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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, IA**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Jefferson County, Iowa that a General Election will be held at the following named Polling Places in the following named precincts of Jefferson County, Iowa on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Precinct	Polling Place	Location
Blackhawk – Polk – Packwood	Packwood Fire Station	112 N. Main, Packwood
Buchanan	First United Methodist Church	201 N. Court, Fairfield
Center-Cedar-Round Prairie-Maharishi Vedic City	Jefferson Co. Ag Grounds Activity Bldg.	2606 W. Burlington,
Fairfield		
Fairfield First Ward	Fairfield High School Auditorium Lobby	605 E. Broadway, Fairfield
*Fairfield Second Ward	County Engineer's Office	901 N. 8th, Fairfield
*Please Note this temporary new location		
Fairfield Third Ward	Nazarene Family Center	507 W. Briggs, Fairfield
Fairfield Fourth Ward	Courthouse Lobby	51 E. Briggs, Fairfield
Fairfield Fifth Ward	Pence Elementary	1006 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St, Fairfield
Liberty – Des Moines – Libertyville	Libertyville Community Center	110 N. Main, Libertyville
Lockridge – City of Lockridge	Lockridge School Gym	103 S. Center, Lockridge
Locust Grove – Batavia	Batavia Community Center	1006 3 <sup>rd</sup> St., Batavia
Penn – Walnut – Pleasant Plain – Coppock	Pleasant Plain Community Center	505 S. St, Pleasant Plain

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. These sites are accessible to elderly voters and voters with disabilities.

Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct voting location. Voting locations are the same as your regular presidential polling place. If you are unsure of your voting precinct for this election, please contact the Jefferson County Auditor's Office at 641-472-2840 or by email auditor@jeffersoncountyiowa.com. You may also verify the voting location for your home address at: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's office by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone (641) 472-2840.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at auditor@jeffersoncountyiowa.com or 641-472-2840. For TTY access, dial 711+641-472-2840.

A listing of candidates and public measures is appended to this notice.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 52.35 of the Iowa Code, the Jefferson County Auditor/Commissioner of Elections will conduct a public test of electronic voting equipment for this election. The public test will take place 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Scott D. Reneker  
Jefferson County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections

RACES	CANDIDATES
President and Vice President	- Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz (Democratic) - Donald J. Trump/ JD Vance (Republican) - Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat (Libertarian) - Claudia De la Cruz/Karina Garcia (Party for Socialism and Liberation) - William P. Stodden/Stephanie H. Cholsensky (Socialist Party USA) - Robert F. Kennedy Jr/Nicole Shanahan (We The People) - Shiva Ayyadurai/ Crystai Ellis
United States Representative District 1	- Christina Bohannon (Democratic) - Mariannette Miller-Meeks (Republican)
State Senator District 44	- Adrian Dickey (Republican) - Lisa Ossian
State Representative District 87	- Thomas O'Donnell (Democratic) - Jeff Shipley (Republican) - Curtis Oliver
State Representative District 88	- Helena Hayes (Republican)
Board of Supervisors	- Susie Drish (Democratic) - Joe Ledger (Republican) - Dee Sandquist (Republican)
County Auditor	- Christy Conner (Republican)
County Sheriff	- Bart Richmond (Republican)
Blackhawk Township Trustee	- Tim Parsons - Mike Ledger
Buchanan Township Trustee	- Harold Luzadder - Jon Huff
Cedar Township Trustee	- Stephen M. Baker
Cedar Township Trustee – To Fill Vacancy	- No Candidate
Center Township Trustee	- Ben Huff - Roger Lovelady
Des Moines Township Trustee	- David McElderry
Liberty Township Trustee	- No Candidates
Liberty Township Clerk – To Fill Vacancy	- No Candidate
Lockridge Township Trustee	- Dan Graber
Locust Grove Township Trustee	- Heath E Foreman
Locust Grove Township Clerk – To Fill Vacancy	- Tony Webb
Penn Township Trustee	- No Candidates
Polk Township Trustee	- John Joseph Greiner - Delbert D Nordyke
Round Prairie Township Trustee	- Jeremy Loving - Jack L. Murphy
Walnut Township Trustee	- No Candidates
County Public Hospital Trustee	- Julie Greeson - Joneane Parker - Merlin Miller
Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner	- Rachel Engwall - Jeff M. Fritz
County Agricultural Extension Council	- Drew Johnson - Laurie J. Bennett - Barbara Kistler - Eric Miller

