



Polk County Board of Supervisors Elect Leadership for 2022

DES MOINES, Iowa – January 3, 2022 — In the first official meeting of the year the Polk County Board of Supervisors took action today to elect Angela Connolly, 2nd District Supervisor, as its Chairperson and Robert Brownell, 1st District Supervisor, as its Vice Chair. This marks the first time a Republican has served in a leadership position on the Board of Supervisors in over a decade.

“The last two years have been difficult in a number of ways and while we recognize that 2022 will hold challenges of its own, we are looking forward to continuing to make an impact on our community and doing the hard work that we’ve always done” said Chair Angela Connolly. She added, “the Board of Supervisors have a long history of working in a bipartisan manner and in today’s political climate we thought that it was important to send a signal to the community and other political leaders that working together we can better serve the public and solve the problems that we were elected to solve.”

The Board of Supervisors will also be focusing on using American Rescue Plan Act funds to mitigate the impacts of COVID. Rather than a traditional grant-making process, the funds will be targeted on strategic and long-term initiatives that address affordable housing, mental health, economic well-being and water quality. They will be working with stakeholders, subject matter experts and the community to make impactful investments in these areas. Polk County will also continue to implement new policies and practices that promote equity, diversity and inclusivity. Sustainability will also be a priority for all Polk County offices in 2022.

Vice Chair Robert Brownell said “I’m honored with the appointment as Vice Chair of the Polk County Board of Supervisors. I realize it’s rare for a Republican to be in this position, but the issues facing local governments are not served well by partisan decision-making. Our challenges deserve sober analysis and practical, sustainable solutions and I look forward to fulfilling those goals in this role.”

Polk County Supervisors hold regular weekly public meetings every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 120 of the Polk County Administration Building, 111 Court Avenue, Des Moines and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. as needed. Zoom links are available on the Polk County Auditor’s website.

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