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hits in the game. He hit a single, a double and knocked in two runs for Louisa-Muscatine. Chase Loving hit a single and Ty Rosenboom recorded a RBI for the Falcons.

Eli McKinney was the leader of the Van Buren County offense with four singles and three RBIs in the win.

Wapello splits season series with Lone Tree

LONE TREE – The Wapello Indians’ only win of 2025 came off a walk-off win over the Lone Tree Lions earlier in the season. Lone Tree was out for retribution when they hosted the Indians in their second game this year on June 20.

The Lion offense exploded for six runs in the first inning, and followed it up with two in the second, two in the third and two more in the fourth to end the game in four innings of play with a final score of 12-2.

Sophomore Kinnick Richenberger had a great night hitting for the Indians, recording three singles and knocking in an RBI. Kolton Small recorded two singles, and Cully Fry also drove in a run for the Indian offense.

Brody Magruder and Owen Eden both finished with two hits and three RBIs for

Lone Tree in the win.

Huskies spoil Wildcat rally with 5-3 win

RIVERSIDE – The Highland Huskies and Columbus Wildcats squared off in another SEISC North matchup on Friday, June 20 in Riverside.

A young Huskie team jumped out on top of Columbus team that has struggled offensively late in the season to get a home win over the Wildcats with a final score of 5-3.

Highland led the game 5-0 after the second inning, before the Wildcat offense woke up and plated a run in the fifth and sixth. They were able to get another run across in the seventh, but it was too little, too late, and the Huskies earned the conference win 5-3.

Ellie Sanders, Lily Coil and Jacqueline Farrier all drove in a run for the Wildcats in the loss. Coil and Daniela Diaz both had two hits for the Wildcat offense.

Wildcats win Cardinal softball tourney

ELDON – The Columbus Wildcat softball team traveled to Eldon to compete in a four-team softball tournament on Saturday,

June 21. Their first matchup saw them taking on the 6-10 home team Cardinal Comets.

The Comets scored four runs in the first two innings to take a 4-0 lead early in the game. The Wildcats got on track in the fourth and drove in two runs and then followed it up with three more in the fifth to regain the lead 5-4.

Cardinal did get another run in the sixth, but Columbus scored three more runs in the final two frames to earn a 8-5 victory and advance to the championship game of the tournament.

Senior Lily Coil got the win from the circle with 11 strikeouts. She also led the offense with three hits, two doubles and an RBI. Daniela Diaz and Kennedy Woepking both drove in two runs for the Wildcats in the win.

The championship bout saw the Wildcats taking on the Keokuk Chiefs. They scored 14 runs in the dismantling of the Chiefs to go 2-0 in the tournament and be crowned champs of the weekend.

Coil once again led the offense with three hits and three RBIs. Ellie Sanders had two hits that drove in five total runs for the Wildcats. Kennedy Woepking, Jacqueline Farrier and Daniela Diaz all finished with two hits in the win.

Arrows earn crown in home softball tourney

WAPELLO – The Wapello Arrows played in their annual softball tournament on Saturday, June 21, at Carl Mac McGill Athletic Complex. They hosted the Mt. Pleasant Panthers, Camanche Storm and Wilton Beavers.

Their first game of the tournament saw them take on the Mt. Pleasant Panthers. The Arrows took care of business, earning a 10-0 victory in four innings of play. Mila Jordan was the winning pitcher in the match and hit a three-run homerun for the Arrows.

Clara Ball also had a great game at the plate, driving in a couple runs for Wapello, and Kaylor Veach saw the same positive results, as she ended the game with her second RBI of the match on a single to right field.

Wilton won their first game against Camanche, so that meant the Arrows would take on the Beavers in the championship game later that afternoon. The Arrows defended the home turf and took down the Beavers with a final score of 7-4 to improve their record to 10-8 and be crowned champs of their own tournament.

