

Iowa County land transfers

RECORDED DEC. 26

Gary L. and Lesa Renee Wiedemeier to The Wiedemeier Farmland LLC, the northeast quarter of section 34 and the south half the northwest quarter of section 35, township 80, range 12.

The estate of Martin Jon Martinson to Kendrick Cox, the south half lot 2 of Hannah M. Long's Second Addition to the City of Williamsburg.

Jennifer Martinson to Kendrick Cox, the south half lot 2 of Hannah M. Long's Second Addition to the City of Williamsburg.

Lynn M. and Norma Kolosik to Marcia H. Cox, lot 6 in block 2 of Lutton's addition to the town of North English.

RECORDED DEC. 27

David F. and Suel-len Seaba, as trustees of David F. Seaba Living Trust, to Paul E. Sauter II and Ann Marie Sauter, the south five acres of the east 10 acres of the west 11 acres in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the west one acre in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter in section 33, township 79, range 12.

The estate of Harold Schmidt to Randall E. and Barbara A. Haman,

Auditor's Parcel 2024-37, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 22, township 79, range 12.

The estate of Harold Schmidt to Lucas Patrick and Tina Louise Otte, the north half the northwest quarter of section 22, township 79, range 12, except Auditor's Parcel 2024-37; and the south half the northwest quarter of section 22, township 79, range 12.

The estate of Harold Schmidt to Lucas Patrick and Tina Louise Otte, the north half the northeast quarter of section 21, township 79, range 12 except Auditor Parcel A in the northeast quarter.

The estate of Harold Schmidt to Loren Earl and Joleen A. Timm and Paul Verne and Jill Ellen Tim, an undivided half interest in the east 20 acres of the south half the southwest quarter of section 15, township 79, range 12.

Dwight and Rebecca Shaull to Dwight and Rebecca Shall, the northeast quarter of the southwest fractional quarter of section 18, township 78, range 11.

The estate of Donald E. Jack to Jane A. Goodlaxson and Linda J. Henry, undivided half interests in the west half the southeast quarter and



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the southwest quarter of section 27, township 78, range 12.

Jonnette Whetstine to Ashley Briscoe, lot 2 of block 16 of Gardner's Addition to the City of Marengo.

RECORDED DEC. 31

Trenton S. and Kelsie Maschmann to Leo Ehrenberger, lot 10, block 3, Wilson, Martin, Murphy and Gifford's First Addition to the Town of Victor.

The estate of Ella Cronbaugh to Donny M. Cronbaugh, the northeast fractional quarter of the northwest quarter and the west 11 acres of the northwest fractional quarter of the northeast

quarter, all in section 2, township 80, range 11, except Auditor's parcel 2014-47; and Auditor's Parcel 2024-30, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and a portion of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35, township 81, range 11; and Auditor's parcel 2024-31, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35, township 81, range 11; and an undivided one half interest in the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 2, township 80, range 11.

The trust of Max Cronbaugh to Donny M. Cronbaugh, an undivided half interest in the

southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 2, township 80, range 11; the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 26, township 81, range 12; the south 30 acres of the west half the southwest quarter of section 14 and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the south 15 ½ acres of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter all in section 15, township 81, range 12; the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter except a tract of ½ rods in the southeast quarter of section 23, township 81, range 12 west of the center of the public highway; all that part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 23 lying west of the middle of the highway running north and south and lying south of the middle of the highway running east and west through the quarter section in township 81, range 12, with exceptions; and other parts of section 23, township 81, range 12.

The estate of Ella Cronbaugh to Joshua B. Bean Amber A. Bean-

DeBernardo, Nathan S. Bean and Nicole A. Bean, divided interests in part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 35, township 81, range 11; and the east half the southwest quarter of section 35, township 81, range 11 with exceptions; and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 80, range 11; and the north half the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29, township 80, range 11, and the north half the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29, township 80, range 11; and part of the northwest quarter of section 29, township 80, range 11.

RECORDED JAN. 2

Kay L. Cook to Bradley G. Cook LLC, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter except a trip 20 feed wide along the east side, in section 18, township 81, range 12 and except Auditor's Parcel 2024-32.

Darren Smith to Payton Gerard, the north 50 feet of lot 31; the north half lot 33; the north half the west half lot 32 and the north 50 feet of the east half the north half lot 32 in the Original Town of Millersburg.

Iowa joins suit on housing efficiency standards

Kyle Dunphey,
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird joined Texas and 13 other GOP-led states to fight the federal government's "radical energy efficiency standards" that they say make affordable housing more expensive.

