

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 Kolesik 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, 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.

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 northwest quarter of section 22, township 79, range 12, except Auditor's 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 Shull 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 the northeast quarter of section 27, township 78, range 12.

Jonnette Whetstone 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 1/2 acres of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter all in section 15, township 81, range 12; the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter except a tract of 1/2 rods in the southeast quarter of section 23, township 81, range 12; that part of the northeast quarter of the southwest 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 feet 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 Dunphy,
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. High School, Belle Plaine.

Members Present: Val Coffman, Rima Johnson, Tyler 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 by Neuhaus, second Johnson to approve the agenda. All voted, "aye."

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 terms, 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 made at 2:48 p.m. All voted, "aye." Motion carried.

Valerie Coffman, Board President

Stacey Kolars, Board Secretary

Benton County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

November 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Regular meeting of the Benton County Solid Waste Disposal Commission was held Thursday November 21, 2024 at the Van Horne Community Center. Present was Brian McNulty, Blairstown, Eric Werner, Landfill Manager, Jon Kaestner, County, Doug Kearns, Garrison, Alicia Presto, ECICOG, Lyle Morrow, Belle Plaine, Jared Vogeler, Van Horne, Amy Bodenker, County, Mike Seeck, County, Bruce Visser, Atkins and Bruce Cross, Newhall.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Kearns at 6:30 PM.

Motion made by Visser, seconded by Vogeler to approve the October 17, 2024 minutes, All Ayes.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Motion made by Morrow, seconded by Cross to accept the Treasurer's Report. All Ayes.

The Landfill Manager's Report included equipment maintenance, DNR inspection, feedback about convenience area and hauling water. Motion made by Seeck, seconded by Cross to accept the Landfill Manager's Report.

The ECICOG report included school assemblies, summer reading programs, CLS food waste audit, upcoming training, and an employee update. Motion made by Bodenker, seconded by Cross to accept the ECICOG report. All Ayes.

Motion made by Visser, seconded by Cross to approve Resolution 2024-11-01: Approval of Expenditures. All Ayes.

Iowa Valley Community School District Minutes of Regular Meeting held 12/21/24

Attendees:

Mr. Dan Slaymaker Mrs. Annie Rabe

Mrs. Jilissa Chvala

Mrs. Ellen O'Rourke

Members absent: Bobbi Miller

Non-Voting Members:

Mrs. Wendy Ayers Board Secretary

Others present: Mr. Curt Rheingans, Jason Befrits, Liesl Yuneik, Winona (Hometown Current), M. Graft, Scott Hamlin

Call to Order

A. Vice President Slaymaker called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by O'Rourke

Motion seconded by Rabe to approve the agenda.

Voting: Unanimously Approved. 4-0 Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dan Slaymaker read the Mission Statement

Unfinished Business:

Elect of Officers:

A nomination was made by O'Rourke to nominate Bobbi Miller as Board President. Slaymaker aye, O'Rourke aye, Rabe aye, Chvala aye. Motion carried.

Elect of Vice President:

A nomination was made by O'Rourke to nominate Dan Slaymaker as Board Vice President. Seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote. Slaymaker aye, Rabe aye, Chvala

Approval of Expenditures:

A motion was made by Rabe to approve the expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the school supplies. Motion carried.

Approval of School Budget:

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