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would be no other county financial investment.

"It's not any money from you," she said.

Eocene has proposed kick-off meeting а later this month, with fieldwork projected to be completed by July 18. Draft survey reports will be submitted by Oct. 3; and the final reports one month later on Nov. 3, which will also be the submission deadline for all other material.

Maine abstained from the final vote after audience member Randy Schlutz pointed out Maine was an owner of a downtown building in Wapello.

In а separate report to the board and nearly dozen а audience members, Vance also invited everyone to attend the July 5 National Historic Registry Recognition Ceremony for the Mellinger Memorial Library Building.

Board chair Shawn Maine will serve as the event's master of ceremonies for the1 p.m. event, which is being held in conjunction with the Morning Sun Fourth of July celebration.

"I hope some of you can make it," Vance said. In other action during the supervisors' meeting, the board agreed renew its annual to service participation agreement in the Iowa

State Association of Counties HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act) Program.

The Fiscal Year 2026 fee for the agreement is \$1.750.

The board also reviewed monthly ambulance reports Morning from the Sun, Wapello and Columbus Junction services; and tabled action on a proposed application from Louisa Communications to install fiber optics cable along K Avenue and 70th Street.

Since he was not on the agenda, Louisa County Conservation Board (LCCB) **Executive Director Jacob** Ewart reported on grass mowing progress at the County Complex during the meeting's public input session.

Ewart reported Brian Thye had been hired as a part-time seasonal mower at the Complex.

Also, during the public input session, resident Randy Foor asked the supervisors if they were aware of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds discussion the previous week concerning the possibility of combining counties in the future.

"We'll see what the state (does). I don't know if that will go any further," Maine said.

Maine also reported during the supervisors'

on meetings reports attended the previous week that the solar array work around the courthouse square had apparently been completed, although he was unsure if the power system had been activated.

He said with the completion of the solar project and other work, the county was now prepared to move forward with taking action on the former county jail. Inquiries have been made about a possible sale of the building and Maine said he would contact the person who made the latest inquiry to determine their continued interest.

Maine also alerted the rest of the board about continued water leakage into the courthouse basement from a previously capped coal bin on the west side of the building.

He said it probably was time to develop a permanent solution to the issue, because of the continued leakage and the potential for more expense if the current cap was to fail.

County engineer Adam Shutt also provided his weekly secondary roads report to the board. He reported discussions with the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC) on combining possible work on Franklin Street into the

department's planned County Highway X99 resurfacing work.

He also reported the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) was preparing a transfer 1.5 miles of old U.S. Highway 61 roadway near Newport.

According to Shutt, the transfer from the Des Moines-Louisa county line to about one-quarter mile north of Newport will happen once the new highway alignment

is completed.

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The DOT is proposing to provide the county with \$800,000 as part of the jurisdictional transfer.

Shutt also presented of jurisdiction for about the supervisors with a proposal to vacate a portion of an unused allev located in the Ashland Subdivision near the intersection of Locust Street and K Avenue.

> Under the proposal, the county is expected to vacate the alley section

and then transfer various portions through a quit claim deed to adjoining property owners at no cost.

County attorney Adam Parsons also participated the in discussion and reminded the board it would need to hold public hearings on the plan.

The board is expected to take formal action on the proposal at its June 17 meeting.



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City of Fredonia Regular Meeting June 9, 2025

Officer Present: Mayor Sam Braden Council Members: Rebecca

meeting.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bean to approve the bills to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

> Guests present: David Nuam representing

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Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bright to deny the renewal of the Special Use Permit from the Kingdom Ministry of Rehabilitation and Recreation facility. Motion passed.

Motioned by Cook, second

General Fund Alliant Energy City Hall Utilities39.62 Louisa County Sheriff Law Enforcement.....750.00 Wemiga Trash & Recycle.1,289.75 Windstream Internet......185.40 VisaPostage.....9.96 Visa Office Supplies.....273.43 Amanda Braden Payroll-May Hou rs.....193.84 Tri Co. Heating & Cooling AC ... Nationwide Surety Bond 115.00 Rick Stroud Main. City Hall..75.00 Rick Stroud Mowing/Brush clean up.....1,228.75 Col Jct. Library Library services173.00 Sharon Torres Payroll-May Hours General Fund......4,690.94 Sewer Fund Alliant Energy Sewer Lift Station

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& Mgmt.....1,380.00 Windstream Phone Service...58.60 Sharon Torres Payroll-May Hours ...801.59 IPERS PR Liabilities 226 52 Lea Foster Payroll-May Hours ClerkBooks, Inc. Monthly Software Contract.....85.40 IMWCA Workman's Comp286.00 Visa Office Supplies......220.29 Rick Stroud Mowing......78.75 Sewer Fund......3,610.65 Road Use Alliant Energy Street Lights448.97 Road Use.....448.97 American Rescue Plan Rick Stroud Handicap Ram320.00 American Rescue Plan......320.00 Total.....9.070.56

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing to adopt a resolution to enter into a loan agreement with Washington State Bank in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the SRF water and sewer payments and insurance premium in accordance with Iowa Code 834.24A.

Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Civic Center/Council Chambers.

/s/Attest: Jodi Edwards, City Clerk

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Bean. Rob Bright, Olivia Cook Council Members Absent:

Alexia Allison, Julie Frank The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sam Braden at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bean to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bean to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025 meeting after a correction was made. Motion carried. The council also approved the March 23, 2025 minutes, but they had previously been approved at the May 12, 2025

the Kingdom Ministry of Rehabilitation and Recreation facility. He presented information to the council and guests present at the meeting. He answered questions from the council and guests also.

Phil Parsons also attended the meeting in Mr. Nuam's behalf to explain and answer questions regarding the Ministry.

Adam Parsons, city attorney, attended and participated in the discussions and answered questions presented by residents.

Chief Deputy Ed Parker, also answered questions and addressed concerns from residents at the meeting.

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ed by Bean to approve naming the main street park the Wm. Stemm Memorial Park. Motion carried with 2 aye votes and 1 nay.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bean to have Rick Stroud present an estimate to replace the old ramp with steps and a sidewalk leading to the street. Motion passed.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bean to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. /s/ R. Samuel Braden, Mayor

of Fredonia, IA, /s/Sharon Torres, City Clerk for Fredonia City of Fredonia June 2025 Bill Disbursements

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City of Conesville

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tom Van Auken at 5:40 pm Present: Mayor: Tom Van Auken, Council Members: Carolina Izaquirre, Kit Carson, Corey Clevenger, Azure Van Auken, City

Clerk: Carol Zuniga, Absent: Cory

Council Meeting 6-9-25

Conaway Pledge of Allegiance by all Consent Agenda: Motion by Kit, 2 nd by Carolina to approve 5-12-25 Meeting Minutes, Pass 4-0. Police - New Police Chief Zack Murdock introduced himself. Showed

new patch design for Conesville PD and discussed immediate needs for the department which totaled \$5361.93 including a bullet proof vest, badge, patch, tint meter, Shield ware license, taser and annual radar certification. Motion by Kit, 2nd by Azure to purchase these immediate needs. Pass 4-0.

Community - Grace United church asked to block off Washington St. from 11:00 - 1:00 on June 28th for bible camp activities in front of church. Motion by Azure, 2nd by Carolina. Pass 4-0.

Dan Conway will put up barricades

Clerk Report: May deposits: Garbage - \$3605.77, Sewer: \$8827.93, Interest \$910.98, Local Option Tax \$3726.22, Road Use Tax \$3776.93, Property Tax \$2385.65, Community Rental \$200.00, Total Deposits: \$23433.48, Current Bills: Arthur Tax \$710.00, A. Conaway \$1200, Alliant \$1479.23, Amazon \$329.51, Columbus Gazette \$113.03, Deb Van Auken \$80, Finke Law Firm \$25, IMWCA \$931, Iowa One Call \$18, IPERS \$480.50, IRS \$866.98, Menards \$100.72, Oveson \$3608, Quickbooks \$1068.93, Two Rivers

\$143, Windstream \$132.68, Total Bills: \$11286.58, Payroll: D. Conaway \$366.01, C. Zuniga \$1310.72, Mindy Conaway \$386.74, Zack Murdock \$613.96, Total: \$2677.43, Motion by Kit to

reviewed, *Payroll changes discussed - direct deposit and Iowa Mayor - Old Business:

Bathroom in park discussion postpone this at least a year and decide whether worth the cost Watermelon Days Committee

Community Committee with EIN and bank acct set up Roof of Old Fire Station/Old City Hall - Tom to bring up to the FD so City can do roof same time FD does soffit and fascia

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New Business: Banking: Reserve account closure for interest gain of \$2k/yr. Accountant approved this banking move. Motion by Carolina, 2nd by Azure to close the account and move the \$59965.10 to the general account. Pass 4-0.

*November Election openings: Mayor, two 4-yr council seats, one 2 yr council seat. Any

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one wishing to run can get forms from City clerk. Forms need turned to the county between Aug. 25th -Sept 18th .

