

**Notice of Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be held on July 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM during the City of Elma regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at the Elma Community Complex meeting room in Elma to provide local residents with the opportunity to comment on the pro-

posed updated Elma Code of Ordinances. A copy of the proposed 2025 Code of Ordinances is available for review prior to the public hearing by contacting the clerk at 641-393-2543 or email [elmacityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:elmacityclerk@gmail.com) to arrange an ap-

pointment. All residents are encouraged to attend.  
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**Howard Co. Board of Supervisors**

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 23, 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.

Dean Eastman toured Bonair.

Pat Murray attended a Howard County Economic Development meeting in Lourdes, Iowa, a CIDC meeting in Cresco, Iowa, and a Howard County Housing meeting in Cresco, Iowa.

Joe Pisney attended a Regional Housing Authority Board meeting in Decarah, Iowa, a Housing Inc. and Housing Trust Fund meeting in Decarah, Iowa.

Howard County Attorney Kevin Schoeberl came before the board to discuss wages for the County Attorney's Office.

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

1. Project Updates.
2. Amendment to the FY2026 CFYP.
3. Other Road Issues.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to amend the FY2026 CFYP. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to appoint Duane Boderman as a Howard Township Trustee to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Glen Pietan until the next general election. Motion passed.

ENGINE consultants came before the board to give a brief overview of the proposed wind turbine farm called the North Hills Wind Project.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the FY26 ICAP/IMWCA Insurance Renewal with increasing the Cyber Liability Coverage. Motion passed.

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Vice-Chairman, Dean Eastman reopened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. to approve claims.

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

**General Basic Fund**

Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal & Ct-Related Serv.	289.00
Brownells, Inc., Safety Items	625.19
Computer Professionals Unlimit, Electrical Supp & Parts	241.99
Cresco Country Club, Other	676.00
Cresco Medical Clinic, Other	223.00
Cresco Shopper, Official Pub. & Legal Not.	139.00
Cresco Towing & Recovery, Motor Vehicle Equipment	648.81
CUV Solar LLC, Electric Light & Power	910.00
Dickinson Co IT Dept, Data Processing Serv.	4000.00
Elan Financial Service, Safety Items	573.54
Enterprise Media Group, Board Proceedings	309.35
Farmers Feed & Grain Inc, Miscellaneous	948.00
Farmers Win Coop, Chemicals & Gasses	

Herb.	963.36
Five Star Cooperative, Chemicals & Gasses-Herb.	1260.75
Jessica Gesell, Food Preparation Services	11.78
Government Forms & Supplies, Stationery/Forms/Office S	195.50
Hanson Tire Service, Motor Vehicle Equipment	753.00
Jake Hofstra, Employee Mileage & Subs.	211.14
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service	549.01
Howard County Conservation Brd, Other	171.15
Iowa Dept of Public Safety Att, Office & Data Processing	1456.50
Iowa Prison Industries, Building	1098.09
J & S Ag Co, Chemicals & Gasses-Herb.	1528.48
Kiesler Police Supply, Wearing Apparel & Uniform	321.18
Little Buckaroos LLC, Motor Vehicle Equipment	166.09
Microfilm Imaging System, Office & Data Processing	16650.00
MPH Industries Inc, Motor Vehicle Equipment	1763.00
Office Depot, Office Equipment & Furnit	499.99
Outdoors and More, Safety Items	1132.90
Postmaster, Postage & Mailing	1683.00
PRIA, Dues & Memberships	60.00
Regional Health Services Howar, Other	145.00
Riceville Lumber Co. & LP Gas, Natural Gas, LP Gas, Fuel	795.50
Ricoh USA, INC, Office Equipment & Furnit	36.00
Sirchie Acquisition Company De, Secret Investigations	133.83
Solutions, Harris Local Govern, Office & Data Processing	11842.13
Storey Kenworthy, Stationery/Forms/Office S	11.32
TimeClock Plus, Office & Data Processing	1958.00
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Board Proceedings	99.75
Tyler Technologies, Other	475.94
Uline, Office Equipment & Furnit	61.50
UMB Bank N.A. attn: Trust Fees, Legal & Ct-Related Serv.	300.00
Vortex, Motor Vehicle Equipment	11219.60
Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service	1307.82
Windstream, Telephone & Fax Service	800.85

