



Notice

In the Matter of the Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission For Howard County

The Howard County Magistrate Appointing Commission will meet on May 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, in the District Courtroom, for the purpose of appointing one magistrate for Howard County for the term beginning August 1, 2025, and ending July 31, 2029. All applicants must be personally present for interviews on that date.

1. The magistrate must be a resident of Howard County or a resident of a county contiguous to this county during the term of office and does not qualify for appointment if at the time of appointment the applicant will have reached age seventy-two (72).

2. A magistrate shall be an attorney li-

censed to practice law in Iowa, except for magistrates who have held office since April 1, 2009.

3. To qualify for appointment, one must file a certified application on the forms approved by the Iowa Supreme Court. The application forms may be obtained from the office of the clerk of district court between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The completed application forms (with letter of interest and resume of qualifications attached) must be returned by email to:

Benita Gossman, Clerk of Court
Email address: benita.gossman@iowa-courts.gov By 4:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025

4. The present salary for a Judicial Magistrate is \$45,484.00 per year.

5. The magistrate shall work in other

counties of the district as assigned by the chief judge for the orderly administration of justice pursuant to Code of Iowa Section 602.6404. A magistrate is also subject to Code of Iowa Section 602.6108. The magistrate may be required to handle mental commitment hearings pursuant to Code of Iowa Chapters 125 and 229.

6. The person appointed shall attend the annual school of instruction for magistrates.

7. For information on judicial magistrate appointments, jurisdiction and procedures, see Iowa Code sections 602.6403 through 602.6405.

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Notice of Vacancies

The Howard County Board of Supervisors is taking applications for various county board and commission appointments for 2025. Howard County appreciates diversity in these appointments and welcomes all applicants at least 18 years of age. Terms and dates of appointments vary.

Veteran's Affairs Commission

This list is not all inclusive. The Board of Supervisors is always looking for people interested in serving their community. Applications are required and can be obtained at the office of the Howard County Auditor or on the county's website www.howardcounty.iowa.gov. Please submit applications by June 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to the auditor's office. Additional information may be obtained by calling 563-547-9203.

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Cresco City Council

Mayor Fortune called the Cresco City Council special meeting to order on April 14, 2025 at 4:30 pm. Council Members Carman, Bouska, Fosaaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present.

Fosaaen made the motion to go into closed session at 4:30 pm pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1) (j). Kriener seconded. Bouska, Kriener, McConnell, Fosaaen, and

Carman voted aye.

Bouska made the motion to go back into open session at 5:59 pm. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

No formal action was taken during the closed session.

Carman moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:00 pm. Fosaaen seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular

Cresco City Council meeting will be April 21, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Alexander Fortune
City Clerk Nicole Hill

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CRESCO- Cresco Knights of Columbus Council #1571 donated Easter hams to N.E.I.C.A.C. local Howard county Food Pantry. Amy Hershberger "Lead Family Services Specialist" accepting the hams from 4th Degree Wayne Kreitzer, Financial Secretary Gary Langreck and Grand Knight Wayne Mashek.

Elma City Council

The Elma City Council meeting was opened by Mayor Thoren at 7:00 Pm in the Elma Community Complex meeting room. Meeting was opened with roll call. Laura Schroeder, present, Emily Placek, present, Josh Smith, present, Myron Head, present, Andrew Casler, absent.

Laura moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Emily, carried.

Laura moved the minutes of the March 5th, 10th, 24th and 25th meetings be approved, seconded by Emily, carried.

Laura moved the liquor license for the Bluebird be approved, seconded by Josh, carried. Laura moved the amendments for the Legion liquor license be approved, seconded by Josh, carried.

Laura moved the claims be approved, seconded by Emily, carried.

There will NOT a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, to approve the Fiscal Year 25-26 budget. The wrong document was sent to the paper to publish. Due to deadlines with publishing and submitting the budget, the public hearing will have to be held Monday the 28th or Tuesday the 29th. Laura moved the public hearing for the fiscal year 25-26 budget be held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM in at the Elma Community Complex, City Clerk's office, seconded by Josh, carried.

The City Council has not come up with a final decision on the daycare rent and will table the subject until the May meeting.

Soil borings are required to be taken at for the sewer plant project. Chosen Valley Testing has been contacted to take the samples. Laura moved to approve Chosen Valley Testing to take 4 soil borings for the sewer plant project, seconded by Josh, carried.

Laura moved to approve that Plum St, north of the Memorial Hall, be closed off for the Legion car show on the first Mondays of the month, May through September, seconded by Josh, carried.

Brian received pricing to replace street name signs in Elma. Pricing was to replace all street signs. Council would like Brian to go through and find the signs that need replacing versus replacing all signs and bring that list to council. The estimate about water lines in the packet was for removing and/or replacing potential water lines under Busti Ave. Street repair has been discussed in the past, possibly beginning with Busti Ave, and Council wants to see the entire picture before replacing the street only. They want to know the condition of the water and sewer lines under the street before going over them with a new street. Visu-sewer was in town to camera the sewer lines and we are waiting for the results of that yet.