LEGALS

LOUISA COUNTY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL THE VACANCY OF LOUISA COUNTY TREASURER BY APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., the Louisa County of Board of Supervisors will fill the vacancy of the Louisa County Treasurer by appointment pursuant to Code of Iowa §69.14A(2). The Board will convene in the Louisa County Annex, 503 Franklin St, Wapello, IA 52653.

Eligible electors of Louisa County have the right to file a petition with the County Auditor requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election. The petition requires a minimum of 515 signatures of eligible electors in Louisa County and must be filed within 14 days after publication of this notice or within 14 days of the actual appointment.

This notice is published in accordance with §69.14A of the Code of Iowa.

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WAPELLO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Directors Regular Meeting 6-11-25

The Wapello Board of Education met in an open session for their monthly meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Building Board Room. Those present included Sarah Bockes, Kerri Horton, Kenny Marlette, Brandon Marquardt, Dave Moore, and Supt. Peterson. The meeting was live-streamed on the Wapello CSD YouTube Channel.

Call to Order: President Brandon Marquardt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Marlette moved and was seconded by Horton to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Community Forum - Approval of Minutes: The motion was made by Bockes and seconded by Marlette to approve the minutes as prepared. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Approval of Bills: Bockes made a motion and Horton seconded to approve the bills presented for payment with added pre-approvals. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Financial Report: Marlette moved, seconded by Moore, to approve the May 2025 financial report. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Administrative Reports: Supt. Peterson – Summer Lunch Business Services Sharing Agreement with Morning Sun Tony Johnson, High School Principal - End of the School Year, 8th Grade Trip to Adventureland Move Up Day End of the Year Awards Handbook Changes Middle School Schedule Change Brett Nagle, Elementary Principal - End of the School Year Maintenance and Playground Handbook Changes Activity Director – Brandon Brown Coaching Recommendations Congratulations to the following athletes: Kolton Small, Conference Champion in Shot Put, Runner Up in Discus, District Champion in Shot Put

and Discus, and 6th place finisher in Shot Put and 14th in Discus at the State Track Meet

Kate Lanz - State Qualifier in the 200 and 400 Emmalin Marshall - Regional Golf Champion, 38th Place at the State Meet

Boys Golf qualified for the District Round of Golf Wyatt Marlette, Honorable Mention - All Conference Team Crew Peters, Runner Up Medalist at Conference Justyn Faulkner, Conference Champion in 400 M

What are the thoughts of the board on creating a JH Soccer Program?

Possible new class for HS Students, Wapello Sports and Activity Network

Curriculum - Shannon Salazar - Spring FAST Data is ready to share

Scheduling AEA Consultants for the 25-26 School Year Health Leadership will meet in a few weeks to wrap up 24-25 and to start on 25-26

Business Services - Eric Small Certified Budget Update for FY26 The FY25 tax rate was \$13.21/\$1,000 for the assessed valuation. The preliminary tax rate set for the FY26 Budget was \$13.76/\$1,000. After SSA was set and working towards the final tax rate for FY26, the new effective tax rate should drop to \$12.79/\$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2026. This would be a drop of \$0.42/\$1,000.

Personnel

a. Terminations - None b. Hires - Allison Ruth, Elementary Student Council

Allison Ruth, Elementary Year-book Taren Samuels, Elementary Student Council

Taren Samuels, Elementary Year-book Hunter Brooks, Morning Strength and Conditioning

Craig Carlson, Asst. HS Girls Wrestling Coach

Horton motioned and seconded Bockesto approve the above employment items. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

c. Resignations - New Business: Consideration to Approve Fund-raisers - None at this time.

Consideration to Approve Board Policies – Supt. Peterson recommended that the board approve reviewing the following policies:

2021-Board of Directors Elections 202.1 - Qualifications 202.2 - Oath of Office 202.3 - Term of Office 202.4 - Vacancies

A motion by Bockes, seconded by Moore, to approve the above-board policies. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Milk Bid for 2025-2026– Foodservice Director Amanda Harris presented the bids for Milk from two suppliers, Prairie Farms and Anderson-Erickson. Moore seconded Horton's motion to accept the bid from Anderson-Erickson for 2025-2026. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Consideration to Approve Handbook Additions/Changes – Supt. Peterson presented to the board some proposed changes that the WEA brought to the Superintendent through the Labor/Management Committee.