Mutual Wheel Co., Parts	3496.74
Brady Norman, Safety & Protect.Supplies	978.26
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc, Parts	960.00
PETROBLEND CORP., Miscellaneous	525.03
Ronco Engineering Sales, Parts	7174.94
Rupperts Inc, Parts	32.00
Skyline Salt Solutions, Cover Aggregate & Sand	33146.19
Skyline Steel LLC, Bridges	35251.02
Snap on Tools Tony's Tool Sale, Minor Equip & Hand Tools	163.95
Truck Country of Iowa, Parts	137.50
Verizon Business, Telephone & Fax Service	426.92
VESTIS, Miscellaneous	34.91
Ziegler Inc., Minor Mv Parts & Access	13087.29

**Conserv. Special Projects**

Dynamic Masonry Products LLC, Buildings	1995.00
Iowa Sportsman, Buildings	300.00
K & M Metal Designs LLC Kevin, Buildings	400.00
Scholbrock Masonry, Buildings	4150.00

**Grants to Counties Well Prog.**

Michelle Donlan, Engineering Services	337.05
Howard County Environmental He, Postage & Mailing	35.15
Laurie Ollendieck, Engineering Services	700.00

**Wind Turbine Capital Proj. #3**

Erdman Engineering P.C., Roads	532.40
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**Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund**

Elan Financial Services, Employee Mileage & Subs.	486.97
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**County Assessor Agcy Fund**

Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service	78.43
Solutions, Harris Local Govern, Office & Data Processing	2675.00

**E911 Service Charge Fund**

Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service	78.43
Iowa Prison Industries, Traffic & St Sign Mater.A	224.84
Racom Corporation, Radio & Related Equip.	13949.16

**FLEX BENEFIT FUND**

FLEX BENEFIT FUND, Medical & Health Charges	446.33
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**Self-Funded Health Insurance**

Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges	106658.33
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**Grand Total**

<b>378336.39</b>
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Vice-Chairman, Dean Eastman adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

**ATTTEST:**

Julie Chapman,  
Howard County Auditor  
  
Joe Pisney,  
Howard County Board of Supervisors  
  
Julie Chapman,  
Howard County Auditor  
  
Dean Eastman, Vice-Chairman  
Howard County Board of Supervisors

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**Cresco City Council**

Mayor Fortune called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on June 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Council Members Carman, Bouska, Fosaaen, McConnell, and Kriener were present. No council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes from the June 2, 2025 meeting; minutes from June 4, 2025 special meeting, June 12, 2025 special meeting, Tree Surgeon License for Stevenson Consulting LLC DBA Stevenson Tree & Stevenson Lawn; street closing for portions of South Elm St (parking spaces and sidewalk) for a customer appreciation event for EchoVision on June 19, 2025; Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Christopher and Kayla Sullivan; Pay Request #2 for \$7,159.84 to Dave's Complete Construction for the Scene Shop Project. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Brenno reported: (a) Street Department has been chipsealing; (b) the Times Plain Dealer is doing an article on the Age-Related Equipment Project; (c) Generation X came back and did some final work at the airport for the 7th Street project. They still have two valves that will need to be repaired prior to accepting the project; (d) will be doing some dirt work at Malek pond. There is a culvert that will need to be repaired in that area as well; (e) attended a bike trail committee meeting; (f) will be doing a storm sewer repair on the southeast corner of Highway 9 and Elm Street.

Police Chief Ruraden had nothing to report for the police department.

City Clerk Hill reported: (a) May financials were included in the packet; (b) busy with fiscal year end and grant reports; (c) copies of the information that was provided at the focus groups are available. The information will be compiled, and a community open house will be scheduled; (d) auditors will be here in August; (e) Iowa League of Cities annual conference is September 17-19th.

McConnell reported on the Park Board meeting. Fitness center memberships have increased by three and eight for 24/7 access. They are working with Surfaces of Iowa to get the net area of the pickleball court repaired. They are also looking at placing some gravel around the court to help with drainage.

