

2026 – 2027

NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

AND

LOCAL 183 AFSCME
SEATS EMPLOYEES

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ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as sole and exclusive bargaining representative for these employees of the Johnson County Specialized Elderly and Disabled Transportation System (SEATS):

Drivers, mechanic, dispatcher/schedulers and training/maintenance coordinator; excluding the Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and all others excluded by Section 20.4, Iowa Code.

ARTICLE 2

INTENT AND PURPOSE

The Employer, the Union, and the employees recognize and declare the necessity of providing the most efficient and highest quality services for the citizens and taxpayers of Johnson County.

The Employer, the Union, and the employees further recognize and declare their mutual desire to promote harmonious and cooperative relationships among the parties covered by this agreement and to assure the effective and efficient operation of the Johnson County SEATS.

ARTICLE 3

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

3.1 Development/Enforcement

The County reserves the right to develop and enforce reasonable job-related conditions for hiring and continued employment. When such a condition of continued employment is possession of a valid Iowa driver's, chauffeur's or commercial driver's license, an employee is subject to suspension without pay, placement on unpaid leave of absence, or termination when:

1. the employee's license, the possession of which is required by the County as a condition of employment, is cancelled, denied, suspended, revoked, or barred; or
2. the insurer providing applicable liability insurance to the County notifies the County that it deems the employee uninsured or uninsurable under the County's policy of insurance; or
3. the County reasonably determines that the employee is uninsured or uninsurable under an applicable County liability insurance policy.

3.2 Commercial driver's license

Employees required to obtain a commercial driver's license as a condition for continued employment (as opposed to a condition for hiring) will be paid for four consecutive hours study time to prepare for the test, and for the time required to take the test once. Both the study time and the time to take the test must be scheduled by the director or designee.

ARTICLE 4
HOURS OF WORK

4.1 Work Week

- A. The normal work week for full-time employees shall be four 10-hour days, or five 8-hour days, which may or may not be scheduled as consecutive. Full-time employees shall be defined as those who work an average per pay period of 40 hours per week.
- B. Part-time, casual and temporary employees shall be scheduled as needed. Part-time employees shall include those with regular positions who work an average per pay period of 20 or more hours per week but fewer than 40 hours per week.
- C. Casual employees shall be defined as those employees who work an average per pay period of fewer than 20 hours per week.
- D. Temporary employees shall be defined as those employees employed for four months or less in any one calendar year.
- E. Employees shall not be scheduled out of their classification more often than five pay periods in each 6-month period beginning with the pay period inclusive of July 1 and January 1. Hours spent in training by a casual employee are not counted in determining whether that employee has worked out of the employee's classification. An employee who works out of classification more than five times according to this article will be paid double time for all hours worked outside of their classification in a pay period in addition to any overtime pay.
- F. Upward reclassification of employees shall be at the employer's discretion. Reclassification to a reduced benefits or non-benefits classification, absent the reclassified employee's approval, may occur only after compliance with departmental layoff policies and procedures.
- G. On a quarterly basis, the Department shall post a list of regularly scheduled weekly (M-F) days off available for drivers and another for dispatch/schedulers. These two lists shall be determined by management. This list shall be offered for selection first by full-time drivers and full-time dispatch/schedulers by seniority. Once full-time drivers and full-time dispatch/scheduler have selected, then the most senior 60% of the part-time drivers and part-time dispatch/schedulers (rounded up to the nearest whole number of employees) shall select. The remainder of the part-time drivers and part-time dispatch/schedulers shall select. The remainder of the part-time drivers and part-time dispatch/schedulers, on a seniority basis, shall designate a preference for a weekly (M-F) day off.

The dispatch/scheduler list shall be offered for selection first by full-time dispatch/schedulers by seniority. Once full-time dispatch/schedulers have selected, then the most senior 60% of the part-time dispatch/schedulers (rounded up to the nearest whole number of employees) shall select. (The remainder of the part-time dispatch/schedulers, on a seniority basis, shall designate a preference for a weekly (M0F) day off.

Other than the above, part-time drivers and part-time dispatch/schedulers shall be scheduled as needed. Casual and temporary drivers and dispatch/schedulers shall be scheduled as needed. Full-time employees shall be required to work on weekends only by mutual agreement. However, when a state of emergency is declared by the Board of Supervisors, all employees may be required to report for duty.

4.2 Normal hours

The normal hours of work each day shall be consecutive unless mutually agreed upon.

