

Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan Workshop Helps Protect Flocks from Disease

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Sheep producers will learn how to best protect their flocks from disease and prepare for the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak. Attendees will also hear from guest speaker Dr. Danelle Bickett-Weddle of Preventalytics and receive a tour of the Iowa State Sheep Teaching Farm.

“Stopping disease transmission from farm to farm and animal to animal is the first step in protecting your sheep from diseases. Each producer can create a plan tailored to their operation and how they conduct daily management and business continuity,” commented Carolyn Ihde, small ruminant outreach specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension.

Attendees will also learn about:

Preventing common diseases from spreading to sheep

Understanding what to expect if foot-and-mouth disease is diagnosed in the U.S.

Preparing for business continuity

Learning options for imple-



menting biosecurity measures on sheep

Creating a map with lines of separation

The workshop will be offered at the Iowa State Sheep Teaching Farm pavilion, located at 3726 520th Ave. in Ames, from 1-5 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

Registration is available online for the workshop, or those interested can contact Carolyn Ihde at cihde@iastate.edu with questions.

“Don’t miss this opportunity to safeguard your flock and ensure business continuity in the event of a disease outbreak,” Ihde said.

This training is made possible, in part, by a USDA NAD-PRP Grant to the American Sheep Industry Association. Attendees will gain valuable information, hands-on experience and a binder containing all resources from the SSWS website.

Food Safety Course Educates on Fruit, Vegetable Production

AMES, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a fruit and vegetable production safety course at Reiman Gardens this spring and summer.

The same afternoon course will be offered at Reiman Gardens in Ames on April 12, May 10, June 14, July 19 and Aug. 9, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The course is complimentary with admission to Reiman Gardens, and registration is not required.

Fruit and vegetable production can pose potential public health hazards if contaminated with disease-causing microorganisms. Understanding these risks is essential to ensuring produce is safe for consumption, from farm to table.

Bacon Buddies Recognized for Community Leadership

CLIVE, IA – The Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) was honored with a Leadership in Community Award from Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig at the 13th Annual Iowa Ag Leaders Dinner. This recognition celebrates the Bacon Buddies® program, a groundbreaking initiative created by IPPA in partnership with Special Olympics Iowa.

Bacon Buddies embodies Iowa pig farmers’ commitment to the We Care principles, particularly their dedication to supporting local communities. The program offers a one-of-a-kind experience where Special Olympics athletes from across Iowa team up with FFA and 4-H members to learn about animal agriculture, show pigs

Identifying sources of microbiological contamination

Safely harvesting and handling fruits and vegetables

Understanding actions to mitigate consumer safety hazards

“The course is designed to be easily understood by beginning gardeners while offering enough details to benefit experienced commercial growers,” stated Andre Salazar, extension education specialist in food safety with ISU Extension and Outreach.

This collaboration with Reiman Gardens equips participants with the knowledge to provide safe produce to their

families and/or communities.

For more information, contact ISU Extension and Outreach Safe Produce program at lowafisma@iastate.edu or 515-294-2552 or Reiman Gardens at reimangardens@iastate.edu or 515-294-2710.

This event is brought to you by the ISU Extension and Outreach Safe Produce program and Reiman Gardens. The Safe Produce program provides science-based research knowledge in food safety and good agricultural practices to educate and assist people with standards for growing, harvesting, packing and holding fruits and vegetables safe for human consumption.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: CLEGHORN

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Cleghorn Community Center Meeting Date: 4/28/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property		10.55226		
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is		3.00375		
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (712) 436-2474		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Audra Crocker		
		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	77,212	89,138	78,522
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	77,212	89,138	78,522
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	77,147	83,606	47,387
Other City Taxes	6	41,087	37,463	37,936
Licenses & Permits	7	100	50	120
Use of Money and Property	8	0	0	8,334
Intergovernmental	9	35,700	32,549	33,595
Charges for Fees & Service	10	86,500	72,026	76,673
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	8,000	6,987	0
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	35,620	35,620	0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	361,366	357,439	282,567
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	5,400	5,356	5,343
Public Works	17	73,300	62,960	45,996
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	41,350	36,318	31,709
Community and Economic Development	20	64,027	70,134	147,612
General Government	21	51,200	46,498	104,985
Debt Service	22	35,620	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	270,897	221,266	335,645
Business Type / Enterprises	25	51,000	45,434	87,264
Total ALL Expenditures	26	321,897	266,700	422,909
Transfers Out	27	35,620	35,620	0
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	357,517	302,320	422,909
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	3,849	55,119	-140,342
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	280,281	225,162	365,504
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	284,130	280,281	225,162

