

New Twin Ponds shelter will serve students from Nashua-Plainfield

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support we've received," Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal said, "and we can't thank the many people who made this happen. It turned out just beautiful."

The original structure was built in 1963 to be used as an outdoor education facility by the New Hampton, Fredericksburg and Nashua school districts, but in 2024, the Conservation Board knew the time had come to try and replace it.

How to fund it was the issue. The board received a large donation in memory of Melvin and Janet Pacovsky. The latter had served on the Conservation Board and was employed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for many years, and the couple owned and operated Pine Acres Christmas Tree Farm

for many years.

"They were our key funding source to get this project off the ground," Humpal said, "and again, we can't thank the Pacovsky family enough."

The \$85,000 project also received grants from the Chickasaw Community Foundation, the New Hampton Hotel/Motel Grant Committee and the Chickasaw County REAP fund. Joanne and Tom Myrsiades and Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation donated the picnic tables that were placed underneath the shelter.

The donors and grants meant that the board had to use only \$10,000 of its funds to complete the state-of-the-art shelter. The shelter sits near both bathrooms and the Twins Ponds playground, and an added bonus is that Harper Humpal, the daughter of the

Conservation Board Director, completed her Eagle Scout project — a "patio" that includes benches and a fire pit — adjacent to the shelter.

Meanwhile, the New Hampton Lions club provided the labor to build the shelter, which saved the Conservation Board thousands of dollars.

Humpal said that Naturalist Matt Crayne, on average, welcomes about 3,000 students, including many from Nashua-Plainfield, to Twin Ponds each school year, and that the shelter was built with the idea of being able to hold about 80 people.

"It's first and foremost going to be our outdoor classroom," he said, "but it's so beautiful, we think it has a lot of potential for other uses. It's exciting and it shows what happens when so many people come together for a good cause."



The outdoor education classroom at Twin Ponds Nature Center is located near where Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal's daughter, Harper, recently completed her Eagle Scout project — a "patio" that includes a pair of benches and a fire pit.

Book lovers, there's still time to get to Charles City

By Travis Fischer
Of the Charles City Press

The Charles City Lions Club is back at it with its annual Book Sale fundraiser. Starting on Wednesday, Oct. 8, the Lions began a sale that featured literally hundreds of paperbacks and hardcovers — covering topics from science fiction to cookbooks.

The biggest change for the book sale this year is its location. After years on the far edge of Main Street, the Lions Club has found a new home this year, setting up shop at the 600 N. Main Street Warehouse.

"I like it. It's very wide open and airy," said

Brad Miller. "The parking isn't bad and it's not on the edge of town."

The book sale had been held there in years past, and building owner Chris Garden let the Lions move back in with their boxes of books after previously used venues became unavailable.

"It was very nice of him to let us use it," said Mark Sindlinger.

This year's book sale runs for two weeks. Remaining days are today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the book sale comes to a close on Saturday, when it will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

"There's a lot of good literature here," said Miller.

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Race to replace Hinson loses a candidate as Blum drops out

By Robin Opsahl
Iowa Capitol Dispatch

Former U.S. Rep. Rod Blum announced Monday he is suspending his campaign for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District that includes both Chickasaw and Bremer counties.

"It has become clear to me that I can help President Trump in other ways that are more effective than being in the U.S. House," Blum said in a news release.

"I love our country, and I remain optimistic that under the President's leadership, America's best days are still to come."

Blum, a 70-year-old Dubuque resident, had launched his campaign Sept. 18. The former CEO and president of Eagle Point Software previously served in Congress representing north-east Iowa from his initial 2014 election until he lost to former U.S. Rep. Abby Finkenauer, a Democrat, in the 2018 midterm election.

Seeking a return to Washington, D.C., Blum announced he would support this campaign with a personal

\$250,000 investment. He was running for the seat currently held by Republican U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, who in turn is running for the U.S. Senate. Incumbent Sen. Joni Ernst announced she will not seek reelection in 2026.

There are several other Republicans still in the race to become the GOP candidate in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District. Iowa Rep. Shannon Lundgren, R-Peosta; state Sen. Charlie McClintock, R-Alburnett, and former state lawmaker Joe Mitchell all also announced their campaigns for the nomination in September.

Three Democrats are also running for the seat: Iowa Rep. Lindsay James, D-Dubuque; Clint Twedt-Ball, the founder of the nonprofit Matthew 25, and Kathy Dolter, the former dean of nursing at Kirkwood Community College.