4.3 Work schedule

Work schedules for all employees will be posted at least 14 calendar days in advance of the time to be worked.

4.4. Overtime

- A. Overtime shall be defined as all time in pay status in excess of 40 hours in any work week.
- B. Overtime shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
- C. Overtime work shall be distributed equally, so far as feasible, to employees working within the same job classification. The distribution of overtime shall be equalized over each 6-month period beginning with the effective date of this agreement. Overtime offered and not worked shall count toward equalization of overtime.
- D. All overtime work shall be determined and must be authorized by the employer. Initially, overtime will be offered for voluntary acceptance. If too few qualified employees are obtained for overtime under this procedure, the employer may assign overtime to full-time employees.
- E. Temporary work schedule changes shall not be made to avoid payment of overtime, unless the employee agrees.

4.5 Out-of-classification work

An employee assigned to perform work in a job classification with a higher wage rate shall receive the higher rate of pay based on the classification of the higher rated job for all hours he or she performs such work. However, an employee in training for a job classification with a higher wage rate shall not receive the higher rate of pay until the training is completed. This training period shall not exceed 60 consecutive calendar days. An employee is in training if the employee's performance is being supervised by someone jointly assigned to perform the same work at the same location, i.e. at the same desk, a neighboring desk, the same bus, etc.

4.6 Negotiations

Time spent in scheduled negotiations on a new contract by up to three union-selected members of the employee bargaining committee shall be compensable hours worked, subject to these conditions:

1. "Negotiations" does not include:
 - a. Meetings of employee bargaining committee members before or after scheduled negotiations.
 - b. Fact-finding or arbitration. "Negotiations" does include caucuses during scheduled negotiations.
2. Negotiations will be scheduled when most convenient to the parties. If a union-selected committee member's normal work schedule falls within scheduled negotiations, the employee will be compensated. Work schedules will not be adjusted solely to render compensable time that otherwise would have been non-compensable.
3. Each employee will be compensated for no more than 12 hours spent in negotiations.

4.7 Rest periods

The Employer shall grant non-drivers, who are scheduled to work a minimum of an 8-hour day, a 15-minute paid break for each half shift worked. Each rest period will be scheduled as near to the middle of the first and second half of the shift as possible.

The Employer shall grant drivers, who are scheduled to work a minimum of an 8-hour day, two 10-minute paid rest periods, which will be scheduled during the shift. All Driver shifts longer than 4 hours but less than 8 will be assigned a 10-minute break.

Rest periods may not be taken at the beginning or the end of the shift. It is hereby acknowledged that rest periods may not be available as scheduled due to the nature of the work, but they shall be provided on that shift as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.

4.8 Meal periods

The Employer shall grant non-drivers, who are scheduled to work a minimum of an 8-hour day, a paid 20-minute meal period.

The Employer shall grant drivers who are scheduled to work a minimum of an 8-hour day, a paid 30-minute meal period. On occasion, meal periods may not be available as scheduled due to the nature of the work.

ARTICLE 5

SENIORITY

5.1 Definition

Seniority means an employee's length of continuous service with the Employer according to hours worked and will include paid leave. Employees shall be added to the seniority list at their date of hire.

5.2 Continuous service breaks

employee's continuous service record shall be broken by voluntary resignation, retirement or discharge for just cause. There shall be no deduction from continuous service for any time lost which does not constitute a break in continuous service. Employees who return to employment within six months will be placed at the same step they had at the time of resignation/retirement.

5.3 Probation

New employees shall remain on probation until they have worked 520 hours after their date of hire.

5.4 Seniority lists

Every quarter, or whenever an update is necessary because of a change in personnel, the Director, or designee shall post on the departmental bulletin board a seniority list showing the continuous service of each employee.

ARTICLE 6

WAGES

6.1 Wage schedule

Employees will be paid:

- A. In contract year 2026-27 according to the wage schedules in Appendix A attached to this contract;

6.2 Trainer pay

A driver or dispatch/scheduler selected by the employer to provide training to another employee will receive an additional 75 cents per hour added to their regular wage rate for time spent in actual training. This training pay will not be used in the calculation of overtime rate.

6.3 Work wear allowance

The mechanic will receive up to \$300 per fiscal year allowance for safety shoes, gloves, winter wear, if used in performance of duties; and/or (prescription) safety glasses, if necessary. The allowance will be issued on two separate payments, \$150 on July 1st and \$150 on January 1st.

