

Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 May 19, 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 with the addition of Sheriff Rick Busch to be acted upon in a timely manner. 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 Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health meeting in Decorah, Iowa and an Upper Exploreland Regional Planning Commission Revolving Loan Fund meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve a cigarette permit for Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Market effective July 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2026. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve Resolution No. 1399-2025, Resolution for Interfund Operating Transfer. The vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1399-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's Office or on the Howard County website: <https://howard-county.iowa.gov/>.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the library contract between Howard County and the Howard County Library Association for FY26. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the FY26 Solutions Contract. Motion passed.

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

1. Project Updates.
2. Other Road Issues.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve a contract between Howard County and Sidwell, a division of Harris for new plat books in the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$14,949.00 plus \$2,535.00 for book covers. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve Heather O'Brien to 80% of the Recorder's Salary effective July 1, 2025. 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., Fuels	82.42
Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power	3212.27
Jennifer Bauer, Office & Data Processing	145.84
Bob's Electric LLC, Electrical Supp. & Parts	77.81
Angela Bries, Wearing Apparel & Uniform	54.99
Bruening Rock Products, Cover Aggregate & Sand	232.90
Buckwheat & Sons, Miscellaneous	300.00
Rick Busch, Employee Mileage & Subs.	277.76
Business Forms & Systems, Stationery/Forms/Office S	464.43
Camp Site RV, Electrical Supp. & Parts	27.39
Capital Sanitary Supply, Household & Institutional	37.26
Computer Professionals Unlimit, Other	190.98
Cresco Family Pharmacy, Medical & Lab. Supplies	14.05
Cresco Medical Clinic, Medical & Lab. Supplies	1416.00
Cresco Shopper, Official Pub. & Legal Not.	650.90
Cresco Towing & Recovery, Motor Vehicle Equipment	200.00
Enterprise Media Group, Board Proceedings	323.50
Fareway Stores Inc., Food Preparation Services	406.16
Farmers Feed & Grain Inc, Tires & Tubes	37.75
Gall's, Wearing Apparel & Uniform	320.94

Hanson Tire Service, Motor Vehicle Equipment	504.65
Hawkeye Sanitation Inc., Sanitation & Disposal Ser	240.00
Christine Hron, Employee Mileage & Subs.	186.03
ISACA, Educational & Train. Serv.	150.00
John Deere Financial, Hardware	884.09
Johnson Computers & TV, Office Equipment & Furnit	58.99
Kwik Trip Inc, Fuels	5355.70
Language Line, Miscellaneous	64.05
Marco Inc, Office & Data Processing	682.71
Martin Brothers, Food Preparation Services	385.13
Mehmert Tiling Inc., Cover Aggregate & Sand	648.50
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power	110.00
Northeast Iowa RSVP Program, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ	3500.00
Office Depot, Office & Data Processing	326.39
Omnitel Communications, Telephone & Fax Service	118.39
Owens-King Co., Data Processing	18.90
Phoenix Supply, Household & Institutional	202.78
Plantpeddler, Other	45.99
Plunkett's Pest Control, Grounds Maintenance Suppl	286.02
Regional Health Services Howar, Medical & Health Services	1574.00
Riceville True Value, Hardware	97.68
Rupperts Inc, Hardware	334.44
Solutions, Harris Local Govern, Data Processing Serv.	114.39
State Hygienic Laboratory, Plumbing Equipment	87.00
Sue-Z-Q, Food Preparation Services	2156.75
Tel-Comm Services, Data Processing	567.50
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim Board Proceedings	106.88
U.S. Postal Services Stamp Ful, Postage & Mailing	5738.95
U.S. Cellular, Telephone & Fax Service	52.31
Verizon Business, Telephone & Fax Service	810.60
Roxann Vokaty, Stationery/Forms/Office S	47.72
Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service	990.66
Windstream, Telephone & Fax Service	800.85

MHDS Direct Expenses

Kwik Trip Inc, Fuels	76.22
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Sheriff's Dept. K9

Osage Vet Clinic,Veterinary & Animal Care	301.80
Webster City Police Dept, Veterinary & Animal Care	600.00

General Supplemental Fund

Central Iowa Detention, Sheriff Transportation	195.30
Kwik Trip Inc, Employee Mileage & Subs.	28.63
Marco Inc, Stationery/Forms/Office S	45.00
North Iowa Juvenile Ctr, Family Life Home	360.00
Secretary of State Paul D. Pat,Data Processing Serv.	120.46

