

Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE TWENTIETH DAY

The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, lowa met in regular session as required by law at the Office of the Howard County Board of Supervisors, Cresco, lowa

on May 5, 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 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 Regional Health Services of Howard County Board meeting in Cresses.

in Cresco, Iowa.

Howard County Attorney Kevin Schoe-

berl and Howard County Treasurer Christy Hron came before the board to discuss the A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve Michelle Donlan to 72% of the Treasurer's salary effective July 1, 2025. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Dawn G

by Dean Eastman to approve Dawn Gossman will not be at 60% of the Treasurer's Salary, her salary will be set by the Board of Supervisors each July 1st effective July 1,

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve Amy Reterath's salary percentage will be 82.83804% of the Auditor's Salary effectively. tive July 1, 2025. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Alexandria Johnston will not be at 60% of the Auditor's Salary, her salary will be set by the Board of Supervisors each July 1* effective July 1, 2025. Motion passed 2025. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded y Dean Eastman to approve to publish the Notice. The Budget Amendment Hearing will be held on May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the Howard County Employee Information Handbook effective July 1, 2025. Motion passed. A motion by Dean Eastman and sec-onded by Pat Murray to approve Resolution

No. 1396-2025, Resolution fixing date for a public hearing on the proposal to enter into an agreement for private development with Upper lowa Ag, LLC, and providing for publication of notice thereof. The vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1396-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's Office or on Howard County Howard County Economic Development

Director Jason Passmore and Brady Norman, a member of the public, came before the board to discuss a Housing project in Howard County.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman after discussion with

Brady Norman to allocate \$130,000 towards a forgivable loan to Bad Ass Brothers Property Management LLC for 5 units of LMI at 80% median family income. Motion

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

Project Updates.
 Other Road Issues.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to pay claims. Motion passed. Access Systems, Data Processing..228.08 Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal & Ct-Related ...3471.50 Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power

Jennifer Bauer, Postage & Mailing144.02 Black Hawk County Treasurer, Medical & Health Services .50.00 Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas, LP Gas,1646.23

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LeRoy Area Ambulance, Contrib.-Other ...
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Mediacom, Telephone & Fax Service Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, Safety & Pro-Amy Norby, Wearing Apparel & Uniform

Melaney Olsen, Employee Mileage & Subs Phoenix Supply, Clothing & Dry Goods

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Gov.&Organ250.00
Ricoh USA, INC, Office Equipment & Furni Riley's Inc. Stationery/Forms/Office S

.139.50

Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service367.86 4imprint Inc, Other MHDS Direct Expenses

Cresco Public Library, Contrib.-Other

Howard County Economic Develop, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ 14461.02 Lime Springs Public Library, Contrib.-Other ...963.46

Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power

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ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES CUSB B, Minor Equip & Hand Tools1020.96
Emmons & Olivier Resources Inc, Engineering Services500.00

Steven Johnson, Safety & Protect. Supplies David Kovarik, Miscellaneous215.00 Martin's Blasting & Painting, Motor Vehicle

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Steel Shop Inc, Parts33.25 Superior Welding Supply, Hardware581.16 Truck Country of Iowa, Parts......458.00
VESTIS, Miscellaneous34.13
WEX Bank, Fuels11441.59
White Cap, L.P., Wood & Lumber Prod. ... Ziegler Inc., Parts 252.50

L & H Nurseries, Buildings

Thomas Schwarzhoff, Engineering Services Dennis Stika, Engineering Services. ..700.00

Wind Turbine Capital Proj. #3 Calhoun-Burns Associates, Roads. **Debt Service Fund**

UMB Bank attn:Diana Van Vleet, Other Long Term Debt Rede291097.50 Wind Turbine TIF Debt Bond UMB Bank attn:Diana Van Vleet, Other Long Term Debt Rede937800.00

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County Assessor Agcy Fund
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Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health

120.32 Grand Total 1494749.37 FICA 24,938.72 IPERS31,186.26 Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at $11:32 \ a.m.$

> Julie Chapman Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman Howard County Board of Supervi

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Pastors column

Dakota Supply Group, Parts163.80

Living Scripture

Someone asked recently, after hearing that the earliest parts of the New Testament weren't written down until 20-30 years after Jesus died, what the Bible was like for early Christians? Well, scripture was still the Hebrew scripture, or the 'Old Testament,' but the news that Jesus had risen from the dead influenced everything that scripture meant to believers. Jesus had risen, and one of the first things he did for people in his resurrection appearances was, '...beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures' (Luke 24:27). The meaning of scripture had been fulfilled in his death and resurrection, and trying to understand and share this good news was the task of the newly formed community who confessed that 'Jesus is risen indeed!' And so an answer to this question about what scrip-

ture was like before the New Testament was written down is that scripture was lived in the community. Scripture was lived before it was written, by the community who '...devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers' (Acts 2:42).