Political forecasters predict the 2026 race for the 2nd Congressional District is likely to be less competitive than other Iowa races. But following Hinson's announcement that she would leave the race, Cook Political Report shifted the rating for the seat from

"solid Republican" to "likely Republican" in 2026.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELMER ARENDS, DECEASED

CASE NO. ESPR003328 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Elmer Arends, Deceased, who died on or about September 27, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 9, 2025, the undersigned was appointed executor of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on October 9, 2025.

Michael Arends, Executor of the Estate
7701 E. Osborn Rd., Apt. 102W
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, P.L.L.C.
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES October 6, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 9:02 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, County Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, 20/20 FX Denny Unga, Summit Carbon Solution, Project Manager, Joseph Crosogve, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, Terry Johnson, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Sheriff Ryan Shawver

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for October 6, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve supplemental minutes for September 22, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the minutes for September 29, 2025 meeting with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Open sealed bids for snow removal at the Law Emergency Management Commission (LEMC)

Stanton Electric \$170,000, Babcock Services \$175,000, D&M Asphalt \$225,000

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to award the bid for snow removal at the Law Emergency Management Commission (LEMC) to Stanton Electric for \$170,000 per time. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the quarterly reports for Veteran Ser-21.5(1)(k) ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at County owned property at 10:01 AM. Roll call. Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to exit closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(k) ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at County owned property at 10:26 AM. Roll call. Ayes: Cerwinske, Carter, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Action taken out of closed session.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve authorizing an additional \$2,000.00 to Barcom for County Security updates. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:28 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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adopting the Amendment No. 1 to the CWEC Urban Renewal Plan. /ss/ Hackman, Chair, Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Carter, Suckow ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasaw-county.iowa.gov

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize publication of the semi-annual report ending September 30, 2025 for the Treasurer's Office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Office updates provided by Treasurer Matt Ysbrand.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the renewal of a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Von's Place LLC effective date November 1, 2025 expiration date October 31, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve payroll check date, October 3, 2025. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve claims in the amount of \$187,832.26. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

No committee assignments

Summit Carbon Solution, Project Manager. Joseph Crosogve, provided updates.

Discuss Opioid Funding with Public Health Director Lisa Welter

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the purchase of Mail Back Meds Envelopes using Opioid Funds not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Recess: 9:54 AM
Resumed: 10:00 AM

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to enter closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(k) ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at County owned property at 10:26 AM. Roll call. Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

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Chair Hackman reviewed the Certification of Consultation Meeting, the plan that was approved by Board of Supervisors as being in conformity with the general plan for development of the County as a whole.

No written comments or oral comments.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to close Public Hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the CWEC Urban Renewal Plan.

at 9:13 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinske, Breitbach, Carter, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to adopt Resolution 10-06-25-43 determining an area of the County to be an economic development and blighted area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, re-development, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the County; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified Voters of Chickasaw County, State of Iowa, in Accordance with Section 49.53 of the Iowa Code, that the Combined City/School Election will be held in all election precincts of Chickasaw County, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. VOTERS MUST VOTE AT THEIR ASSIGNED PRECINCTS. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct polling location. If voters have questions about their precinct location, they may refer to their voter cards, the county website: www.chickasawcountyelections.iowa.gov or contact the Election Office at 641-394-2100.

The precinct polling place and address for this election are as follows:

Nashua City Hall
402 Main St
Nashua, IA 50658
Bradford Township
Includes the City of Nashua
Includes the City of Bassett
Portion of Chickasaw Township

New Hampton Fire Station
403 S Linn Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659
New Hampton Rural Township
Richland Township
Portion of Dayton Township
Portion of Stapleton Township
Portion of Jacksonville Township

Fredericksburg Community Center
151 W Main St
Fredericksburg, IA 50630
Includes the City of Fredericksburg
Includes the City of Lawler
Includes Dresden Township
Portion of Stapleton Township
Portion of Utica Township

Chickasaw Water Center
301 N Water Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659
Includes the City of Alta Vista
Includes the City of North Washington
Includes the City of Ionia
Includes the City of New Hampton, Wards 1, 2, 3, & 4
Portion of the City of Protovin
Includes Deerfield Township
Includes Washington Township
Portion of Chickasaw Township
Portion of Dayton Township
Portion of Jacksonville Township
Portion of Utica Township

degree if the person submits false information when registering to vote. Election Misconduct in the first degree is a class "D" felony, and punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500 and/or imprisonment of up to five (5) years. Convicted felons who register and vote without receiving a restoration of voting rights from the Governor are committing a class "D" felony. IF YOU ARE NOT 100% SURE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE HAS ALREADY BEEN RESTORED, REQUEST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Section 49.90 of the Iowa Code that any voter who is physically unable to enter the polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at the telephone number or e-mail address listed below. Telephone: 641-394-2100 E-mail Address: auditor@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov, for TTY access dial 641-394-3121. Each polling location is equipped with a ballot marking device (FVT) which may assist persons with disabilities to vote more independently.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Section 52.35 of the IOWA CODE that the duly authorized agents of the Chickasaw County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections shall publicly examine and test all voting machines to be used for the November 4, 2025 City/School Election.

