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the bulk of the company’s assets in exchange for applying approximately \$25.7 million of its outstanding debt toward the purchase.

Helgeson acquired certain personal property of the company, the court record shows.

The receivership proceedings followed Pure Prairie Poultry’s financial collapse late last year, but not before the company first attempted a Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in federal court.

In September 2024, Pure Prairie filed for bankruptcy in Minnesota, seeking court approval for interim financing to keep the plant running while it looked for a buyer.

The plan quickly fell apart after Community Bank & Trust objected to the proposed financing deal.

Pure Prairie had agreed up to \$15 million in “debtor in possession” financing from Sandton Capital, but the loan required existing creditors to voluntarily subordinate their liens – meaning the new lender would jump ahead of prior secured creditors like CB&T.

Community Bank refused to subordinate its claim without USDA approval, which had not

been granted. The bank also raised concerns about Pure Prairie’s ability to generate sufficient revenue to remain operating even with the additional financing.

Several other creditors also objected.

Without interim financing, the company moved to dismiss its bankruptcy case less than a week after filing, and closed its doors a few days later.

After the federal bankruptcy case was dismissed, Pure Prairie managed its assets to Lighthouse Management Group under Minnesota’s “assignment for the benefit of creditors” law.

THAT STATE RECEIVERSHIP process allows for liquidation or sale under court supervision, but with fewer restrictions than federal bankruptcy.

Nicollet County court documents show that Lighthouse and its advisers attempted to market the Charles City facility and related assets to outside buyers.

They initially secured an offer from 4G Poultry LLC to acquire the business for \$6 million, but Community Bank again objected, calling the price too low.

The bank ultimately exercised its right to credit bid a higher amount based on its secured debt.

Helgeson, who held separate secured liens, also submitted a credit bid for equipment and

personal property. Judge Krehbiel’s order approved the transfer of assets “free and clear of all liens, claims, and encumbrances,” effectively wiping out any lower-priority creditor interests in the property that was transferred, the court records show. That gives the new owners clean title to the land, buildings, machinery and other operating

assets of the former poultry processor.

While the major asset sale is complete, Lighthouse Management Group continues to pursue collection of unpaid customer accounts receivable, which totaled about \$2.1 million as of early June.

On June 9, Judge Krehbiel issued a separate order directing several remaining customers to

turn over unpaid balances to the receivership, according to newly filed court documents.

FUNDS COLLECTED FROM THESE receivables will be distributed separately according to creditor priorities, including potential claims under federal Packers and Stockyards Act trust provisions for poultry growers who supplied birds to the plant.

Community Bank’s decision to acquire the plant through the credit bid may reflect its belief that it can ultimately recover more of its loan by controlling future resale or redevelopment of the property.

Had the plant been liquidated through bankruptcy, the bank risked recovering only a fraction of its secured claim in a forced auction.

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COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES 28E GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES The CSS Governing Board met on Wednesday May 28th, 2025 at 10AM at the Featherlite Building at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Cresco, IA.

CSS Board members present: Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw; Dan Marx, Law Enforcement Rep (virtual); Heidi Nederhoff, Grundy; Mark Hendrickson, Mitchell (virtual); Asgh Barnett, Butler (virtual); Kristi Schenbrenner, Children’s Education Rep (virtual); Mark Faldet, Winneshiek (virtual);

CSS Board Members Not Present: Doug Reimer, Clayton; June Klein-Bacon, Children’s Parent Rep; Brittney Montross, Adult Rep; Ashley Neundorff, Judicial Rep;

Non-voting individuals present at the meeting: Megan Taets, CSS; Emma Hall, CSS; Kris McGrane, CSS; Todd Rickert, CSS; Pat Murray, Howard BOS; Beth Kregel, CSS (virtual); Libby Reeker, Tama MHA (virtual); Sue Card, CSS (virtual); April Kiefer, CSS (virtual); Kristen Schneider, CSS (virtual); Gloria Carr, Floyd (virtual); Dennis Keatley, Allamakee; Sarah Janssen, CSS (virtual); Monica Paulsen, JCSS (virtual); Todd Lange, Wellpoint (virtual); Daphne Schlamm, CSS (virtual); Ashley Rosendahl, CSS (virtual);

The County Social Services Board Meeting was called to order by Hackman, CSS Board Chair.