ARTICLE 7

HOLIDAYS

7.1 Holidays recognized

Holidays recognized shall be:

New Year's Day	Labor Day Holiday
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Veteran's Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Friday After Thanksgiving
Juneteenth	Christmas
Independence Day	Floating Christmas

7.2 Holidays observed

The floating Christmas holiday will be December 23rd and January 2nd as designated by the Board of Supervisors. Holiday premium pay for hours worked on a holiday will be paid only for hours worked on the date the holiday is observed. Holiday pay will be paid only for the date the holiday is observed.

7.3 Holiday pay

Eligibility. A full-time or part-time employee shall receive holiday pay if the employee did not have an unexcused absence on the employee's last scheduled workday prior to the holiday or the employee's first scheduled workday after the holiday.

For each holiday not worked, an eligible full-time employee shall be paid the employee's regular rate of pay, times the number of hours the employee would normally have been scheduled to work. An eligible part-time employee shall be paid the employee's regular rate of pay times the average number of hours the employee works per day calculated over the last five pay periods. If a part-time employee has worked fewer than five pay periods, then the employee shall be paid the employee's regular rate times the average number of hours the employee works per day calculated over the actual number of pay periods the employee has worked.

When a holiday falls on an eligible employee's scheduled day off, the employee shall receive scheduled hours will be credited at straight time to a holiday bank. Holiday bank must be used within 30 days, or it will be paid at straight time.

Any full-time, part-time, or casual employee who works on a day observed as a holiday shall be paid 1 1/2 times for the hours worked, at the employee's regular rate of pay. Additionally, the full-time and part-time employees shall receive the employees' holiday pay.

7.4 Personal Day

In addition to the holidays designated in Section 7.1, regular full-time employees shall receive two unscheduled holidays, or personal days, every January 1st which shall be scheduled at a time agreed to by the employee and Director or designee. Part-time employees shall receive one personal day annually pursuant to the part-time calculations as outlined in Section 7.3.

An employee hired between January 1 and June 30 in a calendar year shall receive two personal days; an employee hired between July 1 and December 31 in a calendar year shall receive one personal day. Personal day pay is calculated the same as holiday pay. The personal days must be used within the calendar year received or else they are forfeited and will not be paid out upon termination of employment.

ARTICLE 8

SICK LEAVE

8.1 Rate of accrual; procedure; exclusions

Full-time and part-time employees are allowed sick leave with pay for absences due to illness or injury. Sick leave accrues for full-time employees at the rate of 120 hours per year to a maximum of 960 and for part-time employees at the rate of 60 hours per year to a maximum of 480. Accumulated sick leave shall appear on employees' paychecks.

Sick leave will not be paid in advance. If a holiday falls within the paid sick leave, that day will be counted as a holiday and not as a sick leave day.

When an employee will be absent for reason of illness or injury, the direct supervisor must be notified. The employee must inform the direct supervisor of the length of time the employee expects to be absent. If the employer requires a medical certificate of illness or injury for any employee absent on sick leave for three consecutive working days or less, any uninsured cost of obtaining it shall be borne by the employer. Under these circumstances, the employer may select the physician to be consulted. For an illness or injury requiring an employee's absence on sick leave of more than three consecutive working days, the employee will provide a doctor's certificate of the employee's illness, injury or ability to return to work if requested by the employer. Doctor's certificates, if required, will be requested by the employer at a time when verification can reasonably be obtained.

Sick leave benefits are not paid for:

1. More than half a day for a doctor or dentist appointment unless a doctor's statement is provided;
2. Illness or injury suffered and recovered from during a leave of absence except that if an employee is hospitalized while on paid vacation, and has accrued sick leave, the portion of the paid vacation spent in the hospital may be rescinded upon satisfactory proof of the hospitalization being provided to the employer, and the hospitalization period shall be credited to sick leave.

3. Illness or injury occurring after the employee has given notice of resignation unless physician's verification of illness is provided.

Leave for the purpose of giving birth, or for recovering from giving birth, will be treated in the same manner as other sick leave.

8.2 Excessive use of sick leave

Excessive use of sick leave is use of sick leave in excess of that accumulated by the employee. Excessive use of sick leave may be regarded as evidence that the employee's health is not suitable for employment by the County and may lead to dismissal.

Misrepresentation in connection with sick leave privileges

Misrepresentation in connection with sick leave privileges will result in denial of benefits and/or disciplinary action to be determined by the department head. The disciplinary action may include dismissal, other sections of this contract notwithstanding.

The County reserves the right to withhold payment of sick leave benefits when there is a reasonable doubt concerning the validity of the illness.

