• From Superintendent Mike

I'm excited to begin another school year and wanted to share a few updates with you for 2025-

First, our building projects are in full swing. We're just finishing our MS/HS renovations and will host an open house shortly after Labor Day. Additional details regarding date/time will be shared next week. We've remodeled the office to add extra security, created two extra classrooms where

our locker rooms were previously. updated our light and sound system in the auditorium and doubled our K-12 art and special education spaces as we prepare for our PK-5 students to join late this year.

The new construction project remains on schedule. We're still planning for a spring break move into that facility from our current elementary location. Additionally, we're hoping to be in our new bus barn (being constructed just east of the new elementary) before Christ-

I also wanted to remind everyone of our new administrative confirguration. After three years as elementary principal, on July 1, I started my position as superintendent. Replacing me as principal at the elementary level is Rebecca Matthiesen; Becca brings many years of PK-5 experience into her new role and we're excited to see her as our next elementary leader! Greg Hiemstra will be utilizing his skills in curriculum, instruction and assessment and stepping into his new role as our K-12 Di-

Ocheyedan city council minutes

The Ocheyedan City Council met Monday, July 30th, 2025, in special session at the City Office, in accordance with the laws and rules of said council. Those present were Mayor Arlyn Pedley; Council Members: Travis Boeke, Jewel Garms, Jeremy Wulf and Mark Kruger; City Clerk Kimberlea Hoekstra: absent Kevin Hertz

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pedley at 7:00

Motion by Garms, second by Hertz and unanimously carried to approve the agenda

The City Council of the City of Ocheyedan, State of Iowa, met in open session, in the City Hall, 868 Main Street, Ocheyedan, IA, at 7:00 p.m., on the above date. There were present Mayor Pedley, in the chair, and the following named Council Members: Mark Kruger, Jewel Garms, Travis Boeke, and Jeremy Wulf

Absent: Kevin Hertz

Council Member Kruger introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS" and moved that it be adopted. Council Member Garms seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows AYES: Kruger, Boeke, Wulf, and Garms

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO.940

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPEN-DITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJ-**ECTS WHEREAS**

the City has made and anticipates making cash expenditures for one or more capital improvement projects, generally described below (each of which shall hereinafter be referred to as a "Project"): and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably expects to issue debt to reimburse the costs of said Project; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is consistent with the City's budgetary and financial circumstances to issue this declaration of official intent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCHEYEDAN, STATE OF

Section 1. That this Resolution be and does hereby serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation

Section 2. That it is reasonably expected that capital expenditures will be made in respect of the following Project, from time to time and in such amounts as this Council determines to be necessary or desirable under the circumstances then and there existing

Section 3. That the City reasonably expects to reimburse all or a portion of the following expenditures with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued or incurred by the City in the future

Section 4. That the total estimated costs of the Project(s), the maximum principal amount of the bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued for the foregoing Project(s) and the estimated dates of completion of the Project(s) are reasonably expected to be as follows: Project Fund from which origin nal expenditures are to be Advanced Total Estimated Cost Amount of Borrowing Anticipated Estimated Date of Completion Tracy House Museum \$17,206.22 \$110,000 10/31/2025

Section 5. That the City reasonably expects to reimburse the above-mentioned Project costs not later than the later of eighteen months after the capital expenditures are paid or eighteen months after the property is placed in service, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid.

Section 6. That this Resolution be maintained by the City Clerk in an Official Intent File maintained in the office of the Clerk and available at all times for public inspection, subject to such revisions as may be necessary.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of July, 2025. Arlyn Pedlev

Mayor ATTEST:

Kimberlea Hoekstra

City Clerk

Motion by Kruger, second by Boeke, and unanimously carried by all to adjourn the meeting Kimberlea Hoekstra

Arlyn Pedley

The Ocheyedan City Council met Monday, August 11th, 2025, in accordance with the laws and rules of said council. Those present were Mayor Arlyn Pedley; Council Members: Travis Boeke, Mark Kruger and Jewel Garms; City Clerk Kimberlea Hoekstra; Water Superintendent Tyler Hoekstra; Absent Kevin Hertz and Jeremy Wulf.