1. A motion was made by Barnett, Grundy and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve today’s agenda and the minutes from April 2025. Motion Carried.

2. There was no update from Adult Services Provider Representative, Brittney Montross as she was not present at the meeting.

3. There was no update from Children Services Representative, June Klein-Bacon as she was not present at this meeting.

4. Sheriff Dan Marx, Law Enforcement representative, did not have any updates to report.

5. There were no updates from Judicial Representative, Ashley Neundorff as she was not present at this meeting.

6. There were no updates from the CSS Board and Member Counties.

7. Mary McKinnell, CSS CEO reported that CSS has approximately 1 month left of our regular day-to-day operations as a MHDS Region. CSS has sold back all CSS vehicles to Brown’s Chevrolet in Elkader, IA. Member counties and providers have reached out to CSS and identified items they would like to have. Some CSS offices have already closed during this month- Clayton, Tama, Chickasaw, Howard, and the Nora Springs office will close on 6.30.25. CSS met with one of the new Disability Access Points- CICO to discuss our client caseloads of who we are currently funding, July 1st, 2025 is the implementation date for BH-ASO’s and DAP’s to pro-

vide Behavioral Health and Disability Services in Iowa. CSS will be working with CICS and ESSR on providing warm hand offs with clients when contacted by CICS to get this coordinated. CSS has not heard anything from Iowa Primary Care Association, new BH-ASO about this yet. CSS has had one employee resign this past month. As of today there are currently 19 CSS employees.

8. A motion was made by Nederhoff, Grundy and seconded by Hendrickson, Mitchell to approve Option 1 suggested by Assured Partners & Auxiant to provide Auxiliary a lump sum amount of money to pay any CSS runoff claims they receive between July 1, 2025-Dec 31st, 2025. Motion Carried.

(If there are any unspent funds at the end of this period, Auxiant and HHS would need to work together to transfer these remaining funds back to HHS).

9. A motion was made by Nederhoff, Grundy and seconded by Faldet, Winneshiek to approve the CSS Independent Contractor (IC) agreements for Mary McKinnell, Megan Taets, and Kris McGrane and to approve the Board Chair to sign these contract agreements. Motion Carried.

10. A motion was made by Hendrickson and seconded by Marx, Law Enforcement Rep, for contractors to document hours worked and have these hours reviewed and approved by the CSS Board 1 time per month. IC hours worked will be paid to contractors through the CSS claims/finance software. Motion Carried.

11. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve the April 2025 claims list and financial reports. Motion Carried.

12. CSS Board reviewed the CSS Exceptions to Policy for April 2025.

13. All CSS Vehicles were returned and sold back to Brown’s Chevrolet in Elkader, IA on 5.14.25 and this was reported to ICAP/PDCM, CSS’s insurance carrier.

14. CSS laptops will be wiped clean at the 6/30/25 CSS all staff picnic. CSS is asking for permission for employees and/or Board Members to have the option to purchase these laptops for a suggested price of \$50 per device. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Marx, Law enforcement rep to allow CSS employees/counties to have the option to purchase their laptop after it has been wiped clean for \$50.00 per laptop. Motion Carried.

15. A Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with CICS for claims assistance was discussed. This BAA between CSS and CICS is for the purpose of entering and processing CSS claims after 6.30.25. The CSS Board agreed to have the Board Chair sign the BAA between CSS and CICS.

16. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to accept the current CSS close-

out plan and for this to be submitted to HHS. Motion Carried.

The CSS close-out plan may be subject to change in the future and if so, this will be updated and re-submitted to HHS at that time.

17. The next CSS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 10:00AM. The meeting will be held in Mitchell County. It is important for CSS board members to continue to attend these CSS Governing board meetings to reach quorum for voting purposes.

18. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Hackman, Chickasaw to adjourn the CSS Board meeting. Motion Carried.