8.3 Paternity leave

See "Family sick leave"

8.4 Family sick leave

In the event of an illness in the immediate family of an employee, or in the event of a doctor or dental appointment not exceeding half a day for a member of the employee's immediate family, or when the employee is the nearest relative, the employee shall be allowed to use accumulated sick leave. Use of sick leave as family sick leave shall not exceed three days per occurrence of illness. In extraordinary circumstances the department head may authorize family sick leave longer than three days for one occurrence. Verification of the illness, if physician treated, or of the appointment, must be furnished by the employee upon request of the department head. Immediate family shall be defined as spouse, domestic partner, children, parents, siblings, (inclusive of step and in-law relationships) grandparents and/or other immediate household members, and when the employee is next of kin.

8.5 Conversion of sick leave to vacation

Full-time employees who have accumulated 720 hours of sick leave may convert each additionally accrued four hours sick leave to one hour of vacation. If an employee's accrued sick leave account thereafter is depleted below 720 hours, no conversion right exists until the account is rebuilt to 720 hours. Use of vacation accrued pursuant to this clause will be governed by rules of regular vacation.

8.6 Co-Worker Aid Fund

A. Purpose

An employee may voluntarily donate vacation to a co-worker whose sick leave is exhausted due to personal illness or an illness in the co-worker's immediate family.

Donations of vacation may not be made for use by a co-worker for funerals or pallbearer service. Donations must come from vacation currently available for use by the employee. In any calendar year the maximum vacation an employee can donate to the Co-Worker Aid Fund is half the employee's annual vacation accrual.

B. Procedure

The procedure and conditions for such donations are:

The co-worker must have been on leave due to personal illness or illness in the co-worker's immediate family at least two consecutive weeks and exhausted their own accrued sick leave.

The co-worker must use the donated vacation within 30 working days of the effective date of the donation. Thereafter, unless the co-worker's leave is extended beyond that 30-working day period, any unused portion of donated vacation will be returned to employees who donated in the reverse order in which it was donated with the most recent donation being first returned.

Donated vacation will be accounted for by the hour, regardless of pay rates. Donated vacation will be paid at the wage rate of the employee who uses it. In no case shall a co-worker receive more in compensation than the co-worker would have earned while actively at work.

The employee making the donation must notify the department head in writing specifying the co-worker, the amount of vacation to be donated, and the date and time of day of the donation. The donation is effective when the department head verifies the donation meets the conditions of Article 8.7. The employee may not retract the donation. If the department head determines that previous donations would provide the co-worker with enough compensated hours for the next 30 working days, then the department head shall not accept additional donations. The department head's determination as to whether the donation is accepted or effective may not be grieved.

The Employer's obligation is limited to accounting for donated vacation of which the department head has written notice. Under no circumstances is the Employer required to solicit or encourage donations, nor may any employees coerce or pressure other employees to donate vacation time.

ARTICLE 9

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

9.1 Paid leaves

A. Funeral leave

In case of death of a spouse, domestic partner, or child of a full-time employee, absence with full pay up to 5 days may be authorized by the department head. In case of death of other immediate family of a full-time employee, absence with full pay up to 3 days may be authorized by the department head. The immediate

family shall include spouse, domestic partner, children, parents, siblings, stepparents, step-children, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, sisters- or brothers-in-law, sons- or daughters-in-law, guardians, or other permanent members of the immediate household.

In case of the death of relatives not included in the immediate family, the Director may authorize use of vacation, compensatory time, or unpaid leave.

In case an extended absence is required due to a death in the family, the Director may authorize use of vacation, compensatory time, or unpaid leave.

In case of the death of a present or retired SEATS employee, one-half day of absence with pay may be authorized for employees for the purpose of attending the funeral.

B. Jury duty

Employees shall be granted a paid leave of absence any time they are required to report for jury duty or jury service. Employees shall return to the employer pay received as jurors, excluding mileage. Any employee summoned for jury duty, but not selected to serve on the jury, who is discharged by noon shall return to work if scheduled.

C. Voting time

The Director shall abide by state and federal law concerning release from work time for the purpose of exercising the right to vote.

9.2 Unpaid leave

A. Eligibility

Employees shall be eligible for unpaid leaves of absence.

