

Probate/Will

Case No. ESPR012487
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

JOHN LOUIS FERRIE,
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested
in the Estate of
JOHN LEWIS FERRIE,
Deceased,
who died on or about
April 24, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on July 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of JOHN LOUIS FERRIE, deceased, bearing date of October 24, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Patricia Ferrie 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 there- after forever barred.

Dated July 11, 2025.

/s/Patricia Ferrie
Patricia Ferrie
Executor of Estate
622 3rd St. East
Cresco, IA 52136

Protivin City Council

The Protivin City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Protivin City Hall.

Mayor Mohn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.
Members Present: Panos, Howland, Ahrndt, Polashek and Heinrich. Absent: None.

Motion by Howland, second by Heinrich to approve the consent agenda; Agenda, Minutes, Bills & Claims and Financial Reports.

Ahrndt said he objected to the minutes as they did not include a discussion when it was proposed by the mayor that he be removed from two committees. He cited codes that he did not feel were being followed properly concerning city appointments. Panos stated that the committee appointments have always been made by the mayor in the 30 plus years he has been on the council.

Mohn, Panos and Polashek all said they had been contacted by residents who were upset because Ahrndt had written up a notice concerning the animal control ordinance and was passing it out to some of the residents of the town, some were concerned that we were getting complaints about their dogs and others were upset since he was disturbing them when enjoying their free time on a holiday. This notice was written up by Ahrndt and the mayor and council were unaware that he was passing it out to any residents. It was stated that he did not have the authority to do this on behalf of the city when it hadn't even been discussed, none of them had even seen the notice and if the council chose to distribute a notice like this on behalf of the city it should be delivered to every household in the city.

Ahrndt went on to say that he didn't like the way the amendment was written and that he had heard that in the past all of our ordinances were written by the city attorney. Panos said that was not true.

The mayor stated that 99% of our pet owners in the city were responsible and not a problem and we need an ordinance with some consequences for the 1% that are not and have no respect for the quality of life of their neighbors.

Several residents and the Howard County Sheriff were in attendance because of being contacted by Ahrndt. At this point

the mayor asked if anyone in attendance had any questions or comments.

Sheriff Rick Busch commented that if attorneys wrote all city codes there would be no need for a mayor and council and his department was there to enforce laws and not make them. He also stated that he had no tolerance for pet owners who let their dogs bark for extended periods of time or who kept vicious dogs. He stated that he had a couple of samples of animal control ordinances that he could send us that are enforceable that could be adapted to our needs. No other comments were received at this time.

The mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion made by Howland.

Roll Call Vote; Ayes, Panos, Howland, Polashek and Heinrich. Nays, Ahrndt. Motion carried.

Received an update on the Water Filter Project.

Motion by Heinrich, second by Polashek to approve payments for Blazek Construction for Partial Payment Certificate's # 5 and # 6. Voice vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

Ordinance #8 amending Title IV, Chapter 1, Animal Ordinance – It was decided to wait to hold a first reading until August after reviewing 0'0000' the samples from the sheriff since the goal of amending the ordinance is to have an ordinance that we can enforce.

Motion by Panos, second by Howland to adjourn the meeting at 6.23 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest:

Joane Kulish, City Clerk

Fund Income	Expense
General	
\$28350.66	\$14558.58
TIF	
\$0	\$0
Road Use	
\$20562.00	\$2121.56
Water	
\$9983.66	\$182,284.02
Employee Benefit	
\$72.14	\$2988.41
\$4215.70	\$23,993.59
LOST	