Filed Thursday in the U.S. Courts' Eastern District of Texas, the attorneys general are suing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, arguing that a section of the Cranston-Gonzalez Act — a 1990 law designed to help families afford down payments on their homes and keep housing affordable — is

unconstitutional.

The complaint takes issue with the Act's "Energy Efficiency Standards" section, which imposes regulations when constructing new public housing and single-family and multifamily residential housing. The standards often dictate the types of lighting, ventilation systems, roofs and heat pumps used in construction.

Calling that provision "well-meaning," the attorneys general say the statute is "now being stretched to the breaking point to support a green agenda that Congress never enacted."

According to the complaint, that section delegates efficiency standards to two private

organizations, the International Code Council and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers. That should be unconstitutional, the lawsuit alleges.

The regulations set by the law add on an extra \$8,345 to the cost of the new home, according to the federal government. But the lawsuit claims the real price is far higher, citing "estimates by industry professionals" that put an added cost of up to \$31,000 for each new home.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, those up-front costs are a worthy investment — over a 30-year mortgage, a more efficient home can

save the average single-family homeowner "an estimated \$25,100 in energy bills, producing a net savings of an estimated \$15,000 per household."

The standards make homes more comfortable and resilient to heat waves or extreme cold, the department says. Plus, they can reduce carbon emissions by nearly 6.35 million metric tons over 30 years, the equivalent of taking 46,000 cars off the road.

According to court documents, more than 161,000 new single-family housing units, and more than 17,000 new multifamily housing units, are impacted by the policies each year.

"For many Iowans, the American Dream is own-

ing a home to raise their family in," Bird said in a news release. "But because of the Biden-Harris radical, green mandates, many families will be priced out of homeownership completely. I am suing to protect affordable homes and help Iowa families make their American Dream a reality."

In addition to deeming the Energy Efficiency Standards section of the Cranston-Gonzalez Act unconstitutional, the lawsuit asks the court to prevent the federal government from adopting new versions of regulations set by the International Code Council and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

The lawsuit was also

joined by attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia. The National Association of Home Builders also signed on to the lawsuit.

"We have an affordability crisis in the home market," said Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers. "These codes will only make things worse by inflating costs and decreasing production of needed housing. Nebraskans didn't elect these groups to make these decisions, and they should not be allowed to push the dream of owning a home further out of reach."

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Belle Plaine, Iowa
December 19, 2024**

A special meeting of the Belle Plaine Community School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the media center of the Jr/Sr High School, Belle Plaine.

Members Present: Val Coffman, Rima Johnson, Tylar Gallagher, Andy Neuhaus

Members Absent: Alicia Jacobi

Administration Present: Chad Straight, Ryan Devereux, Heather Coover

Board Secretary Present: Stacey Kolars

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

Press Representative: None

The meeting was called to order by President Coffman at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Motion Neuhaus, second Johnson to approve the agenda. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion on Possible 4-Day Schedule with Staff – Information was presented to all staff members regarding a possible 4-day schedule for the 25-26 school year. Discussion took place that included questions on contract days, academic trends, day care situations, teacher work days, sports days/potential conflicts and community/parent input. The discussion was an initial meeting to gather input from all staff to see if the 4-day schedule was something the board would move forward with in presenting it to the community in the form of a public forum where parents and community members, as well as staff members could provide input and ask questions. No action was taken.

There was motion by Neuhaus, second by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Valerie Coffman, Board President
Stacey Kolars, Board Secretary

Motion made by Seack, seconded by Cross to approve Resolution 2024-11-02: Approval of Transfer of Funds between Savings/Checking. All Ayes.

Motion made by Morrow, seconded by Boddicker to approve Resolution 2024-11-03: Approval of Transfer of Funds to Capital Accounts. All Ayes.

Motion made by Visser, seconded by Cross to approve Resolution 2024-11-04: CD Renewal. All Ayes.

Motion made by Vogeler, seconded by Kaestner to have ECICOG assist with writing grant for a fire suppression system. All Ayes.

Motion made by Vogeler, seconded by Cross to approve the FY 25-26 Budget. All Ayes.