If an employee fails to return to work at the end of an unpaid leave of absence, or its extension, the employee shall be deemed to have voluntarily resigned or, if applicable, voluntarily retired on the last day of work prior to such leave. During an unpaid leave of absence for more than a month, the employee:

1. must pay any insurance premiums falling due during any month the employee is not on the payroll if coverage is desired and must make necessary arrangements with the County Auditor's office to provide such payments.
2. shall not receive any other accruals or job benefits during the period of absence.
3. shall not earn sick leave, vacation, or other forms of leave with pay.

B. Reasonable purpose

Unpaid leave of absence for a limited period shall be granted for any reasonable purpose which, in the judgment of the Director, fulfills one or more of the following criteria:

1. Required by law;

2. Increases the employee's ability to fulfill the employee's job functions;
3. Is likely to benefit residents of the County by increasing knowledge, skill, techniques, efficiency or ability within the department;
4. Enhances the employees' health.

Leaves shall be extended or renewed by the same criteria. Applications for leaves or extensions or renewals of leaves shall not be unreasonably denied by the Director and are subject to the grievance procedure. Under no circumstances may a leave of absence exceed one year.

9.3 Union business

Employees elected to any Union office or selected by the Union to do work which takes them from their employment with the employer shall be granted unpaid leave. The leave shall not exceed one year but may be renewed up to one more year.

Request for leaves of absence for union business must be submitted in writing to the Director not less than one month before the time of the leave. The director shall respond to the request in writing not less than two weeks before the time of the leave.

Union business leave applications or extensions or renewals shall not be unreasonably denied and are subject to the grievance procedure.

9.4 Military service

The Employer shall abide by federal and state law concerning leaves of absence for military purposes, including reserve training and active service.

ARTICLE 10

VACATION

10.1 Eligibility

Every full-time employee accrues vacation as follows:

During the first year of employment through the fourth year. . . Three weeks

During the fifth through the ninth year. . .Four weeks

During the tenth through the nineteenth year.... Five weeks

During the twentieth or later years. . . Six weeks

Earned vacation will be prorated biweekly according to time worked. All paid leaves count as time worked. Accumulated vacation, not including the personal day or vacation converted from sick leave, shall appear on employees' paychecks.

Part-time employees working 20 or more hours per week shall accrue vacation at half the rate provided herein for full-time employees.

Vacation for an employee hired through June 30, 2023, may accumulate up to twice the employee's annual accrual amount not to exceed 10 weeks' pay out at the time of separation. Vacation for an employee hired July 1, 2023, or after may accumulate up to one time the employee's annual accrual amount. Vacation accrual in excess of this amount shall be forfeited, and the employee shall accrue no additional vacation until the total accumulation is reduced below the maximum amount.

10.2 Vacation pay

Vacation pay shall be the employee's regular pay for the day or week for which the employee would have been regularly scheduled to work.

10.3 Choice of vacation period

Vacations will be granted at the time requested by the employee. The Director or designee may deny requests for vacation if the time requested is within the current posted schedule. When the department workload makes it necessary to limit the number of employees on vacation at the same time priority will be first come first off.

The employee may request up to six months but must request no less than three weeks in advance, of the first requested day of vacation.

10.4 Vacation rights in case of layoffs or separation

Any employee who is laid off, discharged, retired or separated from the service of the employer, for any reason prior to taking their vacation, shall be compensated in cash for the unused vacation they have accumulated at the time of separation not to exceed 10 weeks.

ARTICLE 11

REPORTING TIME

11.1 Minimum pay

When an employee reports for a shift for which the employee is scheduled, but there is not sufficient work or the Employer has cancelled normal operations for that shift, the employee shall be paid for a minimum of two hours at the regular rate.

11.2 Unscheduled work

An employee is not obligated to work if not scheduled, except when allowable under section 4.1.G.

11.3 Inclement weather

When the department closes because of inclement weather scheduled employees shall receive two hours pay, except they need not report for their shifts to qualify for such pay. Employees who have less than two hours left to complete in a scheduled shift when the department closes because of inclement weather shall be paid for the balance of their scheduled shift.

ARTICLE 12

DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

The Employer may reprimand (orally or in writing), suspend (with or without pay), demote, or discharge an employee or take other appropriate disciplinary action for just cause. A disciplined employee may grieve the disciplinary action, pursuant to the grievance procedure.

The Employer will recognize the principle of progressive discipline where applicable.

The Union shall receive written notice of any disciplinary action within 3 working days of the time such action is taken.

A disciplinary action must be imposed no later than 14 calendar days from the date the Employer first became aware of or should have become aware of with the exercise of reasonable diligence, the cause for the action; but under no circumstances shall a disciplinary action be imposed 6 months after the date of occurrence.