Motion by Garms, second by Boeke and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Motion by Kruger, second by Garms and unanimously carried to approve July 14th minutes.

Motion by Boeke, second by Kruger and unanimously carried to approve July 28th special minutes.

Motion by Garms, second by Boeke and unanimously carried to approve July 30th special minutes.

Motion by Garms, second by Kruger and unanimously carried to approve Treasurer's report.

Communications: Mayor Pedley informed the council the loan for the TIF would close on August 14th New business: Mayor Pedlev informed the council that

the county engineer will be writing a description of the work he will be doing for the city.

Mayor Pedley brought up the hooks for Melanie Hellinga. Superintendent Hoekstra explained what happened. Motion by Kruger, second by Garms and unanimously carried to approve reimbursement for the town hall deposit and the

Motion by Kruger, second by Garms and unanimously

Carried to approve the bills and employee timesnee	ets for July
Paid since last meeting	44.000.0
Cooperative Energy, LP Contract + Library	
EFTPS, Medicare, Federal, & FICA	
IPERS, IPERS Contributions	
Postmaster, Postage - Utility Bills, Roll, and Rental	
State of Iowa, Payroll Withholding + WET	
Windstream, Telephone	\$254.5
Presented for payment	
A & M Services, 3 X 5 Carpet	
All Systems Go, TH Office Internet	\$40.00
Alliant Energy, Electric - July 2025	.\$3,237.9
Angela Klassen, TH Reimbursement	
Baker & Taylor, Books	\$316.38
Beck Excavating, Seal Coating	\$47,184.8
Bow Tie, Oil Change	
Card Services, Books	\$327.2
CFE, Adhesive, Lexal Caulk, Wedge Anchor,	\$280.8
Co-op, Card and Domestic Shop Gas	
Dan Sowles, Tracy House	
Emily Kruger, Cleaning July x2, TH x4	
Evertek, Library Internet	
Great Lakes Concrete, Gravel	\$106.4
Hawkins, Sales Order	
Hospers Electric, LED flood lights	
Iowa One Call, Emails	
Leaf, Copier Contract	
Main Stay, Office Supplies	
Melanie Hellinga, Reimbursement	
Osceola County Rural Water, Usage/Const. July	
2025	\$270.2
Osceola County Treasurer, Police Protection	
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Plant	\$225.96
Rodney Kullman, Tracy House	\$1,242.50
Sibley Hardware, Brush Flat and RBR	\$18.98
State Hygienic Laboratory, Testing	\$1,256.00
Steve Vandenberg, Tracy House	\$3,256.69
The Press, Minutes	317.87
Town and Country, July Service	\$4,910.81
City Employees	\$7,526.97
Total	\$80,717.33
Motion by Kruger, second by Boeke ar	d unanimously

Premier Communications Internet - City Office/ Water

Osceola Electric Cooperative, June Electric.....

carried by all to adjourn the meeting **FUND REVENUES EXPENSES**

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Library		33,950.92	\$ 5,617.37	
Unified Law	\$	79.69	\$ 0.00	
Road Use	\$	4,177.70	\$ 1,192.26	
Employee Benefits		63.67	\$ 1,483.19	
Emergency Fund	\$	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$	6,707.70	\$ 0.00	
Debt Service	\$	64.09	\$ 0.00	
Water	\$	8,425.47	\$ 8,534.77	
Sewer	\$	6,905.09	\$ 3,012.84	
Arlyn Pedley			Kimberlea Hoekstra	
Mayor			City Clerk	

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rector of Teaching and Learning. Replacing him at the MS/HS will be Ashley Delaney. Ashley has served in various leadership roles with the district for many years, most recently as H-LP's Activities Director. And lastly, Jared Rahe will be succeeding Ashley, returning to his role as AD he served previously for five years. Jared has worn many hats at H-LP and is currently our elementary special education teacher and continues to lead both the baseball and girls' basketball programs.