Motion to adjourn made by Visser, seconded by Seack. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Chairperson

DECEMBER 2024 BILLS

Vendor: Open Balance

ALTORFER 3,823.82

CARQUEST 244.88

CR/LC SOLID WASTE AGENCY 90.00

CROW TRUCKING 313.69

DAN MARTIN REPAIR 60.00

ECICOG 100.00

HLW ENGINEERING 500.00

HOUSBY HEAVY EQUIPMENT 1,952.81

ISAC 2,587.00

Jennifer L Zahradnik 650.00

J&R HAULING 484.95

MRS. ELLEN O'ROURKE

KIMMAS MINI MART 199.54

Loras Schulte 100.00

MARTIN EQUIPMENT 2,315.55

MIDWEST ELECTRONIC AND RECOVERY 552.50

MUTUAL OF OMAHA 185.68

NUTRIEN 1,275.34

POWESHIEK WATER 49.25

RABE HARDWARE 13.99

RAPID REPRODUCTIONS INC 34.51

REC 177.96

USA COMMUNICATIONS 125.64

VISA 121.00

WENDLING QUARRIES 3,337.83

WMPPF GROUP LLC 79.30

Total to Date 19,375.22

aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chvala, seconded by O'Rourke to appoint Wendy Avers as Board Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Secretary Avers administered the Oath of Office to Board Vice President Dan Slaymaker.

A motion was made by Chvala, seconded by Rabe to approve the 3rd Wednesday of the month for regular board meetings. Board meetings will start at 5:30pm. Motion carried.

Regular Business – Consent Agenda

A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Rabe to approve the consent agenda:

Minutes of the November 20th, 2024 meeting: financial reports, payment of bills for the month of December; approve Tiffany Pederson and Nicole Folkmann as Teacher Associates, and Lance Pederson's resignation as Assistant Softball coach.

Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

The board discussed the board committees. A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Chvala to approve the following board committee appointments:

a. Policy: Ellen Young and Bobbi Miller

b. Negotiation: Dan Slaymaker and Annie Rabe

e. Superintendent Sharing: Bobbi Miller and Dan Slaymaker

f. County Conference Board: Jillisa Chvala

The board discussed the Early Separation Package. Superintendent Rheingans' recommendation is \$10,000 for the 25-26 school years and those same employees will get \$20,000 the 26-27 school year. Superintendent Rheingans explained the reason for a 2-year package is that the district will receive a \$20,000 one-year tax break on the levy. This plan will have very little if any impact on the tax rate. A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Rabe to approve the Early Separation Plan. Roll call vote. Slaymaker aye, O'Rourke aye, Rabe aye, Chvala aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed opening a daycare area for 3 and 4 year olds. Administration informed the board that the district will run it and Compass will help with some financial assistance. Administration informed the board that a plan will be brought forward. A motion was made by Chvala, seconded by O'Rourke to explore options to start a daycare. Motion carried.

The board discussed a new condensing unit of walk in cooler at the high school. The cost is \$7,225.00. The current condenser was installed in 1991. ACE Refrigeration will complete the work. A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Rabe to approve the bill for \$7,225 from ACE Refrigeration. Motion carried.

A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Chvala to approve to rescind the open enrollment, for Tylan Graf due to lack of attendance. Motion carried.

The board discussed purchasing entry rugs with school graphics from Lashier Graphic for 777.07 each and 2 runners \$11.14. The total will be 13,455.40. A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Rabe to approve the purchase of entry rugs from Lashier Graphic for \$13,455.50. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Drop Out/At Risk application/MSA for the 2025-2026 school year.

Amount of \$136,586. A motion was made by Rabe, seconded by Chvala to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget

Review Committee in the amount of \$136,586 for MSA for the purpose of expenditures related to drop out prevention/at risk curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote. Slaymaker aye, Rabe aye, O'Rourke aye, Chvala aye. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. Motion carried.

The board discussed purchasing new wrestling practice mats. A motion was made by Chvala, seconded by O'Rourke to approve the purchase of new wrestling practice mats for \$28,804. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Legislative Supper – The meeting/supper is being held in January.

January agenda: Furniture bids, bids for next summer.

A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Chvala to adjourn at 5:58pm. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Wendy Avers
Board Secretary

MINUTES CITY OF MARENGO CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Marengo Council Chambers December 19, 2024		
Call to Order by Mayor Rabe at 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2024. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach. Absent: Karen Wavson-Kisling. Quorum declared by Rabe.		
Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Gerard. Absent: Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Attorney Gage Kensler; Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media.		
Members of the Public Present: None. Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe. Approval of Agenda – December 19, 2024		
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Schlabach. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlachab. Nays: None. Motion Carried.		
Consent Agenda		
Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2024, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$124,286.53. November 2024 Revenues totaling \$418,266.96. Approval of Liquor License for Casa Oaxaca LLC dba J.A. Casa Magnolia. Acceptance of Resignation for Officer Richard Parkinson. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlachab. Nays: None. Motion Carried.		
Adjourment		
Motion by Olson. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlachab. Nays: None. Motion Carried.		
City of Marengo Claims - 12.19.24		
Fund Name Fund		
General Fund 0001	\$6,708.86	
Water Main 110	\$18,766.52	
Pool Renovation/Donations 312	\$5,785.00	
Wastewater Treatment Plant 328	\$9,200.00	
Dual Main Project #2 337	\$8,438.00	
Water Main Street/Court Water Main 342	\$27,930.27	
Mayor Fund 600 \$55.21		
Sewer Fund 610	\$13,920.80	

