

Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE EIGHTEENTH DAY

The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa met in regular session as required by law at the Office of the Howard County Board of Supervisors, Cresco, Iowa on April 21, 2025.

Unless noted in the minutes, all motions were passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Pisney at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were: Chairman in the Chair Joe Pisney, Dean Eastman, and Pat Murray. Absent; None.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Pat Murray attended a CIDC meeting in Cresco, Iowa.

Howard County Engineer Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss Secondary Roads Business.

1. Project Updates.
2. Approval of federal aid agreement for Bridge NO-38.
3. Other Road Issues.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to sign the federal aid agreement for BR5-6257(601)—60-45. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve a liquor license for Tricky's Bar & Grill effective April 15, 2025. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to accept the RFP from Gardiner + Company PC for the County Audit for the following Fiscal Years:

FY 2025\$39,600
FY 2026\$42,800
FY 2027\$46,225
FY 2028\$49,950
FY 2029\$53,950

Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to pay claims. Motion passed.

General Basic Fund

Agvantage FS Inc,Fuels80.22
Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power217.09
Bob's Electric LLC, Electrical Supp.& Parts217.84
Buckwheat & Sons, Miscellaneous3800.00
Capital Sanitary Supply, Custodial Supplies327.76
City Laundering Co., Custodial Supplies100.13
Croell Inc, Cover Aggregate & Sand500.36
CUV Solar LLC, Electric Light & Power332.80
Elan Financial Services, Postage & Mailing58.80
Enterprise Media Group, Official Pub.& Legal Not.323.49
Grainger, Safety Items963.21
Hawkeye Sanitation Inc., Sanitation & Disposal Ser240.00
Ben Hillyer, Fuels36.00
Iowa Dept of Public Safety Att, Office & Data Processing1456.50
John Deere Financial, Custodial Supplies1017.86
KCZQ-FM, Other400.00
Kwik Trip Inc, Fuels4812.44

Language Line, Miscellaneous.....72.45
Marco Inc, Stationery/Forms/Office S517.71
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power113.66
Mike Molstead Motors, Motor Vehicle Equipment576.05
MOCIC, Dues & Memberships100.00
Brady Norman, Educational & Train.Serv.....800.00
Northeast Iowa Community Actio, Contract Carriers311.08
Northeast Iowa Motors, Motor Vehicle Equipment106.71
Omnitel Communications, Telephone & Fax Service119.42
Quill Corporation Stationery/Forms/Office S169.01
Regional Health Services Howar, Medical & Health Services1874.53
Riceville True Value, Hardware78.27
Riley's Inc., Office & Data Processing610.96
Scholbrock Masonry, Miscellaneous2588.00
Schumacher Elevator Company, Buildings484.20
Signs & Designs, Grounds Maintenance Suppl180.00
Spahn & Rose Lumber, Wood & Lumber Prod.20.65
State Medical Examiner, Medical & Health Services2541.00
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Board Proceedings546.26
U.S. Cellular, Telephone & Fax Service52.30
Upper Explorerland Region Plan, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ8789.19
Verizon Business, Telephone & Fax Service780.61
Vestis, Clothing & Dry Goods235.28
Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service978.40
Windstream, Telephone & Fax Service800.85
Winneshiek Co. Auditor, Acct.-Audit.-Cler.Serv695.40

Sheriff's Dept. K9
Ben Hillyer, Veterinary & Animal Care219.33

General Supplemental Fund

Marco Inc., Stationery/Forms/Office S44.00
North Iowa Juvenile Ctr, Family Life Home1240.00

Rural Services Basic Fund

Hawkeye Recycling Inc, Contract Carriers1216.16
Hawkeye Sanitation Inc., Contract Carriers8094.46

Secondary Road Fund

Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power249.35
Alta Vista Shopper, Official Pub.& Legal Not.196.95
Arnold Motor Supply, Parts.....835.94
AT&T Mobility, Telephone & Fax Service266.07
Bruening Rock Products, Cover Aggregate & Sand63285.91
CarQuest Auto Prts, Minor Mv Parts & Access451.03
City Laundering Co., Safety & Protect.Supp.174.57
Elma Express, Fuels296.60
Fastenal Company, Steel-Iron-& Relat.Metals133.45
Force America Distributing LLC, Parts1203.95
MEDIACOM, Data Processing Serv.

.....236.90
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power407.91
Mississippi Welders Supply MWS, Hardware301.36
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc, Minor Mv Parts & Access689.48
PETROBLEND CORP., Lubricants3247.50
Pickar-Oulman Plbg,Htg& Elec, Miscellaneous.....2545.00
Quill Corporation, Miscellaneous170.12
Ricoh USA, INC, Office & Data Processing135.84
Ronco Engineering Sales, Minor Equip & Hand Tools340.78
Spahn & Rose Lumber,Minor Equip & Hand Tools1048.23
Steel Shop Inc, Parts10.00
Truck Country of Iowa, Motor Vehicle Equipment12425.97
Verizon Business, Telephone & Fax Service426.92

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MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Other Long Term Debt Rede29549.77

Conserv. Special Projects

Williams Lawn Seed Inc, Buildings1390.00

Grants to Counties Well Prog.