• Upcoming School Board Election

The Harris-Lake Park Community School District has two seats up for election on November 4. Cadidates must reside in districts two or four and be 18 years of age. (See district descriptions below.) Nominations for open seats can be filed between August 25 and Sep-

dates and deadlines at www.ia-sb. org/getonboard. Nomination papers for school board seats are available from the board secretary, Chrissy Gembler at 905 S Market St. (MS/HS Building) between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. School board cadidates must obtain the signatures of at least 1% of the qualified electors of the district or 50 electors, whichever is less, but at least 15 signa-

Director District 2: All of the school district territory within Osceola County Precinct 8. The area within Dickinson County Pre-

cinct 1 west of 110th Avenue and north of 180th Street. Director District 4: The area

tember 18 at 5:00 p.m. See all key

within the City Limits of Lake Park east of Market St.

• Staff Development Program

Osceola County Treasurer, Deposit

Premier Communications, PBX Ser-

Osceola Rural Water, Water

Slips.

Osceola county t Kevin Hertz and Jeremy Wulf. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pedley at 7:30 $board\ of\ supervisors$

The Osceola County Board of Supervisors met August 12, 2025 pursuant to law and adjournment at 8:45 a.m., at Osceola County Courthouse Board Room in Sibley, Iowa with the following members present: Mike Schulte LeRoy DeBoer, Jeff Loring, Jerry Helmers, and Jayson Vande Hoef. Absent: None.

DeBoer moves to approve August 12, 2025, agenda with the deletion of approval of the 28E agreement with the City of Ocheye dan. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion

It was moved by Loring, second by Schulte to approve July 22, 2025, minutes. All vote

ave. Motion carried Helmers moves to approve the pay increase for Kylee Herrera as dispatcher/jailer for a salary of \$ 47,521. Second by Loring. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schulte, second by De-Boer to approve William F. Allard Post #7272 class C retail alcohol license outdoor service area. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with department heads. Schulte moves to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c) consider opioid litigation settlement participation. Second by DeBoer. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Helmers, Loring, Vande Hoef. Motion carried.

It was moved by Loring, second by Schulte to enter into regular session. Ayes- Loring, Schulte, Helmers, DeBoer, Vande Hoef. Nay. None. Motion carried.

Helmers moves to authorize the County Attorney to sign the Purdue opioid litigation documents. Second by Loring. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Sande Smith, Ambulance Coordina tor, told the Board that 9 individuals took the emergency medical responder course which 4 passed the national registry of emergency medical technicians' exam. The registration fee is \$1,353 per individual. Smith was looking for guidance on how to handle the 4 that didn't pass the test if the county should ask those individuals to pay back the county for the registration fee. She did say that course used to be a 3-to-4-month course now they condensed it to a 4-week course. The Board had some concerns if ask for registration fee back If didn't pass the course if it would discourage others from taking the course. It was moved by Helmers, second by Schulte to have the individuals who didn't pass the course pay 1/2 of the registration fee over 1 years' time. All vote aye. Mo-

tion carried. Keith Brann, Engineer explained the F10 bridge replacement project that a permanent right of way easement and temporary easement is needed for this project. Helmers moves to approve the purchase agreement with Theodore Schutte for \$3,572. Second by Loring. All vote aye. Motion carried.