In imposing discipline, the Employer may take into account only similar prior infractions committed by the same employee within the last year in shaping discipline appropriate to the seriousness or cumulative effect of the infraction.

ARTICLE 13

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

13.1 Definition

A grievance shall be defined as a dispute or disagreement which may arise between the parties involving the application, meaning, or interpretation of this Agreement; and shall be settled in accordance with the procedures outlined in this Article.

13.2 Policy

- A. Employees are encouraged, but not required, to discuss a problem or complaint with their immediate supervisor.
- B. All levels of supervisory personnel shall be directed to consider grievances and complaints as a first order of business. The maximum time limits set forth herein should not be used where there is an immediate safety hazard, or circumstances will permit a more prompt processing of the grievance.
- C. Any employee of the unit may file a grievance under this procedure without fear of jeopardizing the employee's position or opportunities for advancement or salary increase. This shall be published and made known to the employees.
- D. The grievant and the Union steward shall be allowed to investigate, discuss and process a grievance for a reasonable time during regular working hours, receiving their regular pay, upon receiving permission of the Director or their designee.

Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld, but the Director or their designee shall be given sufficient notice to adjust work schedules if necessary.

- E. The employees involved in the investigation and processing of the grievance shall do so in such a manner that the normal operations of the department shall not be disrupted.
- F. An extension of the time limit specified in this Article may be made when mutually agreed upon in writing.
- G. By the mutual agreement of the parties, separate grievances may be consolidated. If practical, such consolidation will take place at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

13.3 Procedure

A grievant has the right to be represented by the Union. However, if any employee chooses to invoke this grievance procedure without representation from the Union, the Union steward shall have the right to be present at each step, and no grievance settlement shall conflict with the terms of this agreement.

All grievances must be presented promptly and no later than 14 calendar days from the date the grievant first became aware of or should have become aware of with the exercise of reasonable diligence, the cause of such grievance; however, under no circumstances shall a grievance be considered timely after 6 months from the date of occurrence.

Step 1

The grievant may, with Union representation if desired, file a grievance in writing to the Director containing the alleged contract violation and the requested remedy.

Within 10 working days of the written grievance, the Director shall answer the grievance, in writing, to the grievant and the Union.

Step 2

If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision of the Director, the grievant may, with Union representation if desired, within 10 working days of the written notice of the Director, file an appeal in writing to the Board of Supervisors' designated representative. It shall contain all the pertinent matters which were brought forth in the first step. The Board's designated representative shall meet with the grievant, and the Union representative if desired, within 10 working days of the receipt of the appeal, to discuss all pertinent matters. The Board's designated representative's final decision on the grievance will be presented in writing to the grievant and the Union representative within 10 working days after the close of the meeting.

Step 3

If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Supervisors' designated representative the grievant may, with Union representation if desired, within 10 working days of the written notice of the Board of Supervisors' designated representative, follow one, and only one, of the following procedures:

- a. Send a written notice to the Board of Supervisors' designated representative and follow the procedure in Section 13.4 (Arbitration) of this Article;
- b. File an appeal in writing to the Board of Supervisors which shall contain all pertinent matters which were brought forth in the first 3 steps. The Board of Supervisors shall set a hearing for its next regular meeting after receipt of the written notice of appeal. The Board of Supervisors' decision shall be presented in writing to the grievant, the Union, and the Director, within 5 working days of the hearing.

13.4 Arbitration

A. Selecting an arbitrator

The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by an arbitrator, to be selected by the Employer and the Union within 10 days after notice has been given. If the parties fail to select an arbitrator, the Public Employment Relations Board shall be requested by either or both parties to provide a panel of 5 arbitrators. Both the Employer and the Union shall have the right to strike 2 names from the panel. The party striking first shall be decided by the flip of a coin. The other party shall then strike one name. The process will be repeated, and the remaining person shall be the arbitrator.

B. Arbitrator's decision

The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the parties, and the arbitrator shall be requested to issue the decision within 30 days after conclusion of testimony and argument, unless the parties agree to an extension.

C. Arbitrator's authority

The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this agreement. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issue submitted in writing by the County and the Union and shall have no authority to decide any other issue not so submitted. The arbitrator shall be without power to make decisions contrary to, or inconsistent with, or modifying or varying in any way the application of laws and rules and regulations having the force and effect of law. The arbitrator's decision shall be based solely upon the arbitrator's interpretation of the meaning or application of the express terms of this agreement to the facts of the grievance.

