



Fidelity Bank and Trust was buzzing with activity during their Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 4th.

Bancroft Days Gone By

5 Years Ago
December 16, 2020

Bancroft Chamber of Commerce Director Carole Bernhard presents Wrap It Up Winner Bernie Becker of Lakota \$50 in Chamber Bucks. Instead of accepting the winnings, Bernie graciously donated it back to help a family in need this Christmas season... When a quilt of valor is draped over a veterans shoulder, it lets them know they are surrounded by people who respect, honor and appreciate all they did to keep us safe as they served this country. One of our local veterans, 88 year old Jack C. Kauffman of Ledyard was recently presented a quilt of valor by Mary Behrends, Quilt of Valor representative and Kossuth County ALA President of Lone Rock...The North Union and North Kossuth School Districts have released guidelines and additional information in regards to new CDC quarantine guidelines...Bancroft Chamber of Commerce Wrap It Up winner Shannon Doocy was the recipient of \$50 in Chamber Bucks.

10 Years Ago
December 9, 2015

Congrats to the Bancroft Haunted House for their spooky, yet festive holiday float which one first place during the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce Annual Light Parade. The Haunted House won \$75 in Bancroft Bucks. Farmers and Traders Savings Bank placed second with their candy/gingerbread inspired float winning \$50 in Bancroft Bucks. The bank has donated their Bancroft Bucks to an undecided local organization. Silas Goche from Goche Custom Cabinets received third place for this his stable and Nativity scene float who won \$25 in Bancroft Bucks...Several inches in of wet and heavy snow on November 30 made it ideal for the making of a snowman. After finishing his snowman, Tate Slagle added a scarf and a hat to keep him warm. Unfortunately, the temperatures began rising by the end of the week and into the weekend, making the snowman slowly disappear.

25 Years Ago
December 6, 2000

Sonny Wolf of Bancroft and his grandson, Ethan Blair of Swea City, manned the sleigh or wagon rides during Santa Day in Bancroft... "Have you been a good boy this year?" Santa asked Ben Vaske during Santa Day at the Bancroft City Hall. After visiting with Santa, each child received a sack full of goodies and could enjoy sleigh rides...Jake Radmaker read a poem that he wrote about popcorn as his teacher, Mrs. Doughan listens. The poems were read in conjunction with "Orville Redenbacher Day" held at North Kossuth for the sixth graders...The best dressed girl Orville Redenbacher in sixth grade was Chelsy Berte and sixth grade boy Jeremy Nyman...Bancroft Tour of Homes includes Iris Hinton, Phil and Marcia Jaren, Marie Kemna, LeRoy and Virginia Kuhlbers and Larry and Cindy Vaske.

50 Years Ago
December 17, 1975

Timothy J. Ley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Ley, Lakota, IA, has been awarded the Edmund V. Cowdry Prize in Histology by Washington University School of Medicine. Mr. Ley was the recipient of the award, consisting of \$100 for meritorious performance in microscopic anatomy during the 197-75 school year...Santa



Claus appeared to Saint John children in Bancroft following the presentation of the Story of the Nativity by grades one through four. Sacks of candy and an apple were distributed to an estimated 300 children and oh yes, some grown up, "children" too! Pictured in the newspaper, Santa Hides Amy Doocy, 3, while her brother, Chuckie, 5, stands in front. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. David Doocy...Shillington Hardware in Bancroft will have a free training session on microwave oven cooking at their store. Free refreshments of coffee and cookies will be served...James Harold Laubenthal, 51 year old Bancroft farmer, suffered a broken heel on his left foot in a 10 foot fall at his farm home.