Shall the following Justices/Judges be retained in office?	
Supreme Court Justice	David May
Court of Appeals Judge	Samuel Langholz Mary Ellen Tabor Tyler J. Buller Mary Elizabeth Chicchelly
District 8A Court Judge	Myron Gookin Shawn R. Showers Michael Carpenter Crystal S. Cronk
District 8A Associate Judge	Patrick J. McAvan Daniel Perry Kitchen Richelle Mahaffey

**Constitutional Amendments**

Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted?

1. Summary: Provides for only U.S. citizens aged 18 or older and meeting state and county residency requirements to vote in all elections. Further provides that 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old by the General Election are eligible to vote in the primary election, subject to the same citizenship and residency requirements.

Full Text: Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, as amended by the amendment of 1970, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Electors. Only a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years, who shall have been a resident of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by law and of the county in which the citizen claims the citizen's vote for such period of time as shall be provided by law, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are authorized by law. However, for purposes of a primary election, a United States citizen must be at least eighteen years of age as of the next general election following the primary election. The required periods of residence shall not exceed six months in this state and sixty days in the county.

Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted?

2. Summary: Provides that the lieutenant governor will act as the governor if there is a temporary disability of the governor. Further provides that the lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect will be the governor or governor-elect in the case of the resignation, death, or permanent disability of the governor or governor-elect thus creating a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect, as appropriate.

Full Text: Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

Section 17. Lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect to become or act as governor or governor-elect. If there is a temporary disability of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall act as governor until the disability is removed, or the governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office. In case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor for the remainder of the term, which shall create a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor. This section shall also apply, as appropriate, to the governor-elect and the lieutenant governor-elect.

**County Public Measure**

**A**

Shall Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, for the purpose of funding the Jefferson County Ambulance Service, including but not limited to ambulance service, personnel, vehicles, supplies and equipment, be authorized, for a period of fifteen (15) years, to levy a tax not exceeding Seventy-Five Cents (\$.75) per One Thousand Dollars (1000.00) of taxable valuation on all taxable property within Jefferson County, with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025?

**Fairfield School Public Measure**

**LR**

Shall the Board of Directors of the Fairfield Community School District in the Counties of Jefferson, Henry, Van Buren, Wapello and Washington, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$38,515,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a new middle school building, including site improvements?

his level II water certifications. He also informed the council that the lead and copper inventory has been submitted to the DNR.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys advised the council that the city has been assigned an individual to start the codification process. Also, the lawyer in TN managing the garbage truck lawsuit has not returned calls or emails to provide an update.

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS**—No action to be taken:

There were no citizen comments.

The city council discussed the water repairs at Carl Nelson's due to a leak. It was determined that the city insurance would deny the claim. Balster moved and Adrian 2nd for the city to pay the repair cost of \$2508.96 and the cost to repair the concrete: 5 ayes, motion carried.

There was discussion on changing the water operator since Webb now has the necessary certifications. Hadley moved and Beam 2nd for Webb to take over as the water operator starting December 1st: 5 ayes, motion carried. Hadley moved and Balster 2nd to table discussions on a water operator backup and Rebling's involvement: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to

approve the Amendment to Ordinance 6-2-3 (water rates): Roll call vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for Ordinance 6-2-3 (1): Roll call vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps presented the idea of hiring an individual for seasonal part time snow removal. Adrian moved and Pfeifer 2nd to hire someone at \$17/hour to assist with snow removal: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Beam moved and Adrian 2nd for the City of Richland to hold Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 5pm to 8pm: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to adopt Resolution 10-14-2024: 2024 Keokuk County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm.

Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: City Clerk Sarah Claeys

**Claims List for October 14, 2024**

**Vendor Expense Amount Library expenses**

Alliant electricity \$ 157.06

Baker & Taylor library collection \$ 134.67

Natel telephone \$ 72.70

US Bank library collection/supplies \$ 110.44

**Fire Dept expenses**

Alliant Energy electricity \$ 117.09

**Payroll expenses**

Employee net pay wages \$ 8,595.80

Dept of Revenue Fed WH/FICA \$ 2,330.68

Treasurer, State of IA State W/H \$ 242.66

IPERS Retirement \$ 1,615.53

**City expenses**

ACCO liquidatorinating \$ 432.00

AccuTel sewer jetting \$ 6,702.35

All American Pest Control quarterly pest control \$ 65.00

Alliant Energy electricity \$ 2,909.22

City of Ottumwa recycle fees \$ 63.50

Clarion Plainsman minutes/claims \$ 258.86

Farmers Cooperative salt/propane \$ 1,911.00

Federation Bank P & I loan-well \$ 2,478.08

Hadley Heating & Air repair library AC \$ 132.00

Heslinga Law Firm legal fees \$ 400.00

IA Dept of Revenue WET taxes \$ 552.46

Iowa DNR annual water use fee \$ 115.00

Jason Rebling contractor labor \$ 1,500.00

KCTC internet \$ 91.71

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Mike's Parts & Service parts/supplies for repairs \$ 423.07

Semco landfill fees \$ 631.80

Simmering-Cory codification down pmt \$ 1,000.00

State Hygienic Lab water testing \$ 14.50

USA BlueBook pH tester \$ 102.00

US Bank Adobe Pro/IMFOA conf. parts/fuel \$ 455.66

Viking Industrial Painting water tower inspection \$ 8,845.00

Walmart office supplies \$ 43.94

Water Solutions Unlim. oracle \$ 657.62

Wellmark health insurance-Garrett \$ 406.28

Windsream monthly bill-phone/email \$ 179.34

**Total Expenses \$ 43,747.02**

**Funds-Expenses**

General \$ 11,085.77

Road Use Tax \$ 1,746.68

Water \$ 18,408.83

Sewer \$ 9,735.78

Landfill/Garbage \$ 2,769.96

**Total \$ 43,747.02**

**Funds-Revenue**

General \$ 10,510.55

Road Use Taxes \$ 8,610.34

Employee Benefits \$ 871.67

Emergency Fund \$ -

Local Option Sales Tax \$ 4,165.59

Water \$ 13,357.40

Sewer \$ 4,251.73

Landfill/Garbage \$ 2,660.96

**Total \$ 44,493.03**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS**

September 30, 2024

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Sandquist called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Board members present were: Dee Sandquist, Chairman; Lee Dimmitt, Vice-Chairman; Susie Drish, Supervisor.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that the minutes for the September 16th & 19th, 2024 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with Thomas Hemminger from the County Engineer's Office.

Supervisors discussed the purchase of a Mini Excavator for the Secondary Road Department.

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

Dimmitt moved, Sandquist seconded that Joshua Hemminger get with Mark Myers to figure out what needs to be done for credit card approval for the Jefferson County Ambulance Service.

All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve the following resolution. All "Aye". Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the Jefferson County, Iowa 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Passed and approved this 30th day of September, 2024.

Dee Sandquist  
Susie Drish  
Lee Dimmitt

ATTEST:  
Scott Reneker  
Jefferson County Auditor

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HIRING UNIVERSAL CLERK IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 331.903 states that the number of deputies, assistants, and clerks for each office shall be determined by the board and the number and approval of each appointment shall be adopted by a resolution recorded in the minutes of the board, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County desires to hire a Universal Clerk for the Jefferson County Treasurer, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, that the Jefferson County Auditor is authorized to hire an Accounting Clerk, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, that Jenna Morsberger is hired as a Universal Clerk in the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office at a rate of \$38,400.00 per year (\$1,600.00 per pay period) effective October 14th, 2024.