..\$318.67

Boer to approve Premier Network Solutions, Inc for IT services for \$32,400 for a year. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Helmers moves to approve Amended Resolution #2 25/26 to Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties This resolution designates County Voting Representatives to have the power to vote on behalf of the County as ISAC. Second by Loring. Ayes- Helmers, Schulte, DeBoer, Loring and Vande Hoef. Nay- None. Motion carried. The complete text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online www.osceolacountyia.gov under Supervisors, then Resolutions/Public Notices/Ordinances. It was moved by Loring, second by Schulte to approve the Dissolution Agreement of Care Connections of Northern Iowa 28E Agreement. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to approve the tax levies for FY 25/26. Second by Helmers. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The wellness committee is requesting to close the courthouse on September 17th from 8 am - 10 am for active shooting training. It was moved by Loring, second by DeBoer to approve to close the courthouse on September 17th from 8 am - 10 a.m. All vote aye. Motion

Vande Hoef explained that he initially applied to be on the ASO district 1 Advisory Council representing Osceola County but was not chosen. They did reach out to Vande Hoef and asked if would consider being on the advisory council. At this point, we would probably decline but will reach out to the county sheriff and county attorney before a final decision is

Loring moves to authorize Dickinson County to use Osceola County's UEI number for joint drainage districts 1, 2, and 3. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion carried. Payroll registers from July 23rd and 25th,

August 4th, 6th and 8th were reviewed. It was moved by Schulte, second by Loring to approve claims 202 and 286 to Bosma Water Service, Aves- Schulte, Loring, DeBoer, Helmers. Nay-None. Abstain-Vande Hoef. Motion carried. Schulte moves to approve the remainder of the claims. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

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Mike O'Connor, Safety boot reimburse-City of Ocheyedan, Ocheyedan shop

..13.00 utilities Oldcastle Infrastructure, FEMA - culvert ...4.479.20 replacement One Office Solutions, Mo. copier fees.... 24.53 Osceola Rural Water, May City shop utilities ..

Pete Clauson Trucking Inc., FEMA- ditch ..37.940.00 cleaning. Pomp's Tire Service Inc., Tires1820.52 Premier Communications, Sibley shop phone/ internet. Raveling Inc., Parts. Ron's Repair Parts ..516.37 Schnepf Lumber Company, Gravel 110.88

Sibley Hardware, Parts. Town & Country Disposal, Mo. garbage service.. Transwest - Sioux Falls, Parts. United Seeds Inc., Grass seed. Van Steel Inc., Drill bits.. WHKS & Co., FEMA - I15 brdg engineer-

Sibley Auto Parts, Parts.

Williamson Supply, Welding supplies85.85 Ziegler Inc., Parts37,85

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CO.CONSERV.L.ACQ.TR. FUND Dana Konz, Loof Scholarship... It was moved by DeBoer, second by Loring to adjourn the meeting. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Rochelle Van Tilburg Jayson Vande Hoef

On the following Fridays school will dismiss early due to Teacher Professional Development. The MS/HS will dismiss at 12:50 p.m., and the elementary students will

dismiss at 1:00 p.m. September 5 and 19: October 3. 17 and 31 November 14; December 12; January 16 and 30; February 13 and 27; April 10 and 24; May 8.

There will be no school on the following days due to Teacher Professional Development: Friday, January 2; Monday, February 16; Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20

• Welcome

The main exterior building doors of the elementary and MS/ HS are controlled access doors. To enter the school buildings you will need to be let in by the office. To enter the school during those times you should follow these steps:

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H-LP menu

• Breakfast

Thursday, August 28: Fruit, sausage, toast and milk.

Friday, August 29: Fruit, ce-

real and milk. Monday, September 1: No

Tuesday, September 2: Fruit, yogurt, granola and milk.

Wednesday, September 3: Fruit, muffins and milk.

Lunch

Thursday, August 28: Orange chicken, rice, broccoli, pineapple and milk. Friday, August 29: Tavern

sandwich, baked beans, bananas and milk.

Monday, September 1: No school.

Tuesday, September 2: Chicken quesadillas, mixed vegetables, melon and milk.

Wednesday, September 3: Burgers w/bun, potato salad, applesauce and milk.

Dinner Date

Friday, August 29: Fish sandwich, bun, fruit and veggie.

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