13.5 Grievance and arbitration hearings

A. Manner of hearing

All hearings shall be held in an informal manner. Witnesses may be called by either party and questioned by both parties. Documents and written statements which are material shall be considered but shall not be limited by rules of evidence.

B. Advance notice

The aggrieved employee and the steward shall be notified far enough in advance of any hearing so that they can make arrangements to attend the hearing.

- C. No employee may be coerced by a supervisor or director into not proceeding with a grievance or not appearing as a witness at a hearing. Interference in the employees' rights in this regard shall be considered basis for a grievance.

- D. Hearing on employer's time

All grievance hearings as set forth in Steps 1-4 above shall be discussed on the employer's time.

- E. Arbitrator's expenses

Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the proceedings shall be borne equally by the parties. However, each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record and makes copies available without charge to the other party and the arbitrator.

13.6 Union steward

- A. One employee shall be selected steward by the Johnson County SEATS employees. The name of the steward shall be certified in writing to the Employer by the Union.
- B. If the steward is unable to perform the steward's duties, another union member in the bargaining unit may be designated as temporary steward. The name of the temporary steward shall be certified in writing to the employer by the steward. This section shall apply only if the steward is unable to function as steward due to illness or leave of absence.

13.7 Limitations

At any step, should the Employer fail to respond within the time limits, the grievance shall automatically be resolved by the grievant's requested remedy. Should the employee fail to respond within the time limits, the grievance shall be considered withdrawn.

All written grievances must be signed by the grievant and must cite a specific section of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

14.1 Information to outside parties

Material in the employee personnel files shall not be released to an outside person or organization without the written approval of the employee unless required by law.

14.2 Personnel file review

The contents of an employee's personnel file are open for viewing only by the employee, the employee's supervisor and department head, unless the employee puts the file at issue in the grievance procedure, in which case all relevant items shall be available as necessary to properly process the grievance.

Employees shall initial or sign any documents placed in the file to verify their knowledge of these documents. Employees may make a written response to any item in their personnel file and cause it to be made a permanent part of the item to which the response is intended.

14.3 Copies to employees

Employees will receive a copy of all personnel transactions affecting their status from the Employer from the effective date of this agreement forward. These changes will usually be for promotions, merit pay increases, change from probationary to permanent status, any adjustments due to a pay range increase or evaluations. Questions relative to personnel transactions should be directed to the employee's supervisor or to the Employer.

14.4 Just and proper cause

The Employer will not submit to the employee's personnel file any subject matter without just and proper cause.

14.5 New employee orientation

The Employer will provide a copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and a directory of Union officials' names and telephone numbers as supplied by the Union to new employees at their orientation.

ARTICLE 15

LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A labor-management committee is hereby established to afford employees and management a forum at which to discuss items that may be of interest to both parties. The committee shall consist of 3 members of the bargaining unit and 3 representatives of management, selected respectively by the union and the Board of Supervisors. Each party shall notify the other at least 1 week in advance of each meeting of selected members, unless the members have not changed, and shall, at least 1 week in advance, exchange agenda items.

If either management or the bargaining unit has a topic(s) it feels is of importance to justify a Committee meeting, such Committee meetings shall be held during the second full week of July, October, January and April, at a time and place agreed upon at least two weeks in advance by 5 of the 6 members. Special meetings may be agreed to by two committee members, one each from the bargaining unit and management, who must notify their co-members of the time, place, and agenda for such meetings at least 1 week in advance. Meetings shall not exceed two hours. Employee members of the committee will be paid for any formal meeting time falling within their normal working hours.

ARTICLE 16
DUES CHECKOFF

16.1 Wage Deduction

The employer agrees to deduct the Union dues and Union dues insurance from pay of those employees who individually request in writing, on the form prescribed in Appendix I, or a substantially similar form, that such deductions be made. Half of an employee's monthly dues shall be deducted from the employee's first check of the month, and half from the second. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the employer by the Treasurer of the Union, and the aggregate deductions of all employees shall be remitted together with an itemized statement to the Treasurer by the 30th of the current month, after such deductions are made.

The County will not be liable and will be held blameless for damage arising by virtue of mistakes in connection with funds collected under the provisions of this Article. The County will not be responsible for payment of dues, special assessments or any other deduction upon an individual's default.

ARTICLE 17
SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any article, section, or portion thereof, of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall apply only to the specific article, section, or portion thereof directly specified in the decision. Upon the issuance of such a decision, the parties to this agreement shall immediately convene for the purpose of negotiating a satisfactory replacement for such article, section, or portion thereof.

