

Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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 June 2, 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 the Cresco Country Club liquor license 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.

Dean Eastman attended an RPA-1 Transportation Policy meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

Pat Murray attended a Board of Health meeting in Cresco, Iowa, a Howard County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund meeting in Cresco, Iowa, and a County Social Services meeting in Cresco, Iowa.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve a liquor license for Renos Just Wingin it LLC effective July 1, 2025. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve a liquor license for the Cresco Country Club effective July 2, 2025, pending draft shop liability insurance. Motion passed.

Howard County Attorney Kevin Schoeberl came before the board to discuss the proposed FY26 Wages for his staff.

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

General Basic Fund

Access Systems, Data Processing.....228.08
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal & ChRelated Serv.....915.50
Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power1137.28
Jennifer Bauer, Radio & Related Equip.....227.96
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas, LP Gas, Fuel655.87
Bodensteiner Imp Co, Parts.....409.15
Rick Busch, Wearing Apparel & Uniform.....154.99
Capital Sanitary Supply, Custodial Supplies218.72
Casper Plbg & Htg Inc, Major Plumbing Systems382.50
Charm-Tex Inc, Clothing & Dry Goods174.80
City of Cresco, Water & Sewer.....558.13
Cresco Fire Safety,Safety & Protect.Supplies220.00
Cresco Shopper, Official Pub. & Legal Not.....723.60
Culligan Water Conditioning, Building217.71
Curtis Tools L.N. Curtis and S, Safety Items167.99
Elan Financial Services, Postage & Mailing58.80
Electronic Services System, Data Processing Serv.1225.20
Enterprise Media Group, Official Pub. & Legal Not.416.37
Goll's, Wearing Apparel & Uniform681.65
Howard County Ambulance,Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ833.33
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service561.54
Howard County EMS Assoc. c/o H, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ208.33
Imaging Spectrum Inc, Stationery/Forms/Office S291.42
Iowa County Attorney Case Mgmt, Office & Data Processing8180.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy S, Medical & Health Services210.00
ISCTA Dubuque Co Treasurer, Dues & Memberships250.00
ISSDA, Educational & Train.Serv.....250.00

JL Time & Attendance Co Inc At, Stationery/Forms/Office S42.75
John Deere Financial, Custodial Supplies115.38
LeRoy Area Ambulance, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ104.16
Mehmert Tiling Inc., Agricultural & Horticultu280.00
Office Depot, Stationery/Forms/ Office S360.00
Phoenix Supply, Clothing & Dry Goods1378.25
Joe Pisney, Employee Mileage & Subs.247.50
Pollard Pest Control Co., Extermination Services99.23
Quill Corporation, Stationery/Forms/Office S438.00
Racom Corporation, Motor Vehicle Equipment247.50
Rangemasters Uniforms, Safety Items2125.00
Regional Health Services Howar, Food Preparation Services14176.66
Riceville Ambulance Serv., Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ250.00
Riley's Inc., Stationery/Forms/Office S633.64
Solutions, Harris Local Govern, Office Equipment & Furnit378.10
State Medical Examiner, Medical & Health Services2062.00
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Official Pub. & Legal Not.....1030.75
ULINE, Safety & Protect. Supplies698.61
WahlTek Inc, Office & Data Processing4134.38
Wilson Custom Tree, Other.....110.00
Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service377.85

MHDS Direct Expenses

Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service80.22

Rural Services Basic Fund

Cresco Public Library, Contrib.-Other Gov. & Organ1368.16
Elma Public Library, Contrib.-Other Gov. & Organ927.65
Howard County Economic Develop, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ15047.13
Lime Springs Public Library, Contrib.-Other Gov.&Organ1002.51
Riceville Public Library, Contrib.-Other Gov. & Organ463.46