Rural Services Basic Fund

Hawkeye Sanitation Inc., Contract Carriers	8094.46
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Recorder Records Management Fd

Owens-King Co., Typing-Print-Bind.Serv.	319.20
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Secondary Road Fund

Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power	234.06
Arnold Motor Supply, Parts	340.89
AT&T Mobility, Telephone & Fax Service	266.07
Bruening Rock Products, Cover Aggregate & Sand	52668.22
Cresco Medical Clinic, Safety & Protect. Supplies	1016.00
Elma Express, Fuels	97.00
Fastenal Company,Steel-Iron-& Relat.Metals	423.10
Fenco Products Inc., Parts	24.95
HI-WAY PRODUCTS, INC, Wood & Lumber Prod.	4697.47
Iowa State University InTrans/ Educational & Train.Serv.	125.00
Krivachek Janitorial Supply Ha, Miscellaneous	12.00
Mason City Tire Service, Tires & Tubes	4831.34
MEDIACOM, Data Processing Serv.	236.90
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power	376.64
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc, Minor Mv Parts & Access	133.86

Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE TWENTY-THIRD 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 May 27, 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.

Joe Pisney attended a Northeast Iowa Community Action meeting in West Union, Iowa.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to open the public hearing on the FY25 County Budget Amendment at 9:00 a.m. Motion passed.

No public was in attendance.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to close the public hearing on the FY25 County Budget Amendment at 9:04 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to open the public hearing on Upper Iowa Ag, LLC at 9:04 a.m. Motion passed.

No public was in attendance.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to close the public hearing on Upper Iowa Ag, LLC at 9:05 a.m. Motion passed.

During public comments Shirley Sovereign and Joyce Sweska came before the board to discuss some concerns with the proposed housing development on York Street. Some of the concerns were space of proposed houses, proposed name of the housing project, appearance of the proposed development, water runoff, proximity to the school and daycare and water runoff issues. The board explained that the funds allocated towards the proposed project could only be used for LMI Housing and that the county board of supervisors could not stop the proposed project.

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

1. Project Updates.
2. Other Road Issues.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the ownership officers change for the Cresco Country Club effective July 2, 2024. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve an agreement for services between the Regional Health Services of Howard County and the Board of Health for FY25. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the FY25 County Budget Amendment. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve Resolution No. 1400-2025, Appropriation Resolution. The vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Pisney, Eastman, and Murray. Nays: None. Resolution No. 1400-2025 passed unanimously. The full text of the resolution may be viewed at the Howard County Auditor's

PETROLEND CORP., Minor Mv Parts & Access

1040.66	
Priority Auto Glass, Parts	550.00
Regional Health Services Howar, Safety & Protect.Supples.....	1589.00
Ronco Engineering Sales, Parts	159.73
Rupperts Inc, Miscellaneous	28.99
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Official Pub.& Legal Not.....	327.75
Truck Country of Iowa, Parts	1047.27
Unity Point Clinic Occupationa, Safety & Protect.Supples.....	84.00
Verizon Business, Telephone & Fax Service	426.92
VESTIS, Miscellaneous	68.26
Ziegler Inc., Minor Mv Parts & Access	376.02

Conserv. Special Projects

Croell Inc, Buildings.....	4359.38
Frank Dunn Co, Buildings.....	750.00
Spahn & Rose Lumber, Buildings	611.07
Thomas Custom Laser Engraving, Buildings	750.00

Webster's 2nd Addn TIF

HTC Development, Other Long Term Debt Rede	2496.35
Webster's 2nd Addn LMI Fund, Other Long Term Debt Rede	1734.75

Webster's 4th Addn TIF

HTC Development, Other Long Term Debt Rede	10850.28
Webster's 4th Addn LMI Fund, Other Long Term Debt Rede	7540.01

Webster's 5th Addn. TIF

HTC Development, Other Long Term Debt Rede	6761.80
Webster's 5th Addn LMI Fund, Other Long Term Debt Rede	4698.87

Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund

Kwik Trip Inc, Fuels	166.99
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power	66.52

County Assessor Agcy Fund

Kimberly Holthaus, Board of Review	220.00
Gary Kelm, Board of Review	330.00
Charles Malek, Board of Review	330.00
Marco Inc, Office & Data Processing	135.00
Alonda Meyer, Board of Review	330.00
Dan Ollendick, Board of Review	330.00

E911 Service Charge Fund

Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power	387.32
CENTURYLINK, Telephone & Fax Service	13.58
Jason Hebrink, Radio & Related Equip.	90.98
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, Electric Light & Power	161.22
Omnitel Communications, Telephone & Fax Service	65.00
Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service	438.11