ARTICLE 18

EFFECTIVE PERIOD AND SIGNATURES

Except where otherwise provided herein, this agreement shall become effective the first day of July, 2026. It shall remain in full force and effect until the 30th day of June 2027. This agreement shall be renewed year to year after June 30, 2027, unless either party gives notice in writing of a desired change in this agreement no later than November 1 of the year immediately prior to the expiration date of this agreement.

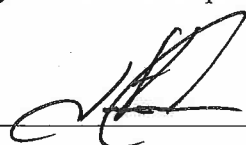
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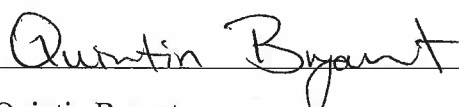
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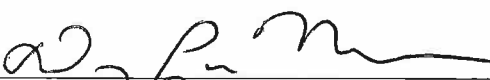
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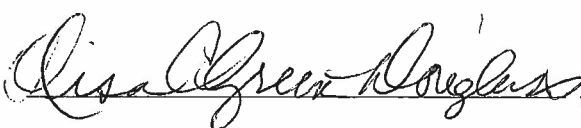
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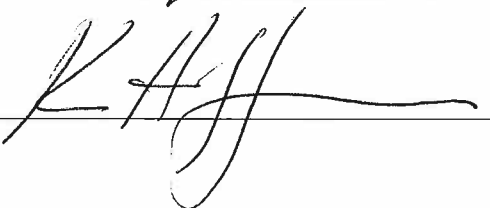

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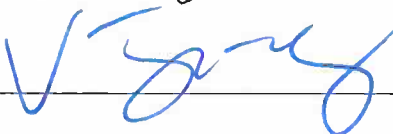

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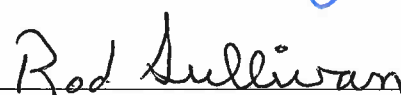












By its representatives



Ines Beltre

Employer Representative



Lindsey Jones

Human Resources Director

2026-2027 Johnson County SEATS

Appendix A

FY 2027

Johnson County SEATS

EFFECTIVE 7/1/26-6/30/27

2.75%

	0-1039	1040-2079	2080-4159	4160-6239	6240-8319	8320-10399	31200	41600
Driver/Maintenance	\$25.84	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$28.76	\$29.92	\$30.77	\$32.77	\$34.77
Dispatcher/Scheduler	\$27.70	\$28.60	\$29.73	\$30.61	\$31.74	\$32.64	\$34.64	\$36.64
Training/Maintenance Coordinator	\$30.52	\$31.46	\$32.64	\$33.57	\$34.69	\$35.63	\$37.63	\$39.63
Mechanic I	\$31.68	\$33.67	\$35.40	\$37.37	\$39.40	\$40.99	\$42.99	\$44.99
Mechanic II	\$33.36	\$36.86	\$38.23	\$39.66	\$41.20	\$42.82	\$44.82	\$46.82

Appendix B

Authorization for Payroll

Deduction By

Last name First name Middle name
to Johnson County, Iowa, effective _____;
Date

I hereby request and authorize you to deduct from my earnings an amount sufficient to provide for the regular payment of the current rate of monthly Union membership dues established by AFSCME Council 61 Local Union No. 183. The amount shall be certified by AFSCME Council 61 Local Union No. 183 and any change in such amount shall be so certified. The amount deducted shall be paid to AFSCME Council 61 Local Union No. 183. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect unless terminated by me, the undersigned, with 30 days written notice to AFSCME Council 61 and the Employer.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any employee who is a union member a PE OPLE deduction as provided in a written authorization. Such authorization must be executed by the employee and may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written notice to both the Employer and the Union. The Employer agrees

to remit any deductions made pursuant to this provision promptly to the Union together with an itemized statement showing the name of the employee from whose pay such deductions have been made and the amount deducted during the pay period covered by the remittance.

SIDELETTER OF AGREEMENT

The parties mutually agree the Iowa Supreme Court ruling allowing same-sex marriages to occur has removed the necessity of maintaining the domestic partner coverage under the insurance section of this labor agreement.

The language is removed from the FY2011 agreement. However, should this right to marry be nullified in the future, the language, "includes same gender domestic partner" will be reinstated under the insurance section.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF January, 20 10.


FOR THE COUNTY


FOR THE UNION