In the season of Easter the first reading in worship, instead of coming from the Old Testament, comes from the book of Acts. Acts describes the action of the first apostles as they preached and taught and healed much like Jesus had before them, as they lived with new power with the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus's resurrection and ascension. The use of Acts in the place of the Old Testament for worship reflects the continuity of God's word working in community before and after Jesus's resurrection, and that somehow this word with which the whole world was made (Genesis 1), which was embodied espe-

cially in Jesus Christ (John 1), is alive and at work in new ways in Christian community. Jesus told the disciples that they were 'witnesses' (Luke 24:48), which is not a word for a passive observer, but it means they are actively involved in sharing the meaning of Jesus's resurrection, of bearing the witness of this good news for all people. It means they are a part of God's word, they are characters in God's ongoing story of life and mercy in Jesus's name just as much as Moses and Sarah and Ruth and Isaiah were.

This recognition of where scripture comes from in early Christian community still shows us what the purpose of scripture is: it's meant to be lived. May you be woven into the story of God's life for us, as you share the good news of salvation for all people, because Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

answered the call of duty,



Nov. 9, 1945-May 7, 2025



MAQUOKETA - Charles Glenn Jorgensen, 79, of Maquoketa, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, May 7, 2025, at Clover Ridge Place in Maquoketa, after a five-year wrestling match with cancer. He never gave up the quest for a final pin. In his last month of life, he was kept pain free and comfortable by Hospice of Jackson County and the staff at Clover Ridge Place, and he was visited by many friends, that loving care made it possible for the family at his side to keep him surrounded by love.

Charles Glenn Jorgensen was born on November 9, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, to Arthur Christian and Cleone Jeanette (Kennard) Jorgensen. His journey through life was marked by his commitment to education and service. After graduating from high school, he pursued higher education by attending Iowa State University, the University of Northern Iowa, and the University of Iowa. His academic endeavors were temporarily set aside as he serving in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1971, where he earned an honorable discharge for his service to his country.

Charles G. "Chuck" Jorgensen, 79

The year 1966 was a pivotal one for Chuck, as he married the love of his life, Jeanne Bilidt, on September 3rd in Cresco, Iowa. Their union was blessed with love, laughter, and the joy of raising two daughters, Caytie and Meg. Professionally, "Mr. J" dedicated himself to shaping

young minds as a Social Studies teacher in the Maquoketa Community School District, where he served from 1972 until 2003. From 2004 to 2005, he became a Middle School teacher and Athletic Director at Andrew, Iowa. He also had a passion for sports, achieving an Iowa State Wrestling championship his senior year in High School and coaching Jr High wrestling for many years. Chuck liked all of his students and encouraged them by his example to strive for excellence.

Chuck's entrepreneurial spirit shone through in his summer and retirement ventures, where he worked as a painter alongside fellow teachers in their company, "Geez" Painting Company. He also had rental properties and was a good landlord to many renters over the years. A man of spiritual character, Chuck was a member of the United Church of Christ in Maquoketa. He sang in the choir and did yoga in the basement there as well as meeting weekly with a small

group to pray for the world. Chuck was a talented guitarist and vocalist, performing with the Black Velvet Band, where his love of music brought joy to many. He also was an avid fisherman, enjoyed traveling extensively in the West, and writing poetry. In 2021, after a year of immunotherapy, he wrote a daily haiku poem and posted it on Facebook.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Jeanne Jorgensen of Maquoketa, IA; his daughters, Caytie (Mark) Anderson of Minneapolis, MN, and Meg (Andrew) Lipetzky of Lake Elmo, MN; his grandchildren, Berit, Dane, Ava, Natasha, and Greta; and his sister Patricia (Michael) Fitzgerald of Decorah, IA; his sister in law, Barbara (Jim) Holstrom of Cresco, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son in 1969, and his sisters Sally Jenkins and Nancy Carpen-

A Memorial Service will be held on May 30th at the Maquoketa Art Experience from 4:30 to 7 P.M. Following a short commemoration service at 4:30 P.M. there will be a time of sharing stories, finger food, and wine for all his former students and anyone who knew and liked Chuck. Please take advantage of the parking in the lot behind the building. See you there.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Jackson County or Prairie Creek Recreation Area. Online Condolences may be

www.CarsonAndSon.com.

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Cresco City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Bouska called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on May 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Council Members Carman, Bouska, Fosaaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present. No council members

Fosaaen made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting and groundbreaking ceremony; Pay Request #1 for \$21,226.50 to Dave's Complete Construction for the Scene Shop Project; Pay Request #2 for \$151,862.58 to Blazek Corporation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Age Related Equipment Project.

Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes.
Public Works Director Brenno reported Public Works Director Brenno reported:
(a) Dirt Worx is currently grinding wood
chips at the yard waste site and expect to
be done Wednesday. There have been four
incidents of illegal dumping since April
21st; (b) Street Dept is working on alleys,
getting pot holes filled, and adding rock;
(c) the Aging Equipment Project at the
wastewater treatment plant is going well. The digester building has been removed; (d) the storm sirens in downtown area and fairgrounds did not go off when they were tested on April 24th. Racom will be contacted to repair them; (e) will be attending a nuisance conference on May 21st in

Mason City.
Patrol Officer Doeppke submitted the April Police report. Sergeant Welper and K-9 EmmyLou are attending a training this week. Lieutenant Fotiadis attended some additional first aide training. Equipment is

being installed on the new Durango.

