

ATTORNEY
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Working alongside Werden for many years, Steger said he's always gotten along well with him. Looking back at his sudden passing, Steger said it was "very much a shock."

The most rewarding part of his work, Steger said, is having the opportunity to help victims.

"When I do the county work, it's more about helping victims," Steger said. "My focus is making sure that victims are taken care of and that if something bad happens to them, people that are responsible face the justice system, so I find a lot of reward in just helping."

Since he was sworn into the role, Steger feels it's been going well so far. Already being familiar with the county attorney's office, he said it hasn't been too difficult to adjust to the role.

"I think it's an important role in the community, making sure that the legal system operates well," Steger said. "It's really a key component of every county to have a good, solid county attorney actively prosecuting cases and making sure that that system is in place and working well."

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For example, he mentioned knowing parents and grandparents who've given a significant amount of money to callers claiming to be political lobbyists.

"They would attach to that a sense of social responsibility and even religious duty to say, 'Well, don't you care about X, Y or Z? Because you can make a significant difference if you just help us get across this threshold of fundraising so that we can lobby properly for the causes that you care about,'" he said. "I don't know what to do about that exactly, but to be in conversation particularly with parents, grandparents and so on, who may be particularly susceptible to that."

Lisa Irlbeck, the marketing director for Availa Bank and coalition member, said the Carroll County Fraud Coalition is open to feedback and ideas on how they help spread awareness for the issue.

"We're just trying to protect the people in Carroll County, because we see it every day too," Irlbeck said. "Not only are we seeing it every day at the bank, but then thinking of the people who don't come in and tell you."

The Carroll County Fraud Coalition can be reached at lirlbeck@availa.bank.

WAX MUSEUM
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speaking. Students from the homerooms of Larsen, Steffes, Beth Seidl and Judy Wagner participated, and the effort and enthusiasm shown by all was evident in the outstanding final performances, the teachers said.



PHOTO BY LARRY DEVINE

Grace Adams tells the story of Sally Ride, physicist and astronaut who became the first American woman in space in 1983.

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PROBATE
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR CARROLL COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
VICKI R WAMBACK, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR019582
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Vicki R Wamback, Deceased, who died on or about March 20, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Vicki R Wamback, deceased, bearing date of October 4, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Gary M. Rohner and Edward A. Rohner have been appointed Executors 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.

Dated 5/7/2025.

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the team is also excited to offer two outdoor spaces — one upstairs and one downstairs — as well as a community room, an underground parking garage and storage units.

By acquiring different tax credits awards in the past, Schweers said it substantially helped fund the project

"Those were the primary drivers behind helping finance the project outside of our own, of course, personal money and local financing through our local banks," Schweers said.

As the renovations steadily took place over the past few years, Schweers said many community members shared excitement about the apartments. Regularly, Schweers said the members form the Carroll County Historical Society have taken photos of the transformation.

Other local organizations, such as the Carroll Rotary Club and the Carroll Masonic Lodge, have taken tours of the upgraded apartments as well.

"Just all the kind comments that I've gotten from community leaders, as well as the businesses downtown and people that are our immediate neighbors, it's just been really great," Schweers said of the feedback.

Since starting the renovations, Schweers said he's



PHOTO BY SARAH STORTZ

One of the upstairs apartments at Court Street Lofts.

heard interest from different types of tenants, including young professionals, single parents and homeowners looking to downsize their living situation.

"Honestly, we try to build units that are appealing to all," Schweers said.

Knowing many new residents often struggle with finding housing in Carroll, Schweers said he believes Court Street Lofts will help "move the needle."

"Carroll has been an owner occupied community for a long time and we kind of struggled and didn't have the number of apartments that we really needed, so I feel like us repurposing these old buildings, bringing them back to life and bringing more apartments is really helping kind of move the needle in that direction, and we've just been really excited about it," Schweers said.

Working with many Carroll-based contractors, Schweers said "we really have made this a very local project"

"We've been blessed

with local contractors who have helped me realize and helped our group realize these visions," Schweers said.

With the project coming to an end, Schweers said he couldn't have done it without the help from his family, including his wife, Jill Schweers.

"She helps me with all of the book work and tracking all of the expenses and everything," Schweers said.

"She's really just been very supportive and she's always been a big part of the team and Court Street LLC and what we're trying to accomplish."

Furthermore, Schweers said his cousin, Mike Boes, was in charge of the upper story bathroom remodels and maintaining its historic look. His mother-in-law and father-in-law also helped with all of the curtains throughout the building.

"It really is a family effort as well as a team effort with all the contractors we've worked with," Schweers said.



PHOTO BY SARAH STORTZ

One of the bathrooms at Court Street Lofts.

COUNTY CORNER

County Corner

BY GENE MEINERS,
COUNTY SUPERVISOR

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom.

The first item on the agenda was the City of Manning with their Park Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization Grant asking for support for it. After discussion it was approved to support the Grant with \$20,000 for each Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027, for a total of \$40,000.

The Board then reviewed and approved a Plat for Larry Lasher Revocable Trust in Sheridan Township, Section 14.

The Supervisors then reviewed and approved the FY 26 Contract Law Enforcement Rates to the Contract Cities with a 2% increase.

The Board then set a Public Hearing for a Petition to Vacate a Survey in Grant Township, Section 8 for Ralph Von Qualen on June 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board held a Public Hearing on



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FY 25 Budget Amendment. The Amendment consisted of additional expenses of \$ 7 5 2 , 0 4 0 . The Largest expense was \$575,000 for resurfacing a road project south of Dedham that was pushed up a year due to bids that were underestimated. Other expenses were Medical Examiner, Overtime in Sheriff's due to injuries, unexpected equipment repairs, and numerous others along with some cleanup of accounts. There was no public comment at the Hearing.

The Board then approved the Appropriations Resolution of the Budget Amendment.

A Utility Permit was presented by Zac Andersen, the County Engineer, for Racoon Valley to provide Electrical service for a new home in Newton Township, Section 16. The Board

approved the permit.

The Engineer then requested drain repairs to Drain #46 in Glidden Township, Section 25. The Board approved.

The Supervisors then considered and approved the Annual Engineer Contract with a 3 ½% increase.

The Engineer then gave a Construction update. He reported the Resurfacing south of Dedham was complete, South of Manning should be completed the middle of last week and Lidderdale and Mount Carmel projects should be completed in the next two weeks.

The contractor is driving Piling on the Bridge south of Ralston, and there will be a crew in the County doing asphalt patching and cutting rumble strips.

The Board approved payables for the period in the amount of \$1,093,108.75.

The Board then approved Interfund Transfers the largest of \$232,682.93 from Recovery Fund back to Lost Fund (Funds not needed in the remodel of Courthouse),

two other transfers to zero out accounts (.46 cents and \$14.38).

The Board then reviewed and approved Proposed Changes to Employee Handbook (effective for new hires after 7/1/25). Those changes being after 6 months of continuous Service get 5 days of Vacation, after 1 year 10 days with the rest of current schedule remaining as current; on sick leave for hires after 7/1/25 will get only 1 day per month instead of 1 ½; and expense reports need to have itemized statement included.

The Board reviewed and considered Proposed Quotes for New roofing on the Canopy of the Courthouse. Three quotes were received from ForSure, Brincks Exterior and Elevate Roofing. The Board approved the Brincks Exterior for \$11,121.34.

If you have any questions on any or these topics or any other subject feel free to contact me or any other Supervisor.

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