McConnell reported on an Airport Commission meeting. Quotes are being obtained to remove the trees from along the runway and obtaining updated quotes and specs for the new lean-to. Ross Merritt was appointed as the new president of the Airport Commission.

Fosaaen stated the Theatre Commission is busy with fundraising projects for the Scene Shop.

Mayor Fortune asked for comments from the audience. Tim Walter invited Council to attend the ribbon cutting event for the 25th anniversary of the Prairie Springs Recreation Trail on July 2nd at 5:30 pm at the Prairie's Edge Nature Center along with Family Fun Night from 4 - 8 pm.

Brenno explained that the resolution approving water and sewer connection for Cornstalk Iowa 1, LLC lays out all of the requirements that will need to be followed for connection to city services based on recommendations from WHKS and our attorney. The developer is still reviewing the resolution. Fosaaen made a motion to table the resolution until a future meeting. Bouska seconded it. Fosaaen, Kriener, Bouska, and McConnell voted aye. Carman voted nay. The motion passed by majority vote.

Mayor Fortune performed the third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 524 amending Chapter 92 Sections 02 and 03, Chapter 99 Section 02, and Chapter 106 section 08 (2) the City of Cresco Code of Ordinances pertaining to water rates, sewer service charges, and yard waste fees of the Code of Ordinances of the City

of Cresco, Iowa. Bouska made the motion to approve the third reading. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 524 pertaining to water rates, sewer service charges, and yard waste fees. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the resolution to committing fund balance resources for General Funds and Special Revenue Funds (GASB 54). Fosaaen seconded and it passed all ayes.

McConnell made the motion to write off one uncollectible customer account for FYE June 30, 2025 for a total of \$17.57. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes.

Kriener made a motion to approve the recommendation of the respective Boards and Commissions and appoint members for terms of three years expiring June 30, 2028 as follows: Library Board to reappoint Joe Kaleka and Bryan Sheehy; Theatre Commission to Reappoint Kelly Bartling and Steve Lickteig. Fosaaen seconded and it passed all ayes.

Discussion was held on the sewer department keeping the oldest sewer truck. On November 18th Council determined that the vehicle would go to the Park Department when the new one arrived. McConnell made a motion to transfer the 2016 Chevy Silverado to the Park Department. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Council discussed whether to pay for a city-wide cleanup next year or to discontinue it due to problems in the past and the rising costs to the City and the residents. Hawkeye Sanitation is unable to do a curbside pickup due to staffing and equipment requirements. They can potentially do one that is drop-off if it is staffed by City staff. Staff would verify what is being dropped off and that they reside in city limits. Brenno will follow up with Hawkeye Sanitation to discuss options and check with Floyd/Mitchell County Sanitation to see if a hazardous waste pickup would be feasible.

Brenno explained that there have been 23 instances of illegal dumping at the yard waste site since February 4th. Dirt Worx is almost complete with chipping. Due to the large amount of trees from licensed tree removal companies, City staff feel that it would be beneficial to have the companies contact city hall to have it verified prior to disposing at the yard waste site to eliminate yard waste from residents outside of city limits.

Carman moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:16 pm. Bouska seconded, and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be July 7, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

**BY FUND**

GENERAL	215,902.82
LOST PROJECT	23,799.99
EV CHRGNG STATION	25.06
NUISANCE HOUSE	18.54
FIRE STATION BLDG	109.69
DRUG DOG	991.43
CRESCO COMM FIRE	5,002.97
ROAD USE TAX	47,606.33
EMPLOYEE BENE	9,956.11
FITNESS CENTER TRUST	674.64
FIRE EQUIP	19,164.48
SCENE SHOP PROJECT	10,487.81
WATER	24,136.29
SEWER OP	28,640.10
CAP IMPROVE	16.72
YARDWASTE	20,952.03

**Total Expenditures**

<b>407,485.01</b>
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**Revenue 6/3-6/16/25**

<b>560,590.22</b>
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This sheep is waiting to go to be shown. Rest is a very good thing before a show.



Everyone gets a good meal after being shown.



Despite the wind the Queen contestants still enjoyed themselves.



Addie Isaacson gives her last speech as The Howard County Fair Queen.

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