\$3356.10	\$48,000.00
\$8774.43	\$571.8

July Meeting Claims

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & FINANCE,	
Sales Tax	-584.94
MOUDRY, BENJAMIN L, Payroll	
	-2,499.86
KULISH, JOANE, Payroll	-840.17
ANTHONY HENRY SEALCOATING, Park	
BB Court Repair	-740.00
MRACEK ELECTRIC, Sewer Repair	
	-7,637.35
BLAZEK CORP, Sewer Repair	
	-2,577.12
SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON, INC,	
Water Systems Engineering	-9,140.86
USA BLUE BOOK, Water Supplies	
	-98.60
BLAZEK CORP, Water Filter Project	
	-164,446.16
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & FINANCE,	
WET Tax \$584.94	-584.94
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, State Payroll	
Taxes	-300.00
IPERS, IPERS	-694.57
UNITED STATES TREASURY,Federal Payroll	
Taxes	-1,035.60
WINDSTREAM, City Communication	
	-258.45
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC, Sewer/	
Water Testing	-17.50
FARMER'S MILL, Ballpark Lime	-13.63
IOWA ONE CALL, Utility Locates	-18.00
FAST MART (V), Fuel	-263.40
ALLIANT ENERGY, City Electricity	
	-3,028.27
PROTIVIN FIRE DISTRICT, Protivin Fire District	
	-9,500.00
HOWARD CO SHERIFFS OFFICE, Police	
Protection	-1,008.75
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,	
Annual Water Supply Fees	-29.00
HAWKEYE RECYLING, Recycling Contract	
	-566.25
HAWKEYE SANITATION, Garbage Contract	
	-3,156.45
Total	-209,039.87

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Lime Springs City Council

Badger Meter, end points	17.64
Blackhawk Sprinklers, Inc, Contractual	
Services	-265.00
Bob's Electric LLC, Contractual Services	
	-1,143.24
Bolton & Menk, Inc, Contractual Services	
	-13,855.30

Cardmember Service, Supplies	-4.05
Charlene Gates, refund	-125.00
Cooking Light, Periodicals	-25.00
Cray Insurance Agency,Insurance Expense	
	-1,688.00

Cresco Times Plain Dealer & Extra, Fund-raising Expense	-56.00
Cresco Times Plain Dealer & Extra,Printing & Publishing	-463.13
CUSB Bank, postage	-29.20
eSebco - a Division of Sebco Books,Books	
	-889.77

Frazer, Laney, supplies	-1,725.01
Hawkeye Communication, Contractual	
Services	-400.00
Hawkeye Sanitation, garbage	-1,720.44
Hawkeye Sanitation, garbage	-6,207.11
Hawkins, Inc., water chemicals	
	-1,320.03

HomeServe USA, Insurance Expense	
	-791.10

Howard County Engineer Office, Supplies	
	-829.35

Interstate Power Systems, Inc., generator test loads	-3,932.94
Iowa League of Cities, fees	-581.00
Iowa Pump Works, Inc, Contractual Services	
	-7,615.11

Janet DeVries, DVDs	-504.10
Janet DeVries, supplies	-4,355.55
Jeff Pelant, Books	-275.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, supplies	
	-258.66

Johnson Comfort Systems-vendor, Contractual Services	-112.50
MacQueen Equipment LLC, equipment	
	-1,237.69

MEHMERT TILING, INC, Contractual Services	
	-2,238.06
Micro Marketing, LLC, Books	-1,046.57
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., lab tests	
	-734.00

People, Periodicals	-260.00
Perry Novak Electric, Contractual Services	
	-317.50

Piper Jessen, reimbursement	-30.00
Riley's Inc, copy machine	-146.75

River City Paving, Maintenance & Repairs	
	-329.80
Ruppert Inc, shipping	-162.57
Ruppert Inc, Postage & Shipping	-19.50
State Hygienic Laboratory, lab tests	
	-14.50

Taste of Home, Periodicals	-16.05
UMB, bank fee	-300.00
Weber Auto Parts Inc, Vehicle Operations	
	-35.97

to be approved 56,078.19

Alliant Energy, electricity	-2,951.70
Cardmember Service, supplies	-1,401.23
Casey Cards, fuel	-535.53
CHS Inc., propane	-57.54
City of Calmar, Aerators	-10,000.00
Hawkeye Sanitation, pick up doors	
	-60.00

MEnergy Cooperative, electricity	
	-1,015.92
Payroll	-17,154.14
R & R Outdoor Furniture, chairs for pool	
	-1,040.00

Response Welding LLC - Busch,Contractual Services	
	-100.00

Claims Paid 34,316.06

Disbursements by Fund

Revenue by Fund

General Fund	\$30,244.41
Trust Fund(s)	
\$13,698.12	\$7,195.00
Road Use Tax	
\$5,165.58	\$6,707.76
Employee Benefits	
\$2,298.91	\$250.63
Local Option	
\$0.00	\$6,201.97
Debt Service	
	\$313.25
Proprietary Fund	
\$49,830.46	\$82,019.20
Capital Projects	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$110,470.99

TOTAL REVENUES

\$132,932.22

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AG Bird
announces WC in
full compliance

DES MOINES—Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird today announced that she will dismiss the lawsuit against Winneshiek County Sheriff Dan Marx given that Winneshiek County has now fully complied with Iowa's sanctuary county law (27A).