70 Years Ago
December 8, 1955

Melvin DeGeeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scream DeGeeter, Bancroft, received a \$10.00 award at the 4-H Leaders and Officers meeting at Algona. Melvin won the award for having the Best Record book in Kossuth County. The prize was given by the Iowa State Bank. Melvin is a member of the Ramsey Club...Marcus Holm of Burt won the quarter of beef given away at the Croft Theatre. This week Saturday evening a half of hog will be given away at the theatre...Army Pvt. James E. Lensing, whose wife Catherine lives in Lake City, recently graduated from the parachute packing, maintenance, and aerial delivery course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, VA. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Lensing, he entered the Army in November 1954...Bancroft will have an ice skating pond for the children - and adults as well - this year, if a suitable location can be found. The Bancroft Town Council voted unanimously to turn the construction, maintenance and management of the ice pond over to the Bancroft Park Board. The town will furnish labor, equipment, water and electricity for the pond. Thompson Yards will again furnish the warming house.

the proposed calendar year 2026 budget at Bancroft City Hall on 12/15/25, beginning at 6:00 o'clock. PM The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed revenues and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed budget may be obtained or viewed at the office of the City Clerk or Utility Finance Officer and at the city library. At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Secretary

(date) (signature)

(specify budget years)

Revenues & Other Financing Sources
Use of money and property
Charges for services
Miscellaneous
Other Financing Sources
Total Revenues & Financing Sources

Expenditures & Transfers Out
Expenditures
Transfers Out
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out

Excess of Revenues & Other Sources
(+) (-) Expenditures & Transfers Out

Beginning Fund Balance January 1 (month)
Ending Fund Balance December 31 (month)



Jenny Eichenberger, owner of Cornerstone Health, looks at Melissa Walder's nails that she purchased earlier in the week. During their open house, Jenny noted that she sold numerous sets of nails on December 4.



It doesn't matter your age, Santa is always the center of attention during Hager Food's Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 3rd. Hager Foods is now known as Bancroft Hometown Foods.

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
November 25, 2025
REGULAR November SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Carter Nath (Chairman), Josh Waechter, Amber Garman, and Howard Haas. Absent: Kyle Stecker. Chairman, Carter Nath called the meeting to order at 8:01A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There wasn't any public discussion. Motion by Garman and 2nd by Haas to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated November 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged the Safety Committee minutes.

The GAAP Report for FY ending June 30, 2025, was acknowledged by the board.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification to the County Auditor and authorized the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to approve the Annual Urban Renewal

Report for FY 2024/2025. Motion carried unanimously. There weren't any gravel pit agriculture land leases. There wasn't any construction in ROW.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Garman to have the Supervisors handle their requests as follows: Supervisor Stecker: Request 2025-107 DD 110 Main; Supervisor Nath: Request 2025-108 HK 3-46 L-51. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor. Elderbridge presented their annual report and allocation request for FY 2027. Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to adjourn at 9:44A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Carter Nath, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Budget Estimate

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Bancroft Municipal Utilities
(Name of Enterprise)

The Bancroft Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on

the proposed calendar year 2026 budget at Bancroft City Hall on 12/15/25, beginning at 6:00 o'clock. PM The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed revenues

and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed budget may be obtained or viewed at the office of the

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Secretary

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Beginning Fund Balance January 1 (month)
Ending Fund Balance December 31 (month)

Budget	Re-estimated	Actual
2026	2025	2024
(xxxx)	(xxxx)	(xxxx)
25,000	25,000	35,000
2,306,000	1,987,499	2,192,880
405,000	387,252	445,777
0	0	0
2,736,000	2,399,751	2,673,657
2,609,600	2,456,324	2,519,235
0	0	0
2,609,600	2,456,324	2,519,235
126,400	-56,573	154,422
1,001,075	1,057,648	903,226
1,127,475	1,001,075	1,057,648

Your Right To Know ••• Proceedings of the

North Kossuth School Board

Regular Board Meeting
Conference Room
Swea City, Iowa
5:00 PM
December 4, 2025

(All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)

