

Here's how much Iowa's congressional candidates have raised

By Bob Sillick
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Iowa's four incumbent Republicans in the U.S. House have fundraising advantages over their Democratic challengers, but Iowa's 1st District race is more competitive than the others in terms of fundraising.

The three rating services, The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter, Inside Elections and Sabato's Crystal Ball, rate the 1st District race as "likely or lean Republican." It pits the incumbent Republican, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, against Christina Bohannon, the Democrat candidate, in a rematch from the 2022 election. David Pautsch, a Republican from Davenport, is challenging Miller-Meeks for the nomination.

Miller-Meeks won the 2022 race with 53.4% of the votes to Bohannon's 46.6%. A rematch could prove to be more competitive, as Bohannon has outraised Miller-Meeks during the third and fourth quarters of 2023 (totals of \$1,315,000 vs. \$802,000, respectively), and the first quarter of 2024.

Miller-Meeks added \$319,724 in contributions during the first quarter of 2024, while Bohannon raised \$820,187.

Miller-Meeks still has an overall advantage. Bohannon launched her campaign during mid-August of 2023 and the GOP incumbent has been raising funds throughout 2023. For the election cycle to date, Miller-Meeks has raised over \$2.6 million and has spent about \$1.2 million. She ended the period with \$1.77 million cash on hand and no debts. Bohannon has raised nearly \$2.14 million and has spent about \$531,000, leaving her with nearly \$1.64 million cash on hand and no debts.

Pautsch has raised just over \$28,000 during the campaign period to date. He's spent just over \$21,000 and has about \$7,865 on hand.

Here's a closer look at Miller-Meeks and Bohannon's contributions.

OpenSecrets' "Industries" category of campaign contributions includes "Retired." Miller-Meeks and Bohannon both received most of their

campaign contribution from this source — \$379,819 for Miller-Meeks and \$319,444 for Bohannon as of March 31. Bohannon's second-largest industry source, however, is Education (\$149,652). Democrat/Liberal group contributions (\$128,446) are third, following by Lawyers/Law Firms with \$85,813.

That support matches Bohannon's current position as a teacher and author at the University of Iowa College of Law. The most recent FEC data shows "The University of Iowa" is Bohannon's largest contributor (\$90,014). These are contributions from individuals at the university, affiliated with it and their immediate families, not the university itself.

When it comes to geographic sources for contributions, Bohannon has out-raised Miller-Meeks both within Iowa and the district.

Another geographic comparison of the campaigns is contributors by metro areas. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Florida, is first for Miller-Meeks (\$86,876), and Iowa City, Iowa is first for Bohannon (\$247,954).

Hinson raises \$3.3 million in District 2

The 2nd District is rated "solid Republican," "likely Republican" and "safe Republican," respectively, by the three rating outlets cited above. Incumbent Republican Ashley Hinson was elected to the U.S. House for the first time in the 2020 election cycle and reelected in 2022. She and Miller-Meeks are the first Republican women to represent Iowa in the House. Sarah Corkery, a resident of Cedar Falls, is the only Democrat on the primary ballot.

Hinson has a massive fundraising lead, with over \$3.3 million raised so far this cycle compared to \$156,464 for Corkery. Hinson has spent \$1.76 million and has nearly \$1.67 million on hand as of March 31. Corkery has spent \$76,706 and has just under \$80,000 on hand.

Third District race seen as competitive

The 2022 election for Iowa's 3rd District was extremely close. Republican Zach Nunn beat incumbent Democrat Cindy Axne by

just 2,145 votes of 310,913 votes cast. The 2024 election could also be competitive. Of the three rating services, The Cook Report and Larry J. Sabato's Crystal Ball each rated the race as "lean Republican," while Inside Elections rated it "tilt Republican."

Lanon Baccam, a former U.S. Department of Agriculture official and combat veteran, and Melissa Vine, a businesswoman, are competing for the Democrat nomination. Baccam has the backing of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and has raised over \$1.4 million for his campaign — more than 10 times what Vine has raised as of March 31.

Nunn has raised more than double Baccam's total with \$2.9 million. He has spent nearly \$1.2 million and has about \$1.8 million on hand. Baccam has spent less than \$250,000 and has about \$1.15 million on hand.

Feenstra raises \$3 million in 4th District
In the 4th District, The Cook Political Report rates the race as "solid Republi-

can" and Inside Elections and Sabato's Crystal Ball rate it as "safe Republican," indicating incumbent Republican Randy Feenstra has the advantage as he seeks re-election. Kevin Virgil, a veteran and entrepreneur, has also qualified for the Republican primary in June.