City Clerk Hill reported: (a) April financials were included in the packet; (b) rehired Kade Munkel for the street summer help position; (c) openings on the Airport Commission, Park Board, Library Board, and Theatre Commission. Applications are available online or at City Hall and due by May 30th; (d) attended the Northeast Iowa Regional League meeting presentation on legislative updates. Next meeting will be July 29th in Monticello; (e) will be accepting the 7th Street West Reconstruction Project on May 19th.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouska recognized four employees with service anniversaries in May and thanked them for their dedication and years of service to the City and residents: Mike Born - Sewer Dept 15 years; Brandon Kerian – Fitness Center 4 years; Sam Fotiadis - Police Dept 5 years; Peyton Ferrie - Street Dept 1 year.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouska asked for comments' from the audience and there were

Brenno explained that water, sewer, and street department heads met with Brady Norman to review the plans for the potential housing development on York St. Kriener, Bouska, Fosaaen, and McConnell all reported receiving calls from residents with concerns about the development. Norman understood the concerns and assured Council that the homes would be built to code and he would address issues as they arise. Council would like to have the attorney draw up a resolution to grant the sewer connection and review at the May 19th

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Scene Shop Project for various cost

saving options totaling a negative \$24,443. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouska performed the

third reading of Ordinance No. 523 pertaining to water service lines. Carman made a motion to approve the third reading. Kriener seconded and it passed all Kriener made the motion to approve Or-

dinance No. 523 pertaining to water service lines. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

Kriener made the motion to set the inter-

est rate for the 7th Street West Reconstruction Project assessments at 5.1% which is 1% higher than the rate the City borrowed for the bond. Assessments can be paid interest-free within 30 days of the letter noti-fying them of their final assessment. McConnell seconded and it passed all Carman made a motion to authorize the

Mayor Pro Tem to sign the Offer of Employment for the Street Laborer position with Dan Murphy. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes. Discussion was held regarding amend-

ing the water and sewer rate ordinances. Due to less demand, staff recommends a 9% water increase and 2% sewer increase and yard waste to increase by \$1.25 due to the increase in cost to operate and DNR requirements. Council was hesitant to inrequirements. Council was nestitant to in-crease the rates but due to increase in op-erational costs, believe it is necessary. Carman made the motion to do a 9% in-crease on water rates, 2% on sewer rates, and \$1.25 on yard waste rates. Fosaaen seconded and it passed all ayes.

Vertical Bridge has presented a cash offer to buy out the cellular tower lease. Council discussed the options and felt that it was in the best interest of the City to leave the lease as it was set up. Carman made a motion to decline the offer. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman moved to adjourn the Council

Meeting at 6:23 pm. Fosaaen seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be May 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

> Mayor Pro Tem Bousko City Clerk Nicole Hill

Following is a list of claims approved for

PAYROLL CHECKS	83 560 67
AHLERS, Attny	
ALLIANT, Elect.	
APARICIO, EUDAROD, Rfnd	16.90
ATLANTIC COKE, Concess .	380.61
BLACK HILLS, Gas	
BLAZEK COŔP, Svcs	
BOB'S ELECTRIC, Svcs	1,016.50
BORN, MICHAEL, Reimb	74.40
CARRICO, Chems	1,081.63
CITY LAUNDERING, Svcs	
CITY OF CRESCO, Util	1,194.34
COMPUTERSHARE, Debt Pyr	mt
CORE & MAIN, Supp	
CR TPD, Ads	747.88
CULLIGAN, Rental	51.07
DAKOTA SUPPLY, Supp	
DANIEL, PHILLIP, Show	
DAVE'S CONST, Svcs	
DC COMM, Phone	24.93

JOHNSTON, RACHEL, Rfnd 15.00
KRAMER, CRYSTAL, DPAP 80.00
KWIK TRIP, Gas 5,079.63
LA COMM, Ads 162.50
MACQUEFNI FOLUS 5 NEIA MOTORS, Svcs O'DONNELL INS, Ins O'HENRY'S, Supp...... PANITZKE, DANIEL, Rfnd RUPPERTS, SuppSCHATZ, JENNY, Rfnd 400.13 100.00 SQUARE, Fees..... STEFFEN, MARION, Rfnd 31.10 18.44 TURKEY RIVER, Svcs 45 00

DRUG DOG CRESCO COMM FIRE .2.075.89 EMPLOYEE BENE 245 05 WATER154,163.13 WATER DEPOSIT SEWER OPERATIONS.....

YARDWASTE

SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJ958.14 CAP IMPROVE36.75

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Left: Hailee Easley clears a hurdle during the SW Meet. Above: Hazel Nieman competes in the distance medley relay.