April Claims

43 North Iowa Total: \$482.38

Abbe Center for Community Mental Health Total: \$14,461.00

Access Technologies, Inc. Total: \$4,736.60

ADP, Inc. Total: \$39,391.74

Adult Crisis Total: \$250.80

Black Hawk County Auditor Total: \$30,773.00

Black Hawk County Sheriff Total: \$35,870.74

Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center Total: \$14,313.36

Burlington Stage Lines, LTD Total: \$148.56

Casey Taylor Total: \$600.00

Cedar Valley Community Support Services, Inc. Total: \$4,904.74

Cedar Valley Ranch, Inc. Total: \$10,164.90

Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Total: \$1,627.50

Central Iowa Residential Services, Inc. Total: \$4,874.40

Challenge to Change, Inc. Total: \$17,580.33

Choice Employment Services LLC Total: \$2,030.00

Dumont Telephone Company Total: \$154.84

Elevate Housing Foundation Total: \$20.88

Enterprise Media, Inc. Total: \$334.60

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Exceptional Persons Inc. Total: \$53,551.61

Flowstate Health, LLC Total: \$30,360.17

Foundation 2, Inc. Total: \$6,069.94

Full Circle Services, Inc. Total: \$27,042.62

Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc. Total: \$822.41

Grundy Center Municipal Utilities Total: \$53.10

Grundy County Engineer Total: \$70.23

Guardians of Northeast Iowa, Inc. Total: \$8,400.00

Hall, Emma Total: \$147.26

Hawkeye Telephone Company Total: \$136.59

Hillcrest Family Services Total: \$3,311.42

Howard County Auditor Total: \$8,049.65

Howes, Jason Total: \$163.53

Inclusion Connection, Inc. Total: \$3,250.45

Integrated Telehealth Partners Total: \$5,980.00

Iowa Public Employees Retirement System Total: \$17,077.39

Iowa State Association of Counties Total: \$62,359.18

Janssen, Sarah Total: \$97.31

Johnson, Julie Total: \$464.98

Jordan River, Inc. Total: \$264.00

Joshua J Mackey Total: \$604.00

Karlee Crawford Total: \$100.00

Kiefer, April Total: \$531.32

Kregel, Beth Total: \$12.54

Kris McGrane Total: \$601.92

Life Connections, LLC Total: \$375.17

MCC Telephony of Iowa Total: \$324.99

Medical Associates Clinic, P.C. Total: \$172.00

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Black Hawk County Total: \$488.18

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company Total: \$2,070.00

Nelson, Jordan Total: \$9,030.68

Next Generation Technologies Total: \$7,760.00

Northeast Iowa Community Association - Transit Total: \$1,406.47

Northeast Iowa Mental Health Center Total: \$7,436.25

One City United Total: \$14,855.22

One Vision Total: \$2,813.82

Ouseg Municipal Utilities Total: \$47.00

Paulsen, Monica Total: \$387.50

Plugged-In Iowa Total: \$11,900.00

Prairie View Management, Inc. Total: \$19,335.20

Region Six Planning Commission Total: \$1,522.88

Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company Total: \$483.24

REM Developmental Services, Inc. Total: \$457.20

Rickett, Todd Total: \$241.68

RISKE LTD Total: \$7,180.92

Rock Star Real Estate LLC Total: \$600.00

Ruffridge, Doris Total: \$2,258.00

Schlampp, Daphne Total: \$127.68

Schneider, Kristine Total: \$310.97

Scott Pharmacy, Inc. Total: \$134.58

Shankland-Dix LLC Total: \$901.98

TASC, Inc. Total: \$1,825.68

The Shredder Total: \$35.00

Thomas, Dylan Total: \$386.90

Thrifty White Pharmacy Total: \$261.75

USCC Services, LLC Total: \$977.77

WK Empire Holdings, LLC Total: \$800.00

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City of Charles City
Charles City city council met in regular session on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Zastrow room at the public library. The following council members were present: DeLaine Freesman, Phillip Knighten, and Phoebe Pittman. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers, city attorney Brad Slotter, and city engineer John Fallis.