Ryan Melton is the sole Democratic candidate who will appear on the ballot. Open Secrets has no information on the sources of his campaign funds. The FEC reports he has raised \$42,560 as of March 31, compared to just over \$3 million by Feenstra.

The primary election for all four U.S. House races is June 4, 2024, and the general election is November 5, 2024.

Kathie Obradovich contributed to this report.

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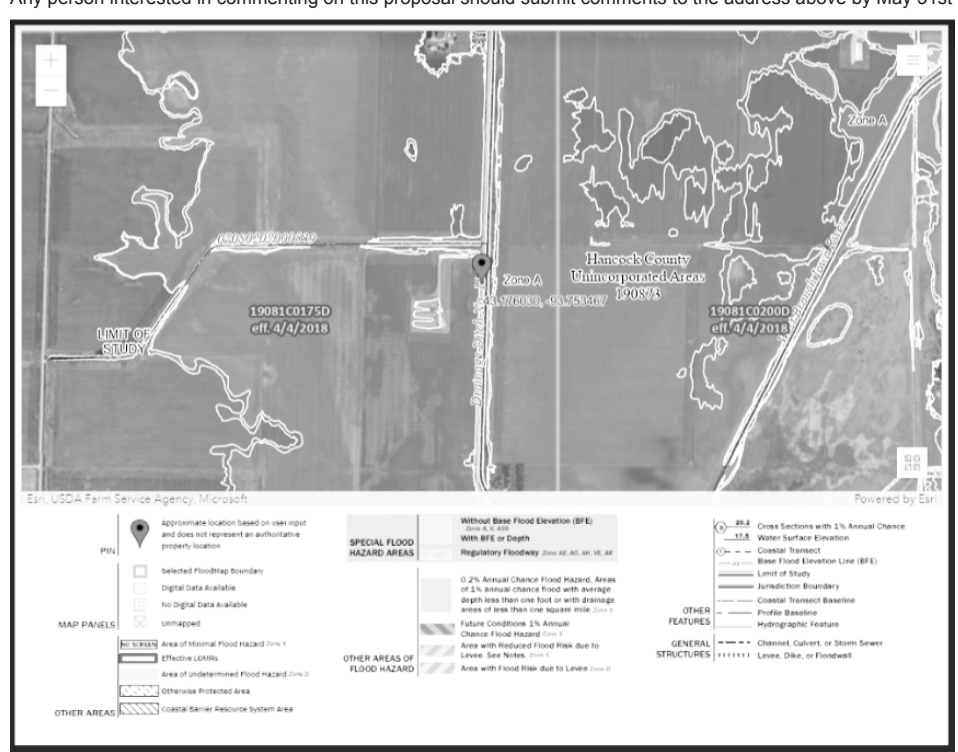
PUBLIC NOTICE

Template preliminary Public Notice Language for Potential Impacts to Floodplains
Strategic Ventures, L.L.P. intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, Rural Business Services for 125.4 kW Ground mount solar arrays at 3 locations. The proposed project consists of building ground mounted Racking system for solar panels at Hog building sites located at 2845 Ladd Ave, Garner, IA 50438.

If implemented, the proposed project will minimally effect less than 1/2 acre of floodplain at 2845 Ladd Ave, Garner, IA 50438. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Department Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at **USDA Rural Development office located at 1301 6th Ave. N. Suite 1, Humboldt, IA 50548.** For questions regarding this proposal, contact **Clay Wells, Business Programs Specialist at (515) 368-6032.**

Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by May 31st



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Ex-cop accused of subverting jail protocol to contact victim

By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch

A former police officer who was recently sentenced to up to 19 years in prison for repeatedly stalking and harassing a woman called her nine times from the Polk County Jail after his latest arrest, in violation of a no-contact order, according to court records.

Walter Pacheco, 29, of Pleasant Hill, has asked a judge to reconsider that sentence, claiming its imposition last month "has impressed upon him the importance of living a lawful lifestyle," according to the request.

He had already repeatedly violated no-contact orders that stemmed from his criminal cases related to the woman in the past two years, including by passing her the draft of a letter to send to county prosecutors in an effort to escape punishment, court records show.

The victim emailed the letter to Thomas Tolbert, an assistant Polk County attorney. In it, she describes herself as "very jealous" and "insecure," according to a copy of the letter that was filed recently in court.

It's unclear whether the victim knew the full contents of the letter because she speaks Spanish and Tolbert has requested a translator to assist her testimony at

trial, court records show.

"He is actually a good guy, and those who really know him can vouch for him," the letter said. "Hearsay got the better of me, please do not let it get to you too."