The North Kossuth School Board met in regular session on Thursday, December 4, 2025, in the Conference Room, Swea City, Iowa at 5:00 PM. Meeting was called to order by Board President Chris Hardt. Roll Call was answered by Hardt, Albers, Heetland, Deim, Morphew, and Gorackowski. Absent were none. Also present was Supt. Travis Schueller, SBO Erin Rogers, and Board Secretary Jennie Larsen. Motion by Albers, seconded by Morphew was made to approve the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Announcements & Communications: None
Reports: Travis Schueller reported on Reports: Activities.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Approval of Financial Reports, Approval of Bills & Claims, and Open Enrollments. Motion by Gorackowski, seconded by Deim was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion: None
Action Items: Motion by Gorackowski, seconded by Morphew was made to approve the SBRC application requesting funding authority in the amount of \$99,008.00 for open enrolled out students that were not on our 2024-2025 certified enrollment count. Motion carried.

Motion by Gorackowski, seconded by Deim was made to appoint Cassie Vaske to serve the term on the North Kossuth School Board. This District 2 seat will be up for election again in November of 2027. Motion carried.

Motion by Deim, seconded by Gorackowski was made to approve Meghan Burbank as a special education paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Deim,

seconded by Gorackowski was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM. Motion carried.

Chris Hardt, Board President

Jennie Larsen, Board Secretary

North Kossuth Community School District General Dec-25

Vendor, Description Amount
Aflac, Aflac \$592.60
Fidelity Security Life Vision ins \$563.78
North Kossuth Other employee \$395.75
North Kossuth Flex Flex w/held \$1,716.65
North Kossuth Genl Other employee \$40.66
North Kossuth Insurance Medical ins \$42,745.56
North Union, Other employee \$270.00
TX Child Support Other employee \$301.00
Marco, Staples \$119.20
Delta Dental, Dental ins \$2,687.06
Mutual of Omaha, Life ins \$991.73
North Kossuth Insurance Transfer from \$10,000.00
Armstrong Building Supply MS art, Maint supplies \$400.92
BW Gas \$2,235.21
Gasohol, Diesel, DEF \$2,235.21
Cardmember Services Socstudies, Alliant, Foty \$8,492.46
DHS Cashier, Nov medicad \$2,985.31
Dollar General, Maint supplies \$27.40
Anita Helmich FY26 ESL services \$1,000.00
Mondragon, Courtney Reimb Nov mileage \$85.12
Prairie Lakes AEA, Dec AEA \$8,361.40
Travis Schueller, Dec cell phone \$60.00
Kossuth County Auditor School election \$1,613.74
Martin Bros, Preschool \$58.84
Mendards, Maint supplies \$30.55
General \$85,774.94
FUND TOTAL

Student Activity Vendor, Description Amount
St Edmond Athletics SB tourn entry \$120.00
Spencer Clausen, MS B Bk ref \$95.00
Roger Fisher, MS B Bk ref \$190.00
Cardmember Svcs Walmart, Samsclub \$1,013.15
Dollar General Conc supplies, elem \$355.25
Big Blast Inflatables Elem inflatables \$1,050.00
Martin Bros, Vending, conc \$452.78
Student Activity **FUND TOTAL** \$3,276.18

Nutrition Vendor, Description Amount
North Kossuth Genl Nov nutr payroll, Oct Cardmember Services \$8,781.93
Samsclub \$29.96
Kemps, Milk \$1,440.48
Hager Foods, Bread/buns \$785.50
Martin Bros, Food & supplies \$9,038.02
Nutrition **FUND TOTAL** \$20,075.39

PSF Insurance Vendor, Description Amount
Wellmark, Dec ins \$36,478.26
PSF Insurance **FUND TOTAL** \$36,478.26

SAVE Vendor, Description Amount
Cardmember Services, Boiler \$810.00
Next Generation Technologies Camera system \$15,820.00
Next Generation Technologies Dec Tech \$3,144.00
Wells Fargo, Bus lease \$31,264.00
SAVE **FUND TOTAL** \$51,038.00