Kwik Trip Inc, Employee Mileage & Subs.57.62

State Hygienic Laboratory, Medical & Lab.Supples470.00

Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund

Elan Financial Services, Minor Equip & Hand Tools19.24
Kwik Trip Inc, Fuels208.34
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power69.29

County Assessor Agcy Fund

Kwik Trip Inc, Motor Vehicle Equipment....97.46

Marco Inc, Office & Data Processing132.00

Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Planning & Management Con330.00

E911 Service Charge Fund

CENTURYLINK, Telephone & Fax Service13.58

MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power208.88

FLEX BENEFIT FUND

FLEX BENEFIT FUND, Medical & Health Charges.....2621.83

Midwest Group Benefits, Medical & Health Charges.....116.00

Self-Funded Health Insurance

Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges102361.17

Grand Total.....276565.45

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman,
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman Howard County Board of Supervisors

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Protivin City Council

The Protivin City Council met in special session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Protivin City Hall.

Mayor Mohr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Panos, Howland, and Heinrich. Absent: Ahnrdt and Polashek.

Motion by Panos, second by Howland to approve the consent agenda;

Agenda, Minutes, Bills & Claims. Voice vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Bill Ondrashek presented plans for a Veterans Memorial in front of the post office. This will be an agenda item at the May meeting.

Mayor Mohr opened the public hearing concerning the 2026 budget at 6:05. No oral or written comments were received.

Motion by Howland, second by Panos to close the public hearing at 6:06.

Motion by Howland, second by Panos to adopt Resolution 25-43 approving the adoption of the Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. On roll call vote: Ayes, Panos, Howland &

Heinrich. Nays: None, Absent: Ahnrdt and Polashek. Motion carried.

The tree grant will be discussed at the May meeting, there will likely be trees available for interested citizens in the Protivin city limits.

Motion by Panos, second by Heinrich to approve the first reading of a Sewer Rate Ordinance Amendment. Voice vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Howland, second by Heinrich to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest: Joane Kulish, City Clerk

April 22, 2025 Meeting Claims

ALLIANT ENERGY, City Electricity1,829.01

HAWKEYE SANITATION , Garbage Contract3,142.18

HAWKINS, INC., Water Supplies724.82

HOWARD CO SHERIFFS OFFICE, ..Police

Protection1,008.75

HAWKEYE RECYLING, Recycling Contract566.25

Cresco Times Plain Dealer, Publishing384.75

UPPER EXPLORERLAND RPC, Fees94.27

FAST MART (V), Fuel156.07

HAWKINS, INC., Water Supplies592.20

ALLIANT ENERGY, City Electricity2,090.08

MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC, Sewer/Water Testing17.50

SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON, INC, Water Systems Engineering...1,988.00

JESTRAB EXCAVATING, City Shop321.25

Total-12,915.13

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of PROTIVIN				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of PROTIVIN will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/13/2025 06:00 PM		Contact: Joane Kulish		Phone: (563) 569-8401
Meeting Location: Protivin City Hall 221 South Main Street Protivin IA				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	125,084	0	125,084
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	125,084	0	125,084
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	60,218	0	60,218
Licenses & Permits	7	1,575	0	1,575
Use of Money & Property	8	26,100	0	26,100
Intergovernmental	9	74,921	-25,000	49,921
Charges for Service	10	158,700	10,000	168,700
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	12,000	4,750	16,750
Other Financing Sources	13	620,000	129,100	749,100
Transfers In	14	125,267	0	125,267
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	1,203,865	118,850	1,322,715
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	35,960	0	35,960
Public Works	17	148,800	0	148,800
Health and Social Services	18	500	0	500
Culture and Recreation	19	77,650	0	77,650
Community and Economic Development	20	4,500	0	4,500
General Government	21	214,815	16,000	230,815
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	482,225	16,000	498,225
Business Type/Enterprise	25	725,875	129,100	854,975
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	1,208,100	145,100	1,353,200
Transfers Out	27	125,267	0	125,267
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	1,333,367	145,100	1,478,467
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-129,502	-26,250	-155,752
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	610,803	-52,202	558,601
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	481,301	-78,452	402,849
Explanation of Changes: The water project bids came in higher than anticipated and the city shop and supplies were slightly higher than expected. The water project loan proceeds and increased charges for services will help offset them. I must have had an error in income from road use taxes as				

Luther College awards honorary degree to travel writer Rick Steves

DECORAH — In honor of Rick Steves' four decades of promoting the value of travel as an educational tool, Luther College awarded Steves a Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa on Sunday, April 27.

"As a descendant of Norwegian immigrants, Steves is well known for his support of the celebration of Norwegian culture; his commitment to his Lutheran beliefs, the values of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and sustainability; and his humanitarian advocacy," said Luther College President Brad Chamberlain.

Steves was in Decorah to give a special talk titled "Travel with a Norwegian Sensibility" to a sold-out audience at Luther as part of a yearlong commemoration of the first organized migration from Norway to North America 200 years ago. Luther College is the first U.S. college founded by Norwegian immigrants.

Steves is a popular public television host, a best-selling guidebook author, and an outspoken activist who encourages Americans to broaden their perspectives through travel. Widely considered America's leading authority

on European travel, Steves produces a best-selling series of guidebooks. In his newest book, "On the Hippie Trail: Istanbul to Kathmandu and the Making of a Travel Writer" (2025), Steves discusses how his journey through Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and Nepal in 1978 changed his life.

Following the public presentation, Steves conducted a seminar with Luther students, answering their questions about the importance of travel for their lives and sharing insights of how his travel changed the course of his career.



Photo Submitted

Rick Stevens received a Doctor of Humane Letters for his four decades of promoting the value of travel. Rick is a television host, best-selling author, and an activist. He is widely considered American's authority on European travel.