Total: \$90,804.66		
Payee	Amount	Description
PAYROLL & Council Pay	\$27,177.45	12.20.24 Payroll & 2024 Council
EFT Payments		
Citizens State Bank	\$76.98	December 2024 Fees
Mettlife	1,392.26	Jan 2025 Mettlife Insurance
Wellmark	1,423.13	Jan 2025 Health Insurance
Iowa Dept of Revenue	3,412.05	November Sales Tax
EFT TOTAL: 6,304.42		
Alliant Energy	\$1,267.86	Nov Electric-CH, PW
Amazon Business	\$50.15	Lights, Spray, Thumbs Drives-PD
Beyond the Pages	\$1,204.88	Vball, Fball, Soccer Jerseys – MRC
Dakota Supply Group	\$9,688.00	Dual Main/Sweeper Brushes –PW
Dave Schmitt Construction	\$26,148.27	November Sales Tax
Iowa County Extension	\$45.00	Nov/Dec Fire Calls – FD
REC	\$43.20	Welcom Sign Electric – Parks
Roto Rooter	\$13,870.00	Televising 11/12-15 – PW
Veenstra & Kimm	\$10,982.00	May Street & WWTP – PW
WMPPF	\$733.59	Legals – CH
Windstream	\$333.69	Nov Phone/Internet – PW
CHECK TOTAL: 90,804.66		
LIBRARY TOTAL: 0.00		
GRAND TOTAL: 124,286.53		
Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$90,804.66		
Adam Rabe, Mayor		
Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator		

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CASE NO. ESPR009648

THE HOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BENTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **GEORGE A VILETA**, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **GEORGE A VILETA**, Deceased, who died on or about November 24, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on December 20, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of **GEORGE A VILETA**, deceased, bearing date of August 17, 2005, and First Codicil to Last Will and Testament, dated February 11, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Lorraine E Vileta was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will, who wish to contest are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly

authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated December 20, 2024.

Lorraine E Vileta, Executor of Estate
1179 72nd St, Keystone, IA 52249

Jennifer L Zahradnik, ICIS#: AT0008656
Attorney for Executor
Kollmergen, Schlue & Zahradnik, P.C.
920 12th St, PO Box 283
Belle Plaine, IA 52208
Date of second publication: 15th day of January, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELLE PLAINE, IOWA, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN FOR THE BELLE PLAINE URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA FOR THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, IOWA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE CODE OF IOWA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That there is now on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of Belle Plaine, Iowa (the "City"), an Amended and Restated Urban Revitalization Plan (the "Restated Plan") for the Belle Plaine Urban Revitalization Area (the "Urban Revitalization Area") within the City.

This City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m., on January 15, 2025, at the Belle Plaine City Council Chambers, 1207 8th Avenue, Belle Plaine, Iowa, at which time a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 404 of the Code of Iowa (the "Act") on the proposal to adopt the Restated Plan, pursuant to the provisions of the Act. At such public hearing all residents of the City, and any other person having an interest in the matter may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the Restated Plan, pursuant to the Act. The Restated Plan will update the provisions of the Plan with respect to tax exemption for the residential, commercial and industrial tax classifications.

Published by order of the City Council of the City of Belle Plaine, Iowa.
Sandy Walton
City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of South English, Keokuk County, Iowa has adopted a resolution to adopt the new city ordinance book which contains only the most current updated state laws and all pre-existing ordinances. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on January 14, 2025 at the North Keokuk County Fire Dept. located at 401 Broadway St. South English, Iowa for purposes of obtaining public input about the new ordinance book. Copies can be obtained by contacting the city clerk at 319-667-2714 or an email request can be sent to southenglishbigea@netins.net and an electronic copy will be emailed to you.

POLICE OFFICER: Indianola Police Department is taking applications for the positions of Police/Patrol Officer. Obtain applications by visiting <https://indianolaiowa.applicant> , choose Police Officer. Deadline 2/7/2025 EOE