Management Vendor, Description Amount
SU Insurance, Breakfix \$6,408.75
Management **FUND TOTAL** \$6,408.75
DISTRICT TOTAL \$203,051.52
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North Kossuth School Board

Regular Board Meeting
Conference Room
Swea City, Iowa
5:00 PM
November 17, 2025

(All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)

The North Kossuth School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Conference Room, Swea City, Iowa at 5:00 PM. Meeting was called to order by Board President Chris Hardt. Roll Call was answered by Hardt, Albers, Heetland, Deim, Morphew, and Gorackowski. Absent were Grimm. Also present was Supt. Travis Schueller, SBO Erin Rogers, Principal Julie Runksmeier, Board Secretary Jennie Larsen, School Social Worker Beth Borchardt, and member of media. Motion by Albers, seconded by Gorackowski was made to approve the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Announcements & Communications: None
Reports: Julie Runksmeier reported on Elementary/Middle School Activities, Beth Borchardt reported on Social Work data, and Travis Schueller reported on District Activities.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Approval of Financial Reports, Approval of Bills & Claims, and Open Enrollments. Motion by Albers, seconded by Deim was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion: None
Action Items: Motion by Deim, seconded by Gorackowski was made to approve Susan Brown for director District No. 1 of Prairie Lakes AEA. Motion carried.

Motion by Deim, seconded by Gorackowski was made to appoint the following depositories and limits: Bank Plus of Swea City, with a limit of 6 million dollars

ISJIT, with a limit of 4 million dollars. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Gorackowski, seconded by Morphew was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. Motion carried.

Chris Hardt, Board President

Jennie Larsen, Board Secretary

North Kossuth Community School District General Nov-25

Vendor, Description Amount
Aflac, Aflac \$592.60
Fidelity Security Life Vision ins \$573.16
North Kossuth Other employee \$297.75
North Kossuth Flex Flex w/held \$1,716.65
North Kossuth Genl Other employee \$50.00
North Kossuth Insurance Medical ins \$42,680.56
North Union, Other employee \$240.00
Polk County Sheriff \$89,791.23
Student Activity Vendor, Description Amount
Clubs Choice Fundraising \$1,192,773.17

Elem fundraiser \$4,028.52
Dollar General, Conc supplies \$112.00
NCIBA, MS honor band \$40.00
North Star Music, Clarinet needs \$60.80
Cardmember Svcs Rogue, Matboss, Ctrcreek \$2,763.00
DHS Cashier, Oct medicad \$831.91
Defense Soap, Wrestling \$149.04
Student Activity **FUND TOTAL** \$7,985.27

Nutrition Vendor, Description Amount
Dollar General, Food \$11.25
Bernard Foods, Food \$286.65
Martin Bros, Food & supplies \$13,556.68
Kemps, Milk \$1,540.26
Hager Foods, Bread/buns \$1,363.00
Nutrition **FUND TOTAL** \$16,757.84

PSF Insurance Vendor, Description Amount
Wellmark, Nov ins \$39,526.14
PSF Insurance **FUND TOTAL** \$39,526.14

SAVE Vendor, Description Amount
Vaske Sales & Service Hustler super z \$15,222.00
Cardmember Services Boiler \$1,067.03
North Kossuth Genl Transfer from \$500,000.00
Next Generation Technologies Security cameras \$15,820.00
Next Generation Technologies Nov tech \$3,144.00
SAVE **FUND TOTAL** \$535,253.03

PPEL Vendor, Description Amount
Marco, Copier leases \$1,518.66
North Kossuth Genl Transfer from \$250,000.00
William Benke Trucking Bus marn rent \$600.00
PPEL **FUND TOTAL** \$252,118.66

Management Vendor, Description Amount
North Kossuth Genl Transfer from \$250,000.00
PMC Advantage Insurance Workers comp \$1,341.00
Management **FUND TOTAL** \$251,341.00
DISTRICT TOTAL \$1,192,773.17