FLEX BENEFIT FUND

FLEX BENEFIT FUND, Medical & Health Charges.....	661.66
Midwest Group Benefits, Medical & Health Charges	116.00

Self-Funded Health Insurance

Cresco Medical Clinic, Medical & Health Charges	2345.00
Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges	809.36
Regional Health Services Howar, Medical & Health Charges	8575.00

Grand Total

173168.82

Milan Grubl, Andy Ludeking, Dave Brenno, Jim Moen, and Kelly McCarville came before the board to discuss concerns with the proposed housing development on York Street. Some of the concerns were the proximity to the school, daycare, parking, overall appearance of the proposed development and prospective renters of the property.

Howard County Sheriff Rick Busch came before the board to discuss Sheriff's Office Business.

Rick wanted to let the board know that the 2017 Explorer sold for \$3,300.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Gatlin Keehner to 75% of Sheriff's Salary effective July 1, 2025. Motion passed.

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman,
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman Howard County Board of Supervisors

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Probate/Will

Case No. ESPRO12478
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

In the Iowa District Court in
and for Howard County
In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES L. HUBKA,
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested
in the Estate of
JAMES L. HUBKA,
Deceased,
who died on or about
May 3, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 21, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of JAMES L. HUBKA, deceased, bearing date of October 9, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Bonnie L. Hubka was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is there- after forever barred.

Dated May 23, 2025.

/s/Bonnie L. Hubka,
Bonnie L. Hubka, Executor of Estate
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Probate/Will

Case No. ESPRO12479
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

In the Iowa District Court in
and for Howard County
In the Matter of the Estate of

WAYNE L. RINIKER,
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested
in the Estate of
WAYNE L. RINIKER,
Deceased,
who died on or about
May 12th, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 27th, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of WAYNE L. RINIKER, deceased, bearing date of October 18th, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Janet Riniker was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is there- after forever barred.

Dated May 29, 2025.

Janet Riniker, Personal Representative
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Cresco City Council

Mayor Fortune called the Cresco City Council special meeting to order on May 27, 2025 at 9:00 am. Council Members Carman, Bouska, Fosaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present. No council members were absent.

Bill Angerman from WHKS discussed the proposed housing development on York Street, noting that the DNR should be involved given the scope of the project. He indicated that the developer may need to obtain permits for water, sewer, and stormwater systems before the Council can approve any utility connections. This permitting process could help address potential future issues. Attorney John Anderson also responded to several questions from the Council regarding easements, annexation, and public purpose of the connections.

Carman moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 10:11 am. McConnell seconded, and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be June 2, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Alexander Fortune
City Clerk Nicole H

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¹ "Medicare & You," Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2024. ² "Aging changes in teeth and gums", medlineplus.gov, 4/17/2022. ³ American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, 2020 Survey of Dental Fees, Copyright 2020, American Dental Association.

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June Dairy Month History

Have you ever thought about how June got its special connection with dairy products? Well, June Dairy Month, which was originally dubbed National Milk Month back in 1937, was created to tackle the issue of excess milk production, especially during the warm summer months. This surplus came about due to spring calving, and the idea was to promote milk consumption as a way to help manage the overflow, according to the International Dairy Foods Association. By 1939, June officially became known as 'dairy month,' and it's still celebrated today with a focus on all kinds of delicious dairy products!

Here are some fun facts

about dairy that you may not know, shared by farmer and Farm Bureau member Marlene Kouba:

- Did you know the scientific term for that quick headache you get when you eat ice cream too fast is called spenopalatine ganglioneuralgia? But you can stick with calling it brain freeze—it's way catchier!
- Farmers actually measure milk by weight, not by volume. One gallon of milk weighs approximately 8.6 pounds.
- It takes about 10 pounds of milk to make just one pound of cheese.
- Dairy cows are pretty impressive—they munch on around 100 pounds of food and drink between 25 to 50

gallons of water every day!

- Home delivery of milk started way back in 1942 as a war conservation effort.
- Early cheese-makers actually shaped Edam cheese into balls so they could roll down the gangplanks of ships for shipping!
- Remember the nursery rhyme about Little Miss Muffet? Her curds and whey were actually an early version of cottage cheese!
- And here's a sweet tradition: in England, it was once common to gift newlyweds a pot of butter as a symbol of wealth and fertility.

June Dairy Month is a fun time to celebrate all these interesting facts and enjoy the tasty benefits of dairy!