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Council Items: Kit wants to run our own and discontinue using Augstana WebGuild. He needs to reach out to WebGuild for more information.

Adjourn: Corey motioned to adjourn 6:30, seconded by Kit. Pass 4-0. /s/ Tom Van Auken - Mayor,

/s/ Carol Zuniga, City Clerk

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SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK "EE" LOUISA COUNTY, IOWA 58 May 27, 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: Kevin Hardin and Scot Hunt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. Public attending meeting: Jim Rudisill, Randy Schlutz, Adam Shutt, Randy Foor, Bob Fletcher, Bill Poggemiller, Bill Small, Tammy Hayes, Vicki Frank, Beth Hardin, Leanne Black and Kenny Marlette. Attended via Zoom: Secondary Roads, Kaitlyn Mc-Cleary, Recorder's Office, Assessor's Office, Leah McElhinney, and Ashley Van Wyk.

Pledge of Allegiance Motion Hunt, second Hardin, to approve agenda for May 27.2025

Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve minutes for the May 20th, 2025 meeting.

Motion Hunt, second Hardin, to approve retirement payout for Jerry Yakle, Secondary Roads in the amount of \$10,566.65.

Meetings attended: Hunt attended the EMA Budget Amendment meeting. He also contacted Farm Service regarding fixing the LP tank at the Complex. They will be sending a quote. Hardin attended the Community Action, Planning & Zoning, and Mississippi Workforce meetings. Maine had no County meetings this week.

Adam Shutt, Engineer, provided his weekly update. He confirmed the closure for Hwy 92 will begin next week with the Department of Transportation.

No payroll changes were presented.

No public comments.

Kenny Marlette, EMA, provided his monthly update. Motion Hunt, second Hardin, to open public hearing at 8:43 a.m. for Louisa County Ordinance for Decommissioning Plan #6 amend-

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Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to close public hearing at 8:45 a.m. Motion Hunt, second Har-

din to approve final reading of the Louisa County Ordinance for Decommissioning Plan #6 amendment.

Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to open public hearing at 8:45 a.m. regarding Louisa County Ordinance 13-1 Adoption of Iowa Traffic Code to Local Ordinance. Motion Hunt, second Hardin,

to close public hearing at 8:46 a.m.

Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve final reading of the Louisa County Ordinance 13-1 Adoption of Iowa Traffic Code to Local Ordinance.

Motion Hunt, second Hardin, to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn on July 19, 2025, for the Chief Wapello Days Car Cruise

Motion Hardin, second Hunt,

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nate for the Board of Adjustment. Motion Hunt, second Hardin, to approve Resolution 202522 for Establishment of a fund for the County Attorney Recovery Mon-

ey. **RESOLUTION 202522** ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND FOR COUNTY ATTOR-NEY RECOVERY MONEY

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors recognize that the Iowa Code provides for the establishment of a delinquent fine collection fund for the County Attorney's Office once the annual statutory collections threshold is reached,

AND WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors does wish to continue the County Attorney's Delinquent Fine Collection Program,

AND WHEREAS, a separate accounting of the revenues and expenses for this funding source is desired as set portions of revenues are directed to be used by certain

entities (the State of Iowa, Louisa County, and the Lousia County Attorney's Office) and expenditure of these funds is restricted pursuant to the Iowa Code and 59

that it is necessary for the County to accurately segregate and account for the use of these funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a fund be created called "COUNTY ATTORNEY RECOVERY MONEY (0008)." The budgetary fund shall be subject to standard county accounting practices and policies. All revenues and expenses starting with 2024-2025 fiscal year shall be accounted for in this fund. Any fund balance in the general fund designated as the County Attorney's Office portion of the delinquent court debt collected pursuant to the County Attorney's Delinquent Fine Collection Program are to be deposited into this new segregated fund

Resolution declared adopted

on May 27th, 2025.

AYES: Shawn Maine, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Kevin Hardin, Scot Hunt

ATTEST: Susan Schnedler, Auditor

Curt Hartlieb, VA provided his monthly update.

Randy Foor presented the Board with Iowa Code 331.203 regarding the potential increase in the number of Supervisors. He explained that the Board may adopt a resolution to place the measure on the ballot for the next General Election, or it may be initiated by a petition signed by eligible electors of the County. The Board agreed to discuss this further closer to the next General Election.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting motion adjourned at 9:03

Attest: /s/ Susan Schnedler. Auditor, /s/ Shawn Maine, Chairman of Board

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approve Clerk report 2nd by Corey. Pass 4-0.

*Lien list sent to county withholding available