Secondary Road Fund

Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power591.60
Arnold Motor Supply, Parts.....303.92
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas, LP Gas, Fuel.....311.86
Bob's Electric LLC, Miscellaneous187.16
Bruening Rock Products, Cover Aggregate & Sand86791.98
Calhoun-Burns Associates, Engineering Services1394.25
Carquest Auto Parts Stores, Parts..106.97
Chickasaw County Treasurer, Wood & Lumber Prod.80.00
City of Chester, Roads667.88
City of Cresco, Water & Sewer....214.09
City of Lime Springs, Roads1772.60
City of Protrivin, Roads681.26
Dakota Supply Group, Parts213.35
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES CUSB B Safety & Protect.Supplies595.80
FARMLAND HARDWARE, Minor Equip & Hand Tools34.99
Fastenal Company,SteelIron-& Relat.Metals519.99
Fenco Products Inc., Hardware ...214.50
Hercules Machinery Corp, Parts.....1840.66
Hovden Oil Co., Lubricants358.29
Iowa Dept of Transportation At Asphalt & Asphalt Prod.3300.00
John Deere Financial, Stationery/Forms/Office S206.84
John Pitzer Sales, Minor Equip & Hand Tools14400.00
David Kovarik, Miscellaneous160.00
Mehmert Tiling Inc., Wood & Lumber Prod.14.55
MSC Industrial Supply Co., Hardware482.31
NAPA AUTO PARTS Keeling Auto P, Parts10.13

North Iowa County Engineers, Educational & Train.Serv.....20.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc, Minor Mv Parts & Access6798.25
PETROBLEND CORP., Miscellaneous.....1774.15
Priority Auto Glass, Parts925.00
Quill Corporation, Stationery/Forms/Office S112.70
Sadler Power Train, Inc., Parts ..1152.82
Skyline Steel LLC, Bridges.....43012.17
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Official Pub. & Legal Not.....48.00
Truck Country of Iowa, Minor Mv Parts & Access205.61
Vern Laues Auto Center, Inc, Parts87.22
VESTIS, Miscellaneous34.13
Ziegler Inc., Minor Mv Parts & Access1148.71

Conserv. Special Projects

Cresco Heat & Vent LLC, Buildings1562.54
Mehmert Tiling Inc., Buildings658.40
Precision Overhead Doors, Buildings221.66

Grants to Counties Well Prog.

State Hygienic Laboratory, Medical & Lab. Supplies180.00

County Assessor Agcy Fund

Culligan Water Conditioning, Stationery/Forms/Office S24.00
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service80.22
Pictometry International Corp, Planning & Management Con25290.00

E911 Service Charge Fund

Cresco Shopper, Official Pub. & Legal Not.....55.00
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service80.22
Zetron, Radio & Related Equip...2205.00

FLEX BENEFIT FUND

FLEX BENEFIT FUND, Medical & Health Charge1180.31

Self-Funded Health Insurance

Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges115744.76

Grand Total.....385603.19

FICA37,339.86

IPERS47,201.76

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

1. Project Updates.
2. Award L(C-9)-73-45.
3. Approve easement with Alliant Energy.
4. Other Road Issues.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to award L(C-9)-73-45 to Minnowa Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,155,985.34. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve an easement between Howard County and Alliant Energy. Motion passed.

Howard County Recorder Roxann Vokaty came before the board to discuss what should be done, since there is no parttime help, in the event the office is unable to be open. The board will discuss this matter.

Howard County Sheriff Rick Busch came before the board to give a Sheriff's Department update.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the Sheriff's Department to utilize a Sheriff's vehicle from Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office during the time our vehicles are out of commission. Motion passed.