PUBLIC TEST FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT. A public test of the voting equipment to be used at the City/School Election will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the meeting room located on the 1st floor of the Courthouse behind the Driver's License office. The public is invited to attend.

SET FORTH herein is a list of the names of all candidates or nominees and the office each seeks, and all public questions, to be voted upon at the election. Not all offices and public questions will be included on the ballot in every precinct. A complete list of all candidates and public measures are listed below. I hereby certify that this is correct and will be voted at the City/School Election to be held on November 4, 2025, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Iowa.

Sheila Shekleton
Chickasaw County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections

CITY CANDIDATES

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in respective cities.

City of Alta Vista
For Mayor – vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

Bart Ostert
For Council – vote for no more than 3 (4-year term)

Adam Roethler
Rich Heking
Daniel Mahoney
City of Fredericksburg
For Council – vote for no more than 3 (4-year term)

Randolph R. Leach
Trent D. Zable
Jade Dix
Derek Nelson
City of Ionia
For Mayor – vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

Randy Taylor
For Council – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

Jim Rausch
Jayson Holthaus
City of Lawler
For Mayor – vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

Mark Muetherites
For Council – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
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City of Nashua
For Mayor – vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

Shelly Weiss
Teresa K. Tobin
For Council – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

Peggy Hall
No Candidate(s) Filed
City of Nashua- Public Measure EE
Shall the City of Nashua in Chickasaw and Floyd Counties, Iowa, be authorized to impose a hotel and motel tax pursuant to Chapter 423A of the Code of Iowa, at the rate of 7% beginning January 1, 2026?

City of New Hampton
For Council At-Large – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Kerstin Schwickerath
For Council Ward 2 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
For Council Ward 4 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
For Park & Recreation Board – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

Sarah Dungey
No Candidate(s) Filed
City of North Washington
For Mayor – vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

Jason Tenge
For Council – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

Brenda Tenge
Tammy Flick
For Council – To Fill a Vacancy- vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
City of Protovin
For Mayor – vote for no more than 1 (2-year term)

Kenneth Lawrence Lukes
For Council – vote for no more than 3 (4-year term)

Noah Heinrich
Ben Novotny
No Candidate(s) Filed

SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in respective school districts

New Hampton Community School District
For Director At-Large – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
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For Director District 1 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
For Director District 2 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
Nashua – Plainfield Community School District
For Director District 1 – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
No Candidate(s) Filed
For Director District 2 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Patrick Lentz
Turkey Valley Community School District
For Director At-Large – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed

For Director District 1 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

No Candidate(s) Filed
Charles City Community School District
For Director At-Large – vote for no more than 3 (4-year term)

David Schrodt
Steve Boucher
Kathryn Fox
Josh Mack
Public Measure HT
Shall the Board of Directors of the Charles City Community School District in the Counties of Floyd and Chickasaw, State of Iowa, be authorized to contact indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 to provide funds for completing needed upgrades including but not limited to safety, security systems, building code and ADA requirements by removing portions of the existing High School Building and reconstructing, building, furnishing and equipping additions, including related remodeling and site improvements; and to remodel, renovate, improve, repair, furnish, and equip other portions of the existing High School?

Summer-Fredericksburg Community School District
For Director At-Large – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Jillian Hawn
Janet Wendland
Jim Wright
For Director Fredericksburg District At-Large – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Keneth D. McFarland
Public Measure
Shall the Board of Directors of the Summer-Fredericksburg Community School District in the Counties of Bremer, Chickasaw, and Fayette, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,250,000, together with proceeds of School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, to construct, build, furnish, and equip additions to the High School and Middle School buildings and to remodel, repair, and improve those existing buildings, including HVAC, playground, parking, and site improvements, and for demolition of Durant Elementary?

Tripoli Community School District
For Director At-Large – vote for no more than 2 (4-year term)

Daniel Smith
Bodee Capper
Howard-Winneshek Community School District
For Director At-Large District 1 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Alison Holten
For Director At-Large District 4 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Thomas Williams
AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CANDIDATES

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in the respective community college districts

Northeast Iowa Community College
Director District 1 – Vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Brenda Sue Runyon
North Iowa Area Community College
Director of District 2 – vote for no more than 1 (4-year term)

Kurt W. Herbrechtsmeyer

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