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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MONONA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEANNE D. JOHNSON Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeanne D. Johnson, Deceased, who died on or about July 29, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of September, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Jeanne D. Johnson, deceased, bearing date of November 16, 1989, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Scott R. Johnson 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

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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: September 9, 2025

Scott R. Johnson, Executor 32520 Co. Hwy E-54 Moorhead, IA 51558

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Monona County Board Of Supervisors Meeting September 9, 2025

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, with Chairman Fox presiding. Other Supervisors present were Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Also present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

The Supervisors voted to approve the agenda.

Kevin Ewing, Sheriff, was present for authorization to accept bids for body cameras. The Supervisor voted to give Sheriff Ewing authorization to accept bids for body cameras.

Secondary Roads Engineer Charles Bechtold was present for Secondary Roads business.

The Supervisors adopted Resolution No. SR 25-26 hiring Larry Parks to fill a Seasonal Roadside Operator position at a start rate of \$21.00 per hour with a start date of September 9.

The Supervisors approved a miscellaneous utility permit for Western Iowa Power Cooperative for a single phase 4/0 secondary underground cable replacing existing overhead secondary line across Oak Avenue. Underground road crossing will take place at the driveway of 21726 Oak Avenue and will go from right of way edge to right of way edge. Cable will be installed a minimum of 48 inches deep in Kennebec Township (84N) (44W) section 35.

The Supervisors also approved a miscellaneous utility permit for Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative (NIPCO). Rebuilding existing transmission lines in the same alignment with new structures, insulators, hardware, and conductor to update specifi-

cations guided by NECS and the Iowa Electric Safety Code.

Discussion items were bridges, Farm to Market Roads, rock hauling, and edge rutting. No action was taken.

The Supervisors voted to recess the Board of Supervisor's meeting to convene as Drainage Trustees at 10 a.m.

Amy Borchardt-Sick and Ashley Brown, Drainage Clerks, were present for drainage business. Also present were Caleb Rasmussen and Eric Sibenaller, Engineers with ISG. Landowners and interested parties were Tim Hodgson, Hugo Mahloch, Matt Dehn and Ron Paseka.

The Supervisors opened the public hearing for the Oliver Lake Main Drainage Ditch proposed repairs.

Chairman Fox turned the hearing over to Engineer Rasmussen who announced this is the time and place for the hearing on the Oliver Lake Main proposed repairs per the petition filed by Hugo Mahloch on May 13, 2024. There were 2 written objections filed prior to the time of the hearing. Drainage clerk read the objections filed by Hugo Mahloch and Paul Kazakevicius on behalf of Kazak Land Management LLC. The objections are on file in the drainage office. No additional objections were filed. Drainage Clerk stated affidavits of mailing and publication are on file as per IA code 468. Engineer Rasmussen stated the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the proposed repairs for the Oliver Lake Main Drainage Ditch. Rasmussen presented the report along with the plans and a handout explaining

the open channel design

elements, channel geometry and grade, and engineering limitations on capacity analysis of sedimented open channels. After much discussion, the Supervisors voted to close the hearing.

The Supervisors voted to have Engineer Rasmussen prepare plans and specifications as amended in the hearing. Rasmussen stated after harvest, he should have the plans completed. Bid letting will take place in January 2026 at the earliest. Construction will most likely take place in the Fall 2026.

The supervisors adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Jim Wigton, IT Director, was present for approval of a contract with Nomic for Outpost Pre-Firewall protection. The Supervisors voted to approve contract with Nomic for Outpost Pre-Firewall protection.

The Supervisors voted to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025, as read and claims submitted.

Supervisor Fox attended the Loess Hills Alliance Meeting; and shared the information presented.

The Supervisors voted to table authorizing the Chairman's signature on letter to Webster County for reimbursement for Medical Examiners expenses until transportation costs are received.

The Supervisors voted the Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA) Board of Trustees ballot.

The Supervisors authorized the Chairman's signature on status/payroll change form for Terri Pratt, Assessor. She will be going from \$71,968 per year to \$82,000 per

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IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF

VICKIE J. WESTERGAARD, DECEASED To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Vickie J. Westergaard, Deceased, who died on or about July 29, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on September 5, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Vickie J. Westergaard, deceased, bearing date of August 26, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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

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WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION
whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or

Dated on September 4, 2025 Alyssa A. Herbold, ICIS#: AT0011874 Attorney for Executor 515 Main St., PO Box 198 Mapleton, IA 51034

thereafter be forever barred.

David M. Westergaard, Proponent 5028 Prairie Trail Marion, IA 52302

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TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: Vickie J. Westergaard Revocable Trust Dated August 26, 2022

To all persons regarding Vickie J. Westergaard, deceased, who died on or about July 29, 2025. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of the Vickie J. Westergaard Revocable Trust dated on August 26, 2022. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Monona County, lowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail

proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

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year as the newly appointed Assessor.

The Supervisors voted to set the starting wage for the Courthouse Clerks at \$18 per hour.

The Supervisors acknowledged the receipt of resignation letter from Patricia McCall from the Monona County Zoning Commission.

The Supervisors acknowledged the receipt of Monona County Sheriff's Report of Fees collected for August 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

New Workshop Oct. 23 Helps Iowans Lead More Effective Meetings

Meetings can spark collaboration or stall progress. To help Iowans make the most of their time together, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will offer a new virtual workshop, Creating Purposeful Partnerships Through Effective Meetings, on Oct. 23 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The workshop is designed for community leaders, nonprofit staff, local government officials and anyone who regularly facilitates group conversations. The cost to attend is \$100 per participant, and advance registration is required.

"Strong partnerships row from the conversations you lead, but without a clear purpose, meetings can easily waste energy instead of driving action," said Victor Oyervides, community development specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "This workshop offers practical tools to plan and guide gatherings that are more productive, focused and collaborative."

Participants will learn how to clarify a group's purpose, bridge communication styles, manage conflict and turn discussions into concrete next steps. The session will also explore how to create effective agendas, choose the right formats and keep participants engaged from start to finish.

"Every meeting has the potential to be more than talk; it can be a step toward real progress," Oyervides said. "When people feel heard and meetings stay focused, the results strengthen partnerships and move communities forward."

The two-hour interactive session will include facilitation techniques, small-group discussion and real-world examples to help participants put new skills into practice right away.

The workshop is part of ISU Extension and Outreach's leadership workshop series, a set of short, practical trainings created in response to input from more than 300 Iowa leaders. Other sessions focus on topics such as conflict navigation, data-driven decision-making and responsible use of new technologies.

For more information, visit the Leadership Workshops webpage or contact Victor Oyervides at oyervide@iastate.edu or 319-321-9623. Media inquiries may be directed to Esther Crompton, communication specialist II, eecrompt@iastate.edu.