Pacheco initially received suspended prison sentences for his convictions of burglary, stalking, tampering with a witness and willful injury. Despite subsequent warnings to cease his contact with the woman or face prison time — including one that resulted in a jail stint last year for violating a no-contact order — Pacheco was arrested in October for allegedly approaching her at a public gym and following her in his vehicle.

He was charged with felony stalking. While at the Polk County Jail, Pacheco called the victim nine times in October, November and December, most often using the phone accounts of other inmates, court records show.

The jail's phone system is equipped to block calls from inmates to those who are the subject of a protective order, said Lt. Steven Courtney, an administrative captain at the jail.

The system uses voice recognition to ensure inmates are not using someone else's account, but "the technology is only so good," Courtney told the Iowa Capital Dispatch. "Once the conversation is going, it doesn't

pick it up as well."

He said inmates sometimes initiate calls on their own account and then pass the phone to another inmate. There were nearly 900 inmates in the Polk jail on Friday.

The victim declined to answer each of Pacheco's calls, court records show. In addition to the stalking charge, Pacheco now faces nine more criminal charges for those calls for contempt of court, which were filed this week. His trial has been delayed to July.

A court hearing to discuss Pacheco's request to reconsider the prison sentence was delayed to next week. He is still held at the county jail.

Pacheco — also known by the surname Pacheco Belen — was a briefly a police officer in Carroll and Eagle Grove, even though another woman had alleged he threatened to kill her and her daughter. Pacheco was forced to resign from the Carroll job and was fired by Eagle Grove. He is no longer a certified peace officer.

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WEST HANCOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4.15.24

PUBLIC HEARING April 15, 2024

The West Hancock Community School Board of Directors met for budget hearing #2 in the West Hancock Board Room. President Johnson called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Johnson, Burgardt, Harle, Swanson, Purvis and Wilson. Absent: Bixel. Others present: Superintendent Kronemann, Business Manager DeGroot, Principals Verbrugge and DeHart, Director Sickels, staff member, students, parent and Ben Hassebrook from The Leader.

Public Hearing on the 24-25 Budget was open at 6:00 p.m.

There were no written or oral objections at this time.

Motion by Burgard, seconded by Swanson to adjourn public hearing at 6:36 p.m. Carried: 6-0

REGULAR MEETING WEST HANCOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 15, 2024

President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Members present: Johnson, Burgardt, Harle, Swanson, Purvis and Wilson. Absent: Bixel. Others present: Superintendent Kronemann, Business Manager DeGroot, Principals Verbrugge and DeHart, Director Sickels, staff member, students, parent and Ben Hassebrook from The Leader.

Motion by Harle seconded by Purvis to approve the items listed under the consent agenda 2.0. Carried: 6-0

Administrative reports were given. Community members presented

their ideas for a recreation center in Britt.

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Burgardt to accept the resignation of Nicole Wyatt. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Purvis to accept the resignation of Ethan Weiss. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Swanson to approve the hire of Monica Sickels as co-head volleyball coach. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Harle to transfer Shayne Hoelt to co-head volleyball coach. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Purvis to accept the resignation of Phyllis Jordanger. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Burgardt to accept the resignation of Matt Welp. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Swanson to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Grellett for HS Concessions. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Wilson to approve the TLC committee as follows:

Robin Kudej - Coordinator & Instructional Coach

Kristi Gast Instructional Coach

Melinda Tremmel - BLC

Anne Ries BLC

Jerri Hill BLC

Kym Mayland - BLC

Katherine Squier- BLC

Lori Eekhoff - Mentor

Lisa Carlson - Mentor

Jennifer Hamner - Mentor

Holly Lang Mentor

Carried 6-0

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Swanson resolved, that the Board of Directors of West Hancock Com-

munity School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Iowa Code section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Harle to approve the budget for the 2024-25 school year. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Swanson to approve the milk bid from Anderson Erickson. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Purvis to approve the bread bid from Pan-O-Gold. Carried: 6-0

First reading of board policies 405.02, 411.02, 507.08R1, 704.01, 704.06, 704.06R1, 706.01, 706.02, 706.03, 706.03R1, 707.01, 707.04, 707.06 and rescind 504.5, 504.5R1, 707.02 and 707.03.

Motion by Harle, seconded by Burgardt to commit funding to the Central Rivers AEA. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Wilson to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Carried: 6-0.