Passed and approved this 30th day of September, 2024.

AYES: Dee Sandquist  
Susie Drish  
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS: None

ATTEST:  
Scott Reneker  
Jefferson County Auditor

Supervisors discussed the City of Fairfield water service line survey.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist to approve the requested abatement of \$4,005 of the 2023 property taxes on parcels 0625356002 and 0625356007 for Golden Magnolia Inc. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed the property tax abatement or suspension request for Victor and Cheryl Sticks.

The Board discussed handrails for the Courthouse.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist to approve the new 28E Agreement for the Resource Officer for Cardinal Community School Districts and please invoice the Board of Supervisors. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to accept the two individuals to represent the State of Iowa on the Mid-America Port Commission and to authorize the chair to sign the Confirmation of Election of Commissioners. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Sandquist reported on her SIDCA, RHTF, Grow Fairfield and oploid meetings. Dimmitt reported on his 10-15 Transit meeting.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist to allow the claims against the county in the amount of \$144,916.63 and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
Scott D. Reneker  
County Auditor

Dee Sandquist, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

**SOUTHEAST IOWA MULTI-COUNTY SOLD WASTE AGENCY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

The SEMCO Board met in regular session, **October 16, 2024**. Ham called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Members present were Mike Hadley, Judy Ham, Millie Youngquist, and Stan Sloops. Others present: Bill Sloops.

Motion by Hadley; seconded by Sloops to approve the minutes of July 17, 2024. Motion carried. Sloops distributed the July – Sept. 2024 financial statements.

Motion by Sloops, seconded by Youngquist to accept to place on file for audit the July – Sept. 2024 financial statements. Motion carried. Sloops presented the manager's report. Items discussed included: Tonnage, Waste Diversion, and Site Management. Items under Old Business: none. Items under New Business: none. The next regular SEMCO board meeting is scheduled for November 20th, at the landfill office.

Motion by Ham; seconded by Hadley to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above-indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is recorded and available at the office of the Southeast Iowa Multi-County Solid Waste Agency. Regular meetings are scheduled for 9:00 am at the landfill office on the third Wednesday of each month.

**SEMCO Solid Waste Agency**

October 16, 2024

**Date Name Paid Amount**

09/05/2024 City of Hedrick -1,340.00

09/18/2024 ABC Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service -296.05

09/18/2024 All American Pest Control 60.00

09/18/2024 Bill Sloops -522.27

09/18/2024 City of Hedrick -10,920.00

09/18/2024 IDNR -27,119.14

09/18/2024 SCS Engineers -1,930.00

09/18/2024 Weikert Iron & Metal Recycling -215.00

09/18/2024 Winn J. Construction Co. -56,218.50

09/18/2024 WMPF Group, LLC. -23.94

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-2-3 (1)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, IOWA, BY CHANGING THE RATE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** Code VI, Sec. 6-2-3 of the Ordinances of the City of Richland, Iowa; is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**6-2-3 WATER RATES**

There shall be and there are hereby established water service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the water utility based upon meter readings for the amount of water consumed as follows:

WATER WATER SERVICE CHARGED

First 2,000 gallons or (minimum monthly lesser amount bill)

per month

All over 2,000 gallons

per month

Water customers that are on extended vacations may pay by the last of the billing month without penalty if they notify the Clerk in advance. If not paid by the last of the billing month the penalty will be the same as for other delinquent customers.

**SECTION 2. SECTION MODIFIED.**

Title VI, Section 4-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richland, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**6-1-1 RATE OF CHARGE.**

There shall be and there is hereby established a sewer service charge for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipality sanitary sewer utility based upon the amount and rate of water used as follows:

1. Each customer shall pay a minimum monthly amount of \$18.25. This shall be for up to the first 2,000 gallons of water used per monthly billing cycle.

2. Each customer shall pay \$,002 per gallon of water used over 2,000 gallons per monthly billing cycle.

3. Service to industrial establishments may be by contract if the city deems this to be in the city's best interest.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in