After discussion by the board on the proposal, there was a motion by Horton and seconded by Moore to approve an increase of personal days to 5 days, with no rollover and no buyback, removing the \$75/day

buyback for certified staff currently in place. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Handbooks for 2025-2026 - The following handbooks have been presented for approval:

Coaches/Sponsor Student Athlete Elementary Staff Elementary Parent/Student Middle School/High School - Student/Parent

District Certified Staff District Non-Certified Staff Horton seconded Bockes' motion to approve the changes to the handbooks listed above. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Purchase of Science Curriculum - Curriculum Coordinator Shannon Salazar presented to the board a quote for a science curriculum that will continue the district on the path to a unified science curriculum. The quote was from Kendall Hunt for \$9,992.24. Moore seconded Horton's motion to approve the purchase of a new science curriculum for \$9,992.24. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration of Approval to Participate in the Storm Protection Fund, an Iowa Code Chapter 28E Entity and Chapter 670 Risk Pool.

School Business Official Eric Small walked the board through a new 28E and Chapter 670 Risk Pool that is being formed throughout the state to deal with rising deductibles on Wind/Hail Claims on school facilities. Currently, the district's facilities are valued at just over \$58,000,000 and carry a 1% deductible. If a significant wind or hail storm damaged the facilities, the district would need to come up with \$580,000 in deductible funds to repair the damage. By joining this new risk pool, the district can buy down its exposure to a \$10,000/storm deductible for wind and hail claims as shown in this detailed breakdown from Jester Insurance. There was a motion by Horton and seconded by Moore to approve a buy-in amount of \$21,892 to join the Storm Protection Fund, an Iowa Code Chapter 28E Entity and Chapter 670 Risk Pool. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Items for the Next Regular Board Meeting - Supt. Peterson asked the board for any agenda items for the July meeting.

Youth Soccer Elementary Playground Softball Drainage

Consideration to Set Date for July Board Meeting: Bockes moved, seconded by Horton, to set the July 2025 Board meeting for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Go Into Closed Session as per Code of Iowa 21.5(e) - To discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor.

Marlette's motion was to go into closed session at 9:10 a.m. The motion was seconded by Moore. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted yes.

Marlette seconded Horton's motion to come out of closed session at 9:40 a.m. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted yes.

Action Following Closed Session: Bockes' motion was seconded by Horton to expel a student (Student 10717) for one calendar year with the opportunity to reapply for admission on or after 6/11/2026 per Iowa Code. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted yes.

Adjustment: Motion by Horton and seconded by Moore to adjourn. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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WAPELLO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Directors Special Meeting 5-29-25

The Wapello Board of Education met for a special meeting at 3:00

p.m. at the Wapello CSD Central Administration Office Board Room. Those present included Sarah Bockes, Kerri Horton, Kenny Marlette, Brandon Marquardt, and Supt. Peterson. Dave Moore was absent.

President Brandon Marquardt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: There was a motion by Horton and seconded by Marlette to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

New Business: Consideration to Go Into Closed Session Per Code of Iowa 21.5(a): At 3:02 p.m. There was a motion by Bockes and seconded by Marlette to go into Closed Session per Code of Iowa 21.5(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

At 3:43 p.m., there was a motion by Bockes and seconded by Marlette to come out of closed session. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

With there being no further business, there was a motion by Horton and seconded by Marlette to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

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CITY OF WAPELLO Wapello City Council Proceedings June 4, 2025

Mayor Brett Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Gene Arnold, Troy Mitchell, Nathan Belzer, Jason Marshall, and Tony Hammer present. Larry Wagg, Bill Stigge absent