On February 4, 2025, Governor Reynolds filed an official complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office.

The Attorney General's office issued a report on March 26, 2025, and Attorney General Bird filed a lawsuit on March 26, 2025. You can read the lawsuit here.

"Given that Winneshiek County has now fully complied with 27A, the state law prohibiting sanctuary cities and counties from receiving taxpayer funds, the state is dismissing the lawsuit to enforce 27A," said Attorney General Bird. "Winneshiek County and Sheriff Marx are in compliance with 27A. They have committed to continue to honor ICE detainees and cooperate with federal immigration authorities."

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How-Winn. Board of Education

Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
Howard-Winneshiek Community School
District
Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Board members Dohlman, Holten, Sovereign, and Williams as well as Board Secretary Robyn Lane, Superintendent Kris Einck and several visitors were present.

Meeting called to order by President Holten at 4:30 p.m.

Lane held roll call with board members Dohlman, Holten, Sovereign, and Williams were present. [Ludeking was absent.]

President Holten asked for revisions to the agenda and Lane presented the additions: late resignation and several new hires.

Motion by Sovereign and second by Dohlman to approve the adoption of the agenda; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dohlman and second by Williams to approve the consent agenda with the additions; all ayes; motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were resignations from Kelly Moellers, JIV Softball Coach, Malinda Schwade, Special Education Teacher; new hires were Brittany Hixson, Paraprofessional, Tia Heien, Mentor, Becky Trautsch, Mentor, Tanya Riehle, Mentor, Brogan Nibbelink, Summer Custodian, Brent Eidlers, Paraprofessional, Amanda Henkes, Paraprofessional, Trae Pecinovsky, Paraprofessional, Amy Winter, Paraprofessional, Peggy Moellers, High School Nurse, Teagan Hansen, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach, Reggie Moon, Volunteer Middle School Football Coach, Justin Denner, Head Boys Track Coach, Brandon Kerian, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Karen Steffen, Head Girls Track Coach, Dale Dennler, Assistant Girls Track Coach, Jason Sorenson, Girls Golf Coach, Danielle Chihak, Color Guard Coach; and (2) two open enrollment applications.

Superintendent Einck's report included an update on the resurfacing of the track with pictures of the cement work around the track; new rendering of the High School entrance and the High School west side and the new gym signs for the Upper Iowa Conference.

Activities Report was included in the agenda from Todd Coulter.

Buildings and Grounds report was presented by Larry Trende. Motion by Sovereign and second by Dohlman to approve the EMC insurance renewal of \$427,616.00; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Sovereign and second by Williams to approve the Eocene Environmental Group Asbestos Bid to use Site Services at \$58,456.00 for the auditorium; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Williams and second by Sovereign to approve the 2nd Reading of Board Policy 503.09-R(1): Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Williams and second by Dohlman to approve the 1st Reading of the Board Policy 503.09-R(1): Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices-Regulation; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dohlman and second by Sovereign to approve the donation of the existing auditorium curtain to the Cresco Theatre; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Sovereign and second by Williams to approve the 2025-2026 Coaches Handbook; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dohlman and second by Sovereign to approve the 2025-2026 Preschool Handbook; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Williams and second by Dohlman to approve the 2025-2026 Elementary Handbook; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Sovereign and second by Williams to approve the 2025-2026 Middle School Handbook; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dohlman and second by Williams to approve the 2025-2026 High School Handbook; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Dohlman and second by Sovereign to approve the 2025-2026 Crestwood Online Learning Program Handbook; all ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Sovereign and second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.; all ayes; motion carried.

Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on August 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the NICC Cresco Campus.

