

Relay for Life



Participants bow their heads during the opening prayer at the Benton County Relay For Life in Van Horne June 1. (Photo by Jim Magdefrau)



The Van Horne American Legion opens the Benton County Relay for Life June 1 with the presentation of the colors. Relay for Life is an annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. (Photo by Jim Magdefrau)



Children run the track in Van Horne during Benton County's Relay For Life last weekend. (Photo by Jim Magdefrau)



Carrying the banner during the survivor's lap of the Benton County Relay for Life are Janet Knaack, Cindy Schoenfelder and Trice Smith. (Photo by Jim Magdefrau)

New signs in Amana will limit loading, unloading

By Winiona Whitaker,
Hometown Current

MARENGO — Iowa County will place bus loading signs with time limits at three bump-outs in Amana after receiving complaints that buses and other vehicles are parking there for long periods of time.

Sandy Newkirk, who operates Amazing Grace Antiques on the corner of 220th Trail and 45th Avenue, told county supervisors last month that buses sometimes park in the bump-out on 45th Avenue for hours, impeding business at her store. She asked the county to prohibit parking there.

But County Attorney Nick Amelon said the bump-outs were created for bus loading and unloading in 2004.

Supervisors voted Friday to put up signs limiting parking in the three areas to 15 minutes for the purpose of loading and unloading visiting buses.

“I did go out and meet with Sandy,” Supervisor Jon Degen said Friday. He also talked with the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, he said.

The Visitors Center planned to send information about the loading time-limits and parking locations to bus companies that visit Amana, Degen said. The letter includes a map showing the three loading areas.

“If we do put a restriction on it, ... if there’s a complaint, it’s got to be followed up on, so ... the sheriff’s office needs to be notified,” said Degen.

The sheriff assured Degen that during special events a deputy is usually close to that area, especially during Oktoberfest, Degen said.

“So it’s still up to me to police that, then,” said Newkirk.

“No, not just up to you,” said Degen. “Whoever wants to complain.”

Newkirk said she appreciated Degen going to Amana and looking into the situation but asked what she should do about the big motor coaches when they park there.

“That’s just a call to the sheriff’s office,” Degen said.

Degen told Newkirk not to feel like she’s being unfriendly by calling the sheriff’s office. The sheriff’s just going to come up and talk to them, he said.

It may take a deputy more than 15 minutes to get there, said Degen, but Newkirk needs to call the sheriff’s department anyway.

Eventually people will learn they can’t park there, said Degen. “If it’s a bus driver, it’s going to get around the company, I think,” he said.

“I think we just have to move forward and work with it, and try to ad-



Iowa County Supervisors voted last week to erect new signs, similar to this one, at three bus loading locations in Amana. The new signs will limit bus loading and unloading to 15 minutes. (Submitted photo)

just things if we need to adjust things if it’s not working,” said Degen. “But I think it’s a good start.”

Supervisor Abby Maas told Newkirk not to address a driver directly but to call the sheriff’s department and let an officer deal with it. “They’re not going to know who called them in,” she said.

“I know that seems kind of petty to have to call the sheriff’s office on someone,” said Maas, but Newkirk shouldn’t confront violators herself.

Newkirk said she had a dozen people on the patio last month and a bus parked in the loading zone and ran its diesel for 90 minutes, blowing exhaust at the patio. She said she’d prefer the county make those areas no parking or handicapped parking instead of bus loading.

“I think we need a place to unload buses,” said Maas.

“I disagree,” said Newkirk. She called the loading areas a safety hazard.

Degen said that allowing loading and unloading but not allowing parking in the three areas is a good middle ground.

“I’d like to give it a try,” said Maas. Newkirk can report back to the board what happens after the new signs noting 15-minute loading limits are installed.

Supervisor Kevin Heitshusen said the signs probably won’t work immediately. There will be a learning curve for drivers who have habitually used the areas for parking, he said. He advised patience.

CLASSIFIEDS

LEGAL NOTICES

May 19, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Jacki Bolen, and Jeff Tindle.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve agenda. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve May 15, 2025, board minutes. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve certificate of appointment for Matthew Turley, Seasonal Park Tech, Conservation, effective May 19, 2025; rate of pay \$14.00 per hour. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve Resolution #2025-33 Poweshiek County Employee Health Plan Premium Analysis for FY26. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-33

POWESHIEK COUNTY BENEFITS PREMIUM ANALYSIS FOR THE PLAN YEAR BEGINNING 07/01/2025

	Single	Family
Fixed Costs:		
Claim Fee - Medical, RX, Vision	\$ 57.08	\$ 57.08
Claim Fee - Dental	\$ 5.06	\$ 5.06
PBM Fee	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.10
PPO Fee	\$ 6.95	\$ 6.95
Consultant Fee	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50
Specific Stop Loss Premium	\$ 306.04	\$ 306.04
Aggregate Stop Loss Premium	\$ 9.07	\$ 9.07
Life	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10
A. D. & D.	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.74
Total Fixed Costs	\$ 406.64	\$ 406.64
Claims Costs:		
Medical	\$398.19	\$1,199.47
Dental	\$42.94	\$116.40
Vision	\$8.25	\$8.25
Total Claims Costs:	\$449.38	\$1,324.12
HMO Premium + Fixed	\$55.31	\$1,931.53
11.6% network premium swing	\$856.02	\$1,494.52
HMO & PPO COUNTY SHARE	\$ -	\$236.24
HMO EMPLOYEE SHARE	\$99.29	\$437.01

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2025.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jeff Tindle, Chairman

Jason Roudabush, Vice Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Member

Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Kristin Fantazia, General Assistance, reported she needed to reschedule her meeting.