Other employee \$635.27
TX Child Support, AEA Flowthrough \$8,361.40
Delta Dental, Dental ins \$2,687.06
Mutual of Omaha, Life ins \$924.37
Armstrong Building Supply Maint supplies \$96.58
Cambium Assessment FY25 ELL screener \$110.50
Cardmember Services Alliant, SAI, Foty \$6,898.91
CID, Custodial, maint \$491.00
Department of Education (8) Bus \$400.00
Prairie Lakes AEA, See Saw \$2,545.05
DHS Cashier, Oct medicad \$1,930.46
Isolved HCM, Oct flex fees \$39.04
NK Hot Lunch, P/T Conf \$29.80
Prairie Lakes AEA, PK Stalls Farm & Home \$67.76
Maint supplies \$32.92
Timberline Billing Oct medicad fees \$194.71
BW Gas \$2,324.31
Gasohol, Diesel, DEF \$2,324.31
Dept of Insp Appeal, & Licensing Boiler inspection \$80.00
Ringtel, Phone, internet \$167.74
Bancroft Car-Go, Diesel Bancroft Register \$444.00
Publications \$238.22
Tara Benson, Reimb PD CID, Custodial supplies \$332.27
Hassebrook Refrigeration Repair \$551.00
Iowa Communication Network Internet \$24.00
Kelsie Johnson, Reimb PD meal \$20.29
Lakeland Tag, (5) 7th gr Jennifer Leining Reimb PT Conf \$76.94
Mart, Mitchell, Reimb gasohol \$27.00
Mondragon, Courtney Reimb Oct mileage \$111.72
Nov AEA \$8,361.40
Julie Runksmeier Reimb cell phone \$600.00
Travis Schueller, Nov cell phone \$60.00
Stevens, Courtney Reimb Aug-Dec Swea City Herald Publications \$191.72
Swea City, City of Water/sewer/garbage \$994.59
Johnson Plmby & Heating Maint supplies \$541.01
Timberline Billing Nov medicad fees \$226.62
General **FUND TOTAL** \$89,791.23

Elem fundraiser \$4,028.52
Dollar General, Conc supplies \$112.00
NCIBA, MS honor band \$40.00
North Star Music, Clarinet needs \$60.80
Cardmember Svcs Rogue, Matboss, Ctrcreek \$2,763.00
DHS Cashier, Oct medicad \$831.91
Defense Soap, Wrestling \$149.04
Student Activity **FUND TOTAL** \$7,985.27

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Nutrition **FUND TOTAL** \$16,757.84

PSF Insurance Vendor, Description Amount
Wellmark, Nov ins \$39,526.14
PSF Insurance **FUND TOTAL** \$39,526.14

SAVE Vendor, Description Amount
Vaske Sales & Service Hustler super z \$15,222.00
Cardmember Services Boiler \$1,067.03
North Kossuth Genl Transfer from \$500,000.00
Next Generation Technologies Security cameras \$15,820.00
Next Generation Technologies Nov tech \$3,144.00
SAVE **FUND TOTAL** \$535,253.03

PPEL Vendor, Description Amount
Marco, Copier leases \$1,518.66
North Kossuth Genl Transfer from \$250,000.00
William Benke Trucking Bus marn rent \$600.00
PPEL **FUND TOTAL** \$252,118.66

Management Vendor, Description Amount
North Kossuth Genl Transfer from \$250,000.00
PMC Advantage Insurance Workers comp \$1,341.00
Management **FUND TOTAL** \$251,341.00
DISTRICT TOTAL \$1,192,773.17

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North Kossuth School Board

Board Work Session
Conference Room
Swea City, Iowa
5:15 PM
December 4, 2025

(All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)

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Discussion: SitoligiQ possible building projects
Motion by Deim, seconded by Gorackowski was made to approve scenario #4 as presented for recommendation for facility infrastructure investment with SitoligiQ. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Morphew, seconded by Deim was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:05PM. Motion carried.

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