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Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount

Checking Account ID 10 Fund Number 10

OPERATING FUND

43 NORTH IOWA, Student Work Experience..... 313.60

ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS, MONTHLY ADMIN FEE..... 62.40

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRICITY/GAS..... 14,010.88

AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 233.56

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO, MILK..... 42.89

ANDERSON PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING LLC..... 496.00

BELL PIANO SERVICE, SERVICE..... 375.00

BRITT FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES..... 66.53

CARLSON DRAINAGE, SERVICES..... 290.00

CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC, SUPPLIES..... 2,347.00

CITY OF BRITT, WATER/SEWER/BUILDING PERMITS..... 724.34

CITY OF KANAWHA, WATER, SEWER..... 448.34

COMMUNICATIONS 1 NETWORK, PHONE/INT.ACCESS/REPAIRS/CABLE..... 588.93

CONSTELLATION - NEW ENERGY, NATURAL GAS..... 2,174.77

CULLIGAN, WATER SERVICE..... 442.00

CULVER-HAHN ELECTRIC SUPPLY, SUPPLIES/SVC..... 1,711.60

FORGE BUILD NORTH IOWA LUMBER & DESIGN, SUPPLIES..... 38.10

GOLD-EAGLE COOPERATIVE, SUPPLIES/FUEL..... 2,045.30

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION..... 120.00

JACK'S O.K. TIRE SERVICE, WHEEL ALIGNMENT..... 705.75

LARGE WHEEL TESTING INTERNATIONAL INC, SERVICES..... 65.00

MECHANICAL AIR SYSTEMS CO., REPAIRS/SUPPLIES..... 3,595.00

MENARDS - MASON CITY, MATERIALS..... 499.99

MovingMinds, Classroom Furniture..... 222.88

NEW COOP, INC., GAS/DIESEL/ SUPPLIES..... 2,280.77

RELIABLE GLASS SOLUTIONS

LLC, PARTS..... 1,910.60

SICKELS, JALEN..... 672.74

SWENSON'S HARDWARE, SUPPLIES AND PARTS..... 745.76

TIMBERLINE BILLING, MEDICAID BILLING..... 450.36

TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, SUPPLIES/SVC..... 5,317.13

TRULSON AUTO PARTS, PARTS/ SUPPLIES/SERVICE..... 135.62

VISA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES..... 1,429.74

WASTE MGMT OF NORTHERN IOWA, GARBAGE SERVICE - BRITT/KAN..... 1,784.37

Fund Number 10..... 46,346.95

Checking Account ID 1..... 46,346.95

Checking Account ID 4

Fund Number 21 ACTIVITY

AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 267.62

AVERY THEATER, SERVICE..... 878.00

BELL PIANO SERVICE, SERVICE..... 86.00

BRITT FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES..... 566.85

CFA Fundraising..... 1,289.25

GIFTS SEW SWEET, SHIRTS/ SUPPLIES..... 2,335.06

GRAPHIC EDGE, LLC DBA GAME ONE, THE, SUPPLIES..... 2,749.32

GRIMCO, INC, EQUIPMENT..... 423.13

HENRY DOORLY ZOO..... 275.50

HEWETT WHOLESALE INC, SUPPLIES..... 901.84

HILLSIDE GOLF, MEALS..... 300.00

HISCOCKS, JAY, REIMBURSEMENT..... 100.00

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BROOKINGS, LODGING..... 700.33

INSTRUMENTALIST AWARDS LLC, SUPPLIES..... 96.00

JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY, SUPPLIES..... 15.99

JOSTENS, INC, ANNUAL/SUPPLIES..... 759.53

NASSP, NHS MEMBERSHIP..... 385.00

PEPSI-COLA GENERAL BOTTLERS, POP..... 712.46

RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP, SUPPLIES..... 2,787.93

SIDE TRACK LANES, BOWLING..... 455.00

SWENSON'S HARDWARE, SUPPLIES AND PARTS..... 54.22

Urban Air..... 174.99

VISA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES..... 356.67

WEISS, ETHAN, REIMBURSEMENT..... 37.81

WELP, MATTHEW, REIMBURSEMENT..... 107.85

WEST HANCOCK-CASH, PETTY CASH..... 117.50

WEST HANCOCK GENERAL FUND, TRANSFER/MILEAGE REIMB/MISC..... 1,860.00

Fund Number 21..... 18,793.85

Checking Account ID 4..... 18,793.85

Checking Account ID 5

Fund Number 61

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO, MILK..... 2,328.06

BRITT FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES..... 14.97

HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL, LLC, PEST CONTROL..... 300.00

MARTIN BROS. DISTRIBUTING CO., SUPPLIES..... 18,580.78

PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO, SUPPLIES..... 769.84

Fund Number 61..... 21,993.65

Checking Account ID 5..... 21,993.65