Citizen comments – none
Mayor Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion by Freesman, second Pittman to approve the agenda. Ayes- 3

Motion by Knighten, second Freesman to approve the minutes of the May 14, May 19, and May 21 meetings. Ayes- 3

Motion by Freesman, second Pittman to approve the consent calendar. Ayes- 3
The consent calendar consisted of the following- approve excavation bonds for Iowa Wall Sawing, Inc. and Laubes Backhoe & Hauling LLC, and payment of claims (including those approved by other boards):
PAYROLL ENDING 5/17/25 \$104,101.63
CITY OF CHARLES CITY \$842.87
CC PUBLIC EMP HEALTH PLAN \$37,001.91
EMC NATIONAL LIFE-SUPPLEM \$6.00
DELTA DENTAL \$252.84
VSP \$523.68
MUTUAL OF OMAHA \$1,284.66
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU \$1100.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY \$1,718.82
CUSB BANK \$265,031.80
FIDELITY BANK & TRUST \$15,093.75
FIRST CITIZENS BANK \$54,362.62
FIRST SECURITY BANK \$82,713.70
ACUSHNET FINANCIAL \$419.60
JOHN DEERE COMPANY \$754.48
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY LLP \$666.74
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO. \$25.94
BURKE DOORS SALES & SERVICE \$161.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES \$470.85
CENTURYLINK \$840.97
CC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$105.00
CIANA SONBERG \$13.77
CINTAS CORPORATION \$65.85
CIRCLE K COMMUNICATIONS INC \$5,918.00
CITY OF CHARLES CITY \$320.35
DEBOEST CONCRETE CORP \$2,050.00
ECOLAB \$1,425.41
GDB & SONS \$1,000.00
GRANITE INDUSTRIES \$3,980.00
COREY CERWINSKE/GREEN IMAGE \$120.00
HOLDEN HILLEGAS/H&R LAWN CARE \$405.00
HY-VEE INC \$227.28
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES \$186.00
IDOT-CASHIER’S OFFICE \$496.54
IN CONTROL INC \$1,640.50
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES \$946.08
JENNIFER LANTZ \$475.61
JEO CONSULTING GROUP \$6,562.50
JOHN A HOWE \$630.00
LEAF \$141.84
M-PRINTS INK \$67.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP \$2,494.46
MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING \$7,524.50
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY \$32,424.13

MIKE MOLSTEAD MOTORS INC \$369.85
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$4,660.00
MTI DISTRIBUTING INC \$152.31
NASSCO INC \$96.62
NEWBAUER INC \$299.25
NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL \$473.97
PERRY HUMANE SOCIETY \$1,550.00
PAWS NOVAK ELECTRIC INC \$500.00
RILEY’S INC \$84.95
ROSS’S GUNS & AMMO \$75.00
SISSON & ASSOCIATES INC \$161.00
UNIQUE COUNTRY STORE \$1,250.00
UNITED STATES CELLULAR \$299.19
GEORGE USHER/USHER SHARPENING \$50.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$5,969.14
VERIZON \$120.03
WICKS CONSTRUCTION INC \$47,269.28
WISCONSIN INDEPENDENT NETWORK \$1,313.75
ZEKE’S CONSTRUCTION & CRANE \$975.00
ADOBE INC \$3,015.12
AHLERS & COONEY PC \$247.50
METERING SOLUTIONS \$3,193.45
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC \$871.50
SPRING STREET PROPERTIES \$1,400.00
STERISCYCLE INC \$58.99
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING \$641.17
ELECTRIC PUMP \$1,243.50
GRAINGER \$1,502.95
HACH COMPANY \$248.41
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC \$82.19
MISSISSIPPI LIME COMPANY \$11,164.74
PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON IN \$164,785.41
AFLAC \$1,517.25
EFTPS (PAYROLL TAXES) \$2,957.50
ICMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS \$2,993.78
IA PUBLIC EMPLOY RETIRE \$29,590.25
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE \$28,072.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA \$6,606.49
DISH \$97.10
BUSINESS CARD \$852.68
BANCORPSV \$670.38
UNITED BEVERAGING MC \$1,206.55
KABRICK DISTRIBUTING CO \$1,602.60
QUILL CORPORATION \$694.69
SKYBLUE SOLUTIONS \$997,266.42
TOTAL: \$997,266.42

Todd Smith, representing Elyk Lodge No. 418, was present to request a proclamation for Flag Day and shared a few facts about the American flag and Flag Day. Motion by Knighten, seconded by Pittman to approve the proclamation. Ayes- 3. Mayor Andrews then read and presented the proclamation.