Motion by Belzer, seconded by Marshall: to approve the agenda, Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Hammer: to approve the consent agenda, consisting of May 15, 2025 minutes, \$110,325.88 in bills: and Tabacco License Renewal for Dollar General & Caseys #2498Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Marshall, seconded by Belzer: to approve Quote from Iowa Pump Works to replace pump Vernon Street Lift Station in the amount of \$27,479.17: Vote: all ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Hammer, seconded by Marshall: to approve Service Agreement with Public Consulting Group LLC GEMT Program: Vote: all ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Hammer: to approve the following mayor appointment Danielle Black to the Swimming Pool Board, Leanne Black & Dave Marlette to the Library Board, Paige Hamilton to the Civic Center Board and Bill Barrick, Sam Willson and Arron Black to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Vote: all ayes. Motion carried

Discussion was held on waving the sewer fee when filling a swimming pool, no action was taken.

Committee/Board Reports Councilor Marshall, new a new vacuum at Briggs, wants to see if the water can be drained off street an Aspen Dr and Roy-El Rd and question what can be done with the house and business that has had house wrap on them for years.

Fire Department Report Chief Michels gave report on calls answered, update on new Fire Station and different grants that he has written.

No Mayor, Public Works, Ambulance or Sheriff Office Report

Motion by Hammer, seconded by Arnold: to adjourned: Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourn at 6:30pm

Brett Shafer, Mayor Mike Delzell, City Clerk

City of Wapello Bill List June 4, 2025

Acco - pool chemicals..... 1,946.07 Allied National – health insurance 6,825.00 Badger Meter - reading..... 98.22 Black's Appliance - refig repair - amb..... 157.00

Bloomberg, Howard - sharpening Blades..... 88.00 Cintas - 1st aid supplies 58.03 City of Wapello Health Care 2,769.60 Community Bank - start up cash pool..... 200.00 Davison Fuel - fuel..... 529.34 Delta Dental - insurance 399.00 Edwards, Dustin - mowing..... 412.50 EFTPS - 5/1-15/25 withholding..... 5,048.73 EFTPS - 5/16-31/25 withholding..... 7,197.15 Fire Service Training – testing fee 50.00 Gast machine - fire truck 1,920.00 Hawkins - chemicals..... 2,567.90 IA Dept of Revenue – sale tax 639.30 IA Dept of Revenue - wet 1,905.94 IA Dept of Revenue – withholding..... 1,135.18 IA league of Cities – grant finder 100.00 IA One Call - locates..... 25.20 IA Pump Works - vernon st lift station 2,000.00 IA River Tree Service - tree removal 2,650.00 IPERS - may 25..... 7,808.28 McDonald Supply - toilets – pool..... 615.20 Mediapolis Saving Bank – flower 43.42 Menards - acid - pool..... 89.90 Meter Deposit Refund..... 245.14 Midwest Breathing Air - fire compressor 1,105.00 Midwest Flooring Concept - pool floor 7,500.00 Moore Plumbing - rough in - big shed 759.50 Payroll - 5/1-15/25 15,702.70 Payroll - 5/16-31/25 24,641.79 Phelps - mats..... 66.41 Procure - drug Plan 50.00 Raco - alarm agent -repair..... 425.00 Red Lion Renewables – solar..... 6,808.53 Refreshment Service - pop – pool 511.56 Screamer Express – hauling gravel 621.60 SEIRMC - amb supplies 158.59 SEIRMC - fire - testing..... 443.68 T Mobile - ambulance 149.65 Test - water testing 149.00 The Wapello Morning Sun - publications 543.61 United Rental – trencher rental 293.00 US Postmaster - stamps..... 511.00 US Postmaster - water bills 523.04 Wade Service - cleaning.. 1,100.00 Wapello Auto Parts - parts..... 53.12 Wehmeyer, Justin - window 685.00 Total 110,325.88

Disbursements

General Fund 45,794.50 Ambulance Service..... 26,375.44 Road Use 6,941.94 N Park Shed Project..... 1,052.50 Water 13,884.92 Sewer 16,031.43 Meter Deposit Refund..... 245.15 Total 110,325.88

