say that they are the Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of said municipal corporation, that the seal affixed thereto is the seal of said municipal corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said municipal corporation by authority of its City Council; and that the said Mayor and City Clerk as such officers, acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation, by it and by them voluntarily executed.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