Mayor Andrews opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance 1192 AMENDING SECTION 1.6.6 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE THAN ONE DUPLEX UPON A LOT OR TRACT. Affidavit of publication dated 5/23/2025 was informally filed. Mayor asked for written comments. There being none, he then asked for oral comments. There were none. Motion by Freesman, second by Pittman to close the public hearing. Ayes: 3. Engineer Fallis stated that this amendment came about due to the Kading project, which is being developed as

one large parcel with multiple dwellings. The UDO defines multi-family dwellings as those with three or more units, which excludes duplexes. This amendment adds duplexes to the list. Motion by Pittman, second by Freesman to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1192. Ayes: Knighten, Freesman, and Pittman. Nays: none. Councilmember Pittman read the ordinance. Councilmember Freesman moved for adoption and publication of Ordinance 1192, seconded by Pittman. Ordinance duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes- Freesman, Pittman, and Knighten. Nays: none.

Ordinance No. 1191 VACATING A PORTION OF THIRTEENTH AVENUE IN CHARLES CITY, IOWA was presented for its second reading. In order to vacate this former right-of-way parcel and provide good title, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on 5/7/25 and recommended that council pass Ordinance 1191. Motion by Freesman, second by Pittman to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1191. Ayes: Pittman, Knighten, and Freesman. Nays: none. Councilmember Freesman read the ordinance.

Engineer Fallis stated that the public hearing notice for Ordinance 1191 was sent to the Press, but it did not get published, therefore the date for the hearing needs to be reset for June 16 at 6:00pm. Councilmember Pittman introduced Resolution 53-25 entitled, “RESOLUTION RESETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1191” and moved for adoption.

Second to adopt by Knighten. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes- Knighten, Freesman, and Pittman. Nays- none.

The 2024 Permeable Pavement Project was completed last fall, with the exception of a few punch-list items that have now been completed. This project was a sponsored project with funding for water quality improvements from the restructuring of the SRF loan on the WWRF and with the remainder from local funds. Total project was \$77,373.10, with the final payment being \$47,269.29. Councilmember Knighten introduced Resolution 54-25 entitled, “RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2024 PERMEABLE PAVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT” and moved for adoption. Seconded by Pittman. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes- Freesman, Pittman, and Knighten. Nays- none.

City Administrator Diers spoke about revising the three urban renewal plans. Anytime the city does a project, the urban renewal plan must be amended. In order to do this, public hearings must first be held. These resolutions set the public hearings for June 7 starting at 6:00pm. The Riverside urban renewal area funds CCADC and Mainstreet Charles City, plus admin and professional fees, for a total of \$24,077 over the three-year period. Councilmember Pittman introduced Resolution 55-25 entitled, “RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE RIVERSIDE URBAN RENEWAL AREA” and moved for adoption. Second to adopt by Freesman. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes- Pittman, Knighten, and Freesman. Nays- none.

The Southwest Bypass amendment addresses funding for the Charles City Area Development group, as well as the new Economic Development Local Business Support program which is \$20,000 a year for three years and admin and professional fees of \$6,000 a year, for a total

amendment of \$217,851. Councilmember Pittman introduced Resolution 56-25 entitled, “RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE SOUTHWEST BY-PASS URBAN RENEWAL AREA” and moved for adoption. Seconded by Knighten. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes- Knighten, Freesman, and Pittman. Nays- none.

The third and final urban renewal area is South Grand. Over the three years, this urban renewal area funds the CCADC, Economic Development Local Business Support program, and admin and professional fees, for a total of \$129,057. Councilmember Knighten introduced Resolution 57-25 entitled, “RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE SOUTH GRAND URBAN RENEWAL AREA” and moved for adoption. Second to adopt by Freesman. Freesman questioned the \$60,000 funding of the Economic Development Local Business Support Program. Diers clarified that the funding is \$60k for the entire three-year program, but it is set up for \$60k in each TIF area, so that just in case all the projects originate from one particular TIF area, that we would have the authority to cover it, as we never know ahead of time which area the applications are going to come from. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes- Freesman, Pittman, and Knighten. Nays- none.

