

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RENEE ROLAND AS SAC COUNTY AUDITOR

Sac County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2026 – 1519

A resolution by Sac County to appoint Renee Roland as Sac County Auditor to fill the vacancy in the office of Sac County Auditor created by the resignation of Auditor Jim Dowling.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Sac County Auditor effective April 10, 2026, due to the resignation of Auditor Jim Dowling upon his retirement from county service; and

WHEREAS, the office of Sac County Auditor is an elective county office pursuant to Iowa Code § 39.17(1) and Iowa Code § 331.501(1), with a four-year term, and under Iowa Code § 69.2(1)(d), a vacancy in a civil office occurs upon the resignation of the incumbent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.8(3), vacancies in county offices shall be filled by the board of supervisors, unless an election is called as provided in Iowa Code § 69.14A; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code § 69.14A(2) governs the filling of vacancies in offices listed in Iowa Code § 39.17, including the office of auditor, and provides that such vacancies shall be filled by one of two procedures: appointment by the board of supervisors or special election; and

WHEREAS, under Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a), if the board of supervisors chooses to proceed by appointment, the appointment shall be for the period until the next general election and shall be made within forty days after the vacancy occurs, which in this case is by May 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors published notice in the manner prescribed by Iowa Code § 331.305 in the official Sac County newspaper on May 5, 2026, stating that the board intends to fill the vacancy by appointment but that the electors of the county have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election, and no petition meeting the requirements of Iowa Code § 331.306 was filed with the county auditor within fourteen days after publication of the notice or after the appointment, whichever is later; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors held a special meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, to conduct interviews of the applicants who came forward seeking appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Sac County Auditor, at which special meeting Benjamin Smith, the Sac County Attorney, served as the temporary clerk of the Board pursuant to Iowa Code § 331.211(2), and following those interviews the board carefully considered and evaluated the qualifications of each candidate; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors found, through the interview process, that each of the applicants brought meaningful experience and commendable qualifications to the position,

and the board is grateful to every applicant for their willingness to serve Sac County and offer their candidacy for this office; and

WHEREAS, while the board recognizes the strengths of all who applied, the board concluded, for the reasons outlined in this resolution, that Renee Roland is the candidate best suited to serve as Sac County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Renee Roland has served the residents of Sac County for more than twenty years as Deputy Auditor in the Sac County Auditor's Office, during which time she has gained a thorough working knowledge of the office in all areas, including election administration, payroll, claims, budgeting, drainage, land records, property tax administration, and the daily operations of county government, has regularly carried out many of the duties of the Auditor, and is State Election Administrator's Training (SEAT) Level III certified; and

WHEREAS, Renee Roland is qualified to serve as Sac County Auditor, has resided in Sac County for at least sixty days before appointment as required by Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a)(1), and meets all other legal requirements for the office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.10, any appointment must be in writing and filed in the office where the oath of office is required to be filed, and under Iowa Code § 69.11, an appointee filling a vacancy in an elective office shall continue to hold until the next election at which such vacancy can be filled, as provided in Iowa Code § 69.12, and until a successor is elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the next general election is scheduled for November 3, 2026, and the appointment of Renee Roland will serve the public interest by ensuring continuity in election administration and the financial and auditing services of Sac County and a smooth transition with no disruption in service to Sac County residents or employees; and

WHEREAS, following the board's vote appointing Renee Roland as Sac County Auditor, she took the oath of office on this date, May 19, 2026, in accordance with Iowa Code § 331.501(3) and Iowa Code § 63.10, thereby qualifying her to assume the duties of the office immediately.

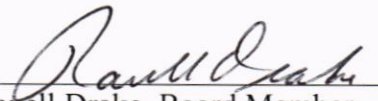
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Sac County hereby appoints (in writing) Renee Roland as Sac County Auditor to fill the vacancy in the office of Sac County Auditor, effective immediately, for the period until the next general election on November 3, 2026.

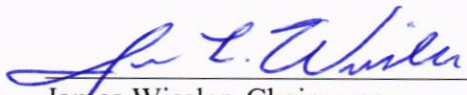
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Renee Roland shall give bond as required under Iowa Code § 64.8, and that this appointment shall be filed as required by Iowa Code § 69.10.

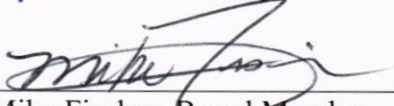
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Sac County on this 19th day of May, 2026.

ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.


Raneil Drake, Board Member

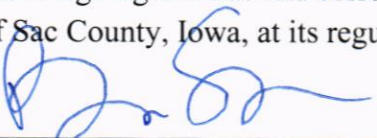

James Wissler, Chairperson


Mike Fischer, Board Member

ATTEST: 
Benjamin Smith
Temporary Clerk of the Board
Sac County Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Benjamin Smith, Sac County Attorney and Temporary Clerk of the Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Sac County, Iowa, at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 19, 2026.


Benjamin Smith
Sac County Attorney
Temporary Clerk of the Board

Date: May 19, 2026