A collapsed sewer line in the community complex has been discovered. It is causing the toilet in one of the bathrooms to plug up and overflow. The line is located under the flooring in a storage room. The floor will have to come up for the line to be fixed. The City received an estimate of \$2,000 from O'Brien Plumbing and Heat-

ing to fix the line. Council agreed that this is a problem that needs fixing as soon as possible since this is a public restroom and to go ahead with the repair.

Under the Mayor's comments, Alta Vista is wondering if a decision was made for street sweeping for them. Council decided to offer to sweep the 2 main streets in Alta Vista for \$1,500 once. Shannon will let the Alta Vista City Clerk know and we will wait to hear from them.

Mayor Thoren had no further comments. Laura moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Josh, meeting adjourned.

Claims Paid & Summary of Receipts March 12 through April 15, 2025	
Deposit	3,230.09
Deposit	1,349.42
United States Treasury	2,145.76
Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance, fee	356.28
Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance ..	1,093.37
US Cellular, phone	89.55
Alliant Energy, electric	4,975.15
Deposit	1,968.39
Howard County Treasurer, Property Tax	5,707.04
Deposit	2,705.95
Deposit	4,721.17
Deposit	946.29
Treasurer - State of Iowa Road, Use Tax ..	4,586.99
Sigler, Brian D.	1,431.41
Dockendorf, Nickolaus J.	535.26
Gebel, Shannon	986.84
Dundee, Linda M.	172.12
Wellmark BC/BS	1,473.96
Deposit	1,173.17
Weber, Marlene F.	124.67
Dockendorf, Nickolaus J.	113.16
Zweibohmer, Paula M.	91.94
Burke, Renee	570.49
Deposit	631.64
Casler, Andrew	184.52
Head (c), Myron	184.52
Ptacek, Emily	184.52
Smith, Joshua	138.38
Thoren, Randy	591.82
Schroeder (c), Laura	138.38
Deposit	1,026.21
Capital One, phone bill	64.84
Deposit	390.68
Capital One, supplies	1,497.70
Treasurer - State of Iowa, Local Option ..	7,614.21
Post Office, postage	168.00
Deposit	726.83
Deposit	106.00
Deposit	50.00
Deposit	3.00
Interest	226.99
Deposit	714.52
Deposit	4,475.00
Mediacom, internet	156.95
Dockendorf, Nickolaus J.	576.82
Sigler, Brian D.	1,431.41
Weber, Marlene F.	83.11
Zweibohmer, Paula M.	153.65

Burke, Renee	634.19
Crawford, Alyssa	122.80
Dundee, Linda M.	129.08
Gebel, Shannon	986.84
Deposit	4,585.56
United States Treasury	5,075.92
IPERS	2,472.02
Security State Bank, loan payment	1,906.19
.....	2,960.10
Deposit	3,519.90
Deposit	20.00
Deposit	100.00
Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance ..	443.01
Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance ..	1,096.80
US Cellular, phone	94.20
Deposit	1,280.52
Deposit	50.00
Leaf, copier lease	189.40
Deposit	1,341.29
Deposit	7,685.46
Alliant Energy, electric	3,174.04
Deposit	2,552.20
VOID: Deposit	0.00
Deposit	92.20
Deposit	2,689.06
Times Plain Dealer, publishing	572.39
O'Brien Plumbing and Heating, mem hall ..	389.14
Innovative Ag Services (v), LP ..	2,476.20
Farmland Hardware, supplies	388.16
LJP Waste Solutions, garbage ..	3,686.94
Elma Express (v), fuel	130.84
Howard County Sheriff's Office, law en- ..	1,893.75
Microbac Laboratories, Inc, testing	704.00
Assured Partners, insurance ..	78,735.00
Brian Sigler, supplies	3.21
Alta Vista Shopper, publishing ..	210.00
JCJDW Investments LLC, solar march	1,111.66
Mead Creek IA, LLC, solar ..	2,340.93
Hartford Fire Insurance Company, flood ..	1,840.00
ClerkBooks, Inc, utility billing cards	158.00
Marian McGee, supplies	130.99
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., engineering ..	2,234.00
Hawkeye Communication, monitoring	475.00
Shannon Gebel (v), mileage	69.55
Jake's Electric, sewer	1,359.72
Baker And Taylor, books	95.58
Center Point LP, books	167.03
Junior Library Guild, books	83.16
Bytesize Supplies, supplies	50.00
Renee Burke (v), supplies	137.36
Runde Graphics, shirt fundraiser ..	338.12
Deposit	2,918.91
Deposit	4,631.65
Total Operating Checking	69,797.72
Total	-69,797.72

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2025 Earth Day Festival
April 26

The 2025 Earth Day Festival will be held from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Saturday, April 26th in the Community Building AND Danan Lansing Building at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds in Decorah, IA. Join Winneshiek County Conservation and community partners for a fun morning of earth-friendly activities, vendors, snacks, and more!

Explore the latest in recycling, composting, renewable energy, solar power, electric vehicles, native planting, wildlife habitat, and conservation practices with interactive displays, hands-on activities, and educational exhibits provided by local conservation and sustainability organizations.

Special events include free snacks and coffee, tree seedlings and other giveaways, live animals, electric vehicle showings, and a broken/used bike collection. This free, open house event is for all ages. Learn more at www.winneshiekwild.com/event/s/earth-day-festival-2025.

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