City Administrator Diers reported that he has not received the final draft of the Colocation Agreement between the City and WIN, LLC, therefore no action was taken on Resolution 58-25.

Discussion was held on the job description and posting for an interim administrator to fill the position after Diers leaves until the city can hire permanently. Motion by Knighten, second by Pittman to postpone for the appointment of an Interim City Administrator. Ayes- 3
Administrator Diers reported that the force main in Maple Heights is experiencing some pressure loss issues. They are investigating to see if possibly the main was punctured during fiber install in the area. Diers authorized superintendent Rimrod to have a crew come in to televis the main. The SW Bypass joint entity with Floyd County will be preserved as a whole and kept under the city. On June 24 the county will be taking action to do so. Engineer Fallis and street superintendent Stoneycypher have been working with Diers to form a plan to align Main Street to Riverside by adjusting lane sizes, etc. New lines will be painted soon. The League of Cities Annual Conference is coming up in September in the Des Moines area. Diers’ last day in the office will be Friday, June 20, with a get-together after at Tellurian for all to wish him and his family farewell.

Knighten reported that Jennifer Lantz, foster grandparent program director, sent an email stating that the program is being funded for another year.

Motion by Pittman, seconded by Freesman to adjourn. Ayes- 3
Dean Andrews, Mayor
Attest:
Brent Lentz, City Clerk

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Outdoor postcard mural planned on YMCA building

Next painting in Town of Colors project

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Charles City’s next outdoor mural officially has a home.

The Town of Colors committee has announced that the YMCA has agreed to have its Ferguson Street facing wall be used as the canvas for the “postcard mural.”

“We’ve been looking for a home for the postcard mural for two years,” said Arts Center Director Emily Kiewel. “We’re very excited that it found a home.”

Designed by Ken “Phybr” Dushane III, the mural will showcase significant features and landmarks of Charles City, spelled out in the city’s name in the style of a postcard.

The Town of Colors com-

mittee has long had plans for the mural in the works, but has struggled to find a place to put it as ideas to paint the mural on the Chamber of Commerce building or City Hall fell through.

Work on the mural is slated to begin on July 7 and should take about two weeks to complete.

In the meantime, the Town of Colors committee will be writing grants and raising funds to support two additional murals that are in the works.

Mayor Dean Andrews, a member of the committee, said other locations are being scouted for more murals that could go up this summer.

“I’m pretty sure we can do at least two,” said Andrews. “I’m hoping we can do three.”

CCADC announces new business plan competition, with \$3,000 grand prize

To The Press

The Charles City Area Development Corporation board of directors has announced its 2025 Business Plan Competition, with submission due date of Oct. 17, 2025.

“We celebrate entrepreneurship and innovation and are soliciting business plans in which they have business ideas, start-ups or early-stage ventures,” said Tim Fox, CCADC chief executive officer.

Residents of Floyd County and Nashua seeking to start a business or enter a new phase in an existing business are eligible to apply.

CCADC President Scott Melliore said, “We seek to be inclusive of all types of business starts and will provide more assistance than a mere business plan review. CCADC staff and directors are available to work with applicants in devising the business plan, including critical review.”

In addition, CCADC works

with local professionals to provide in-kind services for entrepreneurs relating to the professional’s area of expertise.

Initial step for applicants is to contact Fox at the CCADC office, 401 N. Main St., Charles City; by phone at 641-228-3020 ext. 13 or by email to tfox@charlescityia.com.

He will provide the list of required business plan components as well as work with the applicant to form an action plan.

“We seek to nurture a new or early-stage business from the ground up,” said Melliore. Applicants will have the opportunity to set progress milestones with CCADC staff to ensure the best possible product by the Oct. 17 deadline.

The business plan voted best will win the \$3,000 cash prize.

Developing the business plan can also help entrepreneurs access professional help in the community, including capital, marketing, legal structure, operations planning and financial planning.

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