Tindle has a DeCAT meeting today, an emergency management meeting Wednesday, and a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center meeting Friday.

Bolen has a Region 6 meeting today and is attending the CISS ribbon cutting for the empowerment center in Grinnell on Wednesday morning.

Bob Wilhelm, Maintenance Director, provided a maintenance update for the courthouse, community services building in Grinnell, and the public safety building.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle at 10:35 a.m. to adjourn.

Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICES

Office Depot Goods 276.80

Onstallon Svc 3,560.00

Oreilly Auto Parts Goods 9.99

Owens King Co Svc 38.25

Poweshiek County Sheriff Svc 469.34

Premier Office Equip/RK Dixon Svc 157.45

Quill Corporation Goods 69.99

Racorn Corporation Goods 12,939.86

Ray Electric LLC Svc 585.26

Reliance Telephone Inc Svc 15.50

Schumacher Elevator Co Svc 318.20

Sci Communications Inc Svc 2,992.72

Secretary Of State Svc 60.00

Stellar Services LLC Svc 1,192.43

Storm Water Supply, LLC Goods 5,781.49

Table Rock Alerting Systems Goods 32,678.00

The Depot Express Svc 30.06

Tifco Industries, Inc. Goods 2,199.17

TIP REC Svc 525.56

Total Choice Shipping Svc 15.13

Total Response Svc 4,179.00

Tritech Software Systems Svc 9,927.27

Uline Goods 468.76

United States Cellular Svc 269.16

Valsoff Corporation Inc Svc 175.00

Verizon Svc 200.05

Versis Svc 194.64

VISA Goods 4,514.02

WMPF Group LLC Svc 683.18

Xerox Financial Services Svc 192.20

Zachary A Dickenson Home Base Iowa Grant 1,000.00

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Kristin Fantazia, General Assistance, met with the board for a weekly meeting.

Chris Nolte, VA Director, met with the board for a monthly meeting.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 10:14 a.m. to adjourn.

Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICES

May 29, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Jacki Bolen, Jason Roudabush, and Jeff Tindle.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve May 19, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve certificate of appointment for Emmett Taylor, Part-time Temporary Secondary Road Summer Help, Secondary Road, effective May 27, 2025; rate of pay \$19.50 per hour. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve May 23, 2025, payroll for \$315,281.21. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve the following claims:

All American Pest Control Svc 43.00

Alliant Energy/IPL Svc 1,134.74

Amazon Capital Services Inc Goods 969.52

Bear Creek Archeology, Inc Svc 14,950.00

Central Iowa Tech Svc 365.00

Cintas Corporation Goods 35.40

Consolidated Mgmt Co Svc 11,125.32

Cubs Auto Repair & Coll Svc 1,000.00

David D Menninga Reimb Goods 48.86

Dawn R Disney-Bruggeman Contract 2,333.33

Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co Goods 34.00

Ed Kline Reimb Goods 10.15

Emergent Deives Inc Goods 3,168.00

Emmons & Olivier Res, Inc Svc 12,000.00

Foundation 2 Svc 1,399.50

French-Reneker-Assoc, Inc Svc 12,870.00

Galls Inc Goods 1,550.07

Galyn Nook Reimb Phone 35.96

Gillund Enterprises Goods 60.25

Grinnell City Of Care Of Soldiers Grave 10,174.56

Grinnell Firestone Svc 540.42

Grinnell Herald Register Svc 374.70

Grinnell Regional Public Health Svc 17,708.78

Hawkeye Lock & Security Goods 147.50

Hickenbottom Inc Svc 83.65

Holland-Coble Funeral Home Svc 645.00

Hometown Hardware Goods 35.64

IABME Svc 700.00

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Svc 925.00

Iowa Prison Industries Goods 7,001.83

Iowa Secretary Of State Svc 338.94

Iowa State University Svc 125.00

IP Pathways Svc 1,744.25

ISCTA Svc 250.00

Jackson's Heavy Equip Training LLC Svc 8,000.00

James K Losure Svc 750.00

Kenneth Desrochers Reimb Goods 40.00

Liftoff LLC Svc 24.00

Linder Tire Service, Inc. Svc 121.18

LSQ Funding Group LC Svc 162.00

Mahaska Communication Group Svc 368.04

Martin Equipment Of Il, Inc. Svc 3,000.00

Marty Block Svc 200.00

Maxwell Tiling Svc 648.75

MCI Svc 39.72

Metal Culverts Inc Goods 17,992.00

Microbac Laboratories Inc Svc 75.00

Mid American Energy Svc 205.04

Mid American Res Chemical Corp Goods 319.93

Montezuma Municipal Utilities Svc 4,047.50

Montezuma State Bank Bond Pmts 1,205,824.75

Oden Enterprises Inc Goods 35,590.50

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