May 2025 Receipts

General Fund 78,011.91 Fire Department Fund 390.08 Ambulance Fund 55,763.54 Park Savings 357.45 Pool Savings 78.38 Revita,ization Fund..... 1,900.00 Briggs Center..... 67.66 Mural Fund 6.42 Health Care Account..... 3,245.04 Road Use 25,469.47 Employee Benefit 7,963.84 LOST..... 17,727.54 Debt Service..... 6,928.45 Fire Station Fund 81.54 Water Fund 38,636.14 Sewer Fund 51,039.91 Customer Deposits 750.00 Totals 288,417.37

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LOUISA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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June 10, 2025

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Supervisor's office. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Shawn Maine, Chair. The following board members were present: Scot Hunt and Kevin Hardin. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. Public attending meeting: Jim Rudisill, Bill Poggenmiller, Bill Small, Randy Schlutz, Randy Foor, Carie Murray, Cyndi Mears, Ed Mears, Barb Kerr, Randy Griffin, Kathy Jolly-Vance, Brian Thyne,

Adam Shutt, Jacob Ewart, Ed Fisher, and Adam Parsons. Assessor's Office, Records Office, Secondary Roads, Beth Hardin, Laura Havel, Leah McElhinney/Public Health, and Tim Coleman via zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Hardin, second Hunt to approve agenda for June 10, 2025 with motion to move item #11 to end of the Agenda.

Motion Hunt, second Hardin to approve minutes for June 3, 2025.

Hunt spoke with Farm Service regarding bid for LP tank. Hardin did not attend any meetings. Maine spoke with Red Lion Renewable Energy Solar regarding when they are connecting Courthouse to Solar Panels.

No payroll changes to report. Public Input is Randy Foor wants the Board of Supervisors aware of Governor Reynolds discussion last week regarding county consolidation. Other public input was from Jacob Ewart who reports he has hired Brian Thyne as the seasonal mower for the Complex.

Kathy Jolly-Vance, Historical Preservation, requested the Board of Supervisors approve contract for Eocene Environmental Group consulting services in preparation of: A Downtown Historic Survey for Columbus Jct. & Wapello. Hunt asked if the County would be responsible for any of the \$20,000 cost for the survey & Kathy explained that cities will each pay \$16,000, Historical Preservation \$2,000, & remaining amount will come from grants. Maine abstains from vote as he is a business owner in downtown Wapello.

Motion Hunt, second Hardin to approve Contract for Consulting for Downtown Historic Inventories Project.

Motion Hardin, second Hunt to approve ISAC HIPAA Service Agreement for FY2026.

Adam Shutt, Engineer, gave weekly update.

Adam Shutt, Engineer and Adam Parsons discussed vacating Ashland Subdivision Right of Way. Adam Shutt explained that Beacon shows this as a ROW, which is incorrect, and would not be under Secondary Roads jurisdiction. According to Adam Parsons, the alley is owned by the County, County would need to vacate first, then execute quit claim deeds. Shutt suggested splitting the alley among neighbors and quit claim deed with no money exchanged. Board of Supervisors agreed and asked that Selena add approval to proceed to vacate alley on next week's Agenda, with transfer after. Adam Parsons will work on getting a legal description.

Motion Hardin; second Hunt to table item #12 until next week's Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting on motion adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Shawn Maine, Chairman of Board

Selena Gerst, Clerk Published in the Wapello Morning Sun June 26, 2025.

MORNING SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Meeting June 18, 2025 - 5:45 p.m.

The Morning Sun Community School District Board of Directors met in open session for its regular monthly meeting at 5:45 p.m. on June 18, 2025, in the school library. President Ashley Zweibohmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Mica Boulton, Jennifer Greiner, Joesey Lomeli, Jon Malone, and Ashley Zweibohmer were present. Several guests were also present.

Agenda Approval: Lomeli moved to approve the agenda, and Boulton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Communication from the Public in Attendance: Consent Agenda: Boulton moved, seconded by Malone, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Principal's Report - Mr. Steve gave his monthly report to the board. Highlights of the report included: Summer school is underway with 17 students attending three days a

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