Board Secretary, Robyn Lane
Board President, Alison Holten

HOWARD-WINNESHIK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 16, 2025
APPROVED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND	
ACE HARDWARE/RUPPERT'S INC	
	\$339.37
AGVANTAGE FS	\$138.41
ALLERS & COONEY, P.C.	\$29.00
ALLAMAKEE CSD	\$690.23
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$16,092.36
AMAZON	\$877.91
APPLE INC	\$1,940.00
BENTLEY, NEAL	\$32.28
BYTESPEED, LLC	\$220.00
C4 OPERATIONS	\$104.30
CAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	
	\$17,747.72

How. Co. Board of Supervisors

THE THIRTIETH 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 July 14, 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 attended a Riceville City Council meeting in Riceville, Iowa, and had a phone conversation with Duke Larson concerning the ENGIE Wind Turbine Project.

Howard County Treasurer Christy Hron came before the board to present the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report ending June 30, 2025. Motion passed.

Joe Pisney and Pat Murray received a

phone call from Duke Larson concerning the ENGIE Wind Turbine Project.

The board tabled the Recorder's Monthly Report to July 21, 2025.

The board reviewed the email from Northeast Iowa Workforce Development. The board tabled this to July 21, 2025.

Tyler Brunan and Jacob Hagan with Agrivia came before the board to introduce themselves as drainage district engineers. Howard County Engineer Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss Secondary Roads Business.

1. Project Updates.
2. Discuss 90th St.
3. Other Road Issues.

The board reviewed the Annual Debt Re-

port ending June 30, 2025.

The board discussed the proposed ENGIE Wind Project.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to pay claims weekly starting August 1, 2025, and to be turned in the Thursday prior. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Joe Pisney to approve to sign out the County Credit Card from the Auditor's Office. Ayes: Pisney and Murray. Nays: Eastman. Motion passed.

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

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the

meeting at 11:39 a.m.

ATTTEST:

Julie Chapman,
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney,
Chairman Howard County Board
of Supervisors

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Notice of Hearing, Letting

NOTICE OF HEARING
AND LETTING

Sealed bids will be received by Howard County Conservation Board, at the Prairies Edge Nature Center (11562 Valley Ave., Cresco IA 52136) until 3:00 PM on August 13, 2025 for the project described in general as the Wapsi Great Western Trail Maintenance and as described in detail in the specifications for said improvements now on file in the Howard County Conservation Office.

The Conservation Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed specifications and form of contract at 4:00 PM on August 6, 2025 at the Conservation office (11562 Valley Ave., Cresco, IA 52136). At the Hearing the Board will receive and consider any objections made by interested party to the specifications or proposed form of Contract.

Bids received will be presented to the Conservation Board and considered at the August 13, 2025 Special Board meeting.

Your bid is to include all labor, materials and equipment needed to complete the

work as outlined in the specifications, and for the areas names. Work will be done according to the specifications and to generally accepted standards accepted by the industry for this type of work.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check in the amount of at least ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount. If a certified check or cashier check is used it shall be drawn on a bank or credit union in Iowa and made payable to the Howard County Conservation Board. The bond will be forfeited or the checks cashed if the bidder fails to execute a contract for this work.

Within ten (10) days after the notification of acceptance of the bid, the awarded bidder must furnish an acceptable certificate of insurance for liability, auto and workers compensation. No bid may be withdrawn within the sixty (60) days after bid opening.

Payment to the contractor will be made based on monthly estimates provided by the contractor. The Conservation Board will pay ninety-five percent (95%) of the value of work completed during the preced-

ing calendar month, providing the work done to date is acceptable.

Should there be questions or problems, the Conservation Board will determine how much of the Estimate will be paid and the corrective measurer's needed. Estimates are to be provided to the County no later than the first Tuesday of each month. County staff will review and check the work and monthly estimates and approve for payment within two weeks. Such monthly payment will in no way be construed as an act of acceptance to any or all of the work partially or totally completed.

Final payment to the Contractor will be made no earlier than thirty-one (31) days from and after final acceptance of the work by the Conservation Board and subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa. No such partial of final payment will be due until the Contractor has certified that the materials, labor or services involved in each instance have been paid by the Contractor.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an

amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price,