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman,
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman Howard County Board of Supervisors

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2025	MAY	TO DATE
TYPE OF CALLS:		TOTAL
ACCIDENT CALLS	7	35
ALARM CALLS	4	36
ANIMAL CALLS	23	80
ASSAULT CALLS	7	32
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	10	34
BURGLARY/B&E	3	8
CIVIL CALLS	9	61
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	7	26
DRIVING COMPLAINTS	15	45
ESCORTS	2	17
ALTERCATION	4	36
FIRE ASSIST	4	18
HARASSMENT CALLS	6	39
HOSPITAL/MEDICAL ASSIST CALLS	19	117
HOUSE/BUSINESS WATCH	2	10
INFORMATION CALLS	19	95
MISC. CALLS / ALL OTHER CALLS	11	86
MISSING PERSON CALLS	.1	6
MOTORIST & PUBLIC ASSIST	9	33
NOISE COMPLAINTS	1	20
PARKING COMPLAINTS	15	76
OTHER AGENCY ASSIST CALLS	7	43
SEXUAL ASSAULT CALLS	1	2
NARCOTIC ARRESTS/CHARGES	0	8
K9 INTERDICTION/SEARCH	0	10
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	33	91
THEFT CALLS	5	41
TOTAL ARRESTS & CHARGES FILED	2	41
SCAMS	4	20
VANDALISM CALLS	4	10
WARRANTS SERVED	3	32
WEATHER PAGES/CALLS	0	8
PUBLIC INTOXICATIONS	1	2
WELFARE CHECKS	18	81
TOTAL	256	1299
		0
TOTAL E-911 CALLS	10	41
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		
TRAFFIC STOPS	84	458
CITATIONS	31	106
WRITTEN WARNING	1	2
PARKING CITATIONS	8	58
O.W.I.'S	0	5
.02 REVOCATIONS	0	0

Cresco City Council Special Meeting

The Cresco City Council special meeting began on June 4, 2025 at 3:30 pm. Michelle Barnes from Upper Explorerland explained the comprehensive plan process and that the meeting has been split into four different sections. Each group was provided with information on the topics related to Cresco and Howard County.

Focus Group 1 started at 3:31 pm. The discussion focused on Community Character and Culture. Council Members Fosaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present. Council members Carman and Bouska were absent. The meeting ended at

4:33 pm.

Focus Group 2 started at 4:46 pm. The discussion was on Economic Development. Council Members Bouska, Fosaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present. Council member Carman was absent. The meeting ended at 5:56 pm.

Focus Group 3 started at 6:07 pm with a discussion on Housing. Council Members Bouska, Fosaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present. Council member Carman was absent. The meeting ended at 7:04 pm.

Probate/Will

Case No. ESPR012479

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 or one month from the date of mailing 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 thereafter forever barred.

Dated May 29, 2025.

Janet Riniker, Personal Representative
1551 Wind Avenue
Cresco, IA 52136

Joseph P. Braun, ICIS # AT0001120
Attorney for Executor
Elwood, O'Donohoe, Braun, & White, LLP
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P.O. Box 377
Cresco, IA 52136

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Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 525

FIRE DEPARTMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CRESCO, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Cresco, Iowa, as follows:

SECTION 1. SECTIONS MODIFIED. Chapter 35 Section 02 and Section 03 Fire Department in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

35.02 ORGANIZATION The department consists of the Fire Chief and such other officers and personnel as may be authorized by the Council. At no time shall the department have less than fifteen (15) members. Any resident of the City of eighteen (18) years of age is eligible for membership. The Fire Chief may allow not more than twenty percent (20%) of the total membership to live outside the City limits.

35.03 (DELETED)

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not

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- Look for coverage that helps pay for major services. Some plans may limit the number of procedures – or pay for preventive care only.
- Look for coverage with no deductibles. Some plans may require you to pay hundreds out of pocket before benefits are paid.
- Shop for coverage with no annual maximum on cash benefits. Some plans have annual maximums of \$1,000.

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Previous dental work can wear out.

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Early detection can prevent small problems from becoming expensive ones.

The best way to prevent large dental bills is preventive care. The American Dental Association recommends checkups twice a year.

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Even if you've had quality dental work in the past, you shouldn't take your dental health for granted. In fact, your odds of having a dental problem only go up as you age.²

Treatment is expensive — especially the services people over 50 often need.

Consider these national average costs of treatment ... \$222 for a checkup ... \$190 for a filling ... \$1,213 for a crown.³ Unexpected bills like this can be a real burden, especially if you're on a fixed income.

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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