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 with Bryan Petersen, Cheryl Ellis, Dave Skou, Ray Mullins II and Shane Bellefy present. Erin Rydgren, Chronicle Times, represented the press. Duane Mummert, Steve Corken, Jerri Corken, Ramona Nitz, Chuck Stubbe, Stu Hogg, Steve Graham, Justin Pitts and Sam Boothby were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mullins, Ellis, Bellefy, Skou, Petersen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Ellis to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Ellis to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Bellefy to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office.

Claims Approved April 8, 2025:
AgState Fuel 24,245.66
APCO International Serv 525.00
Ascendance Trucks Midwest LLC Parts 330.38
Blaine's Culligan Supp 229.60
Boji Portable Toilets Inc Serv 240.00

Bomgaars Supp 71.05
Samantha J Boothby Reimb 552.16
Buena Vista County Sheriff Fees 135.30
Campbell Supply Co Parts 250.27
Carroll Construction Supply Parts 12.70
Karin L Cedar Travel Reimb 83.50
Cellebrite, Inc. Serv 1,268.53
Central Bank Supp 1,536.06
Champion Electric Serv 205.76
Cherokee Aviation Authority Approp 47,905.00
Cherokee County Engineer Fuel 150.90
Cherokee County Sheriff Fees 75.20
Cherokee County Solid Waste Approp 22,688.33
Cherokee State Bank Flex/Merp Flex/ Self Fund 10,027.43
Cherokee Inn Employee Lodging 95.20
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR Contract 76,523.74
Cherokee Rural Water Serv 162.20
Christensen Brothers Project 67,851.50
Cherokee Chronicle Times Publ 620.57
City of Marcus Serv 200.00
City of Meriden Serv 25.00
City of Quimby Serv 67.59
CJ Cooper & Associates Serv 165.00
Clay County Sheriff Fee 101.00
CML Telephone Coop Assn Serv 2,341.49
Country Tire & Service, Inc Serv

1,578.03
Croell Inc Project 23,454.60
Denny's Heating A/C & Plumbing Serv 362.00
District III Palo Alto County Serv 250.00
Elan Financial Services Supp 1,220.58
Emergency Management Dickinson Conf Reg 155.00
Evertex, Inc. Serv 2,400.00
Fareway Groceries 332.84
Fareway Commissary Supp 140.26
Feld Equipment Company Supp 105.00
Filter Recycling Serv 450.00
FORCE America Distributing, LLC Parts 130.34
Foundation Analytical Lab Serv 37.50
GovConnection, Inc Supp 804.52
A Harman Masonry LLC Serv 8,220.00
I-State Truck Center NW 7246 Truck 844.45
Inland Truck Parts Parts 3,550.00
Intoximeters, Inc. Supp 159.50
Iowa County Attorneys Assoc Dues 424.00
Iowa Department of Revenue Sales Tax 47.25
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Serv 70.00
Iowa Workforce Development Unemployment 1,115.47
JCL Solutions Supp 325.61
Wendy S Koch Reimb 30.00

Laurens House of Print LTD Supp 460.34
Kari L Lundy Mileage 32.25
Mail Services, LLC Postage 638.85
Marcus Lumber Supp 16.98
Marcus News Inc Publ 661.32
Martin Marietta Materials Supp 5,177.41
Mid American Energy Serv 2,244.42
Midwest Wheel Companies Parts 2,228.72
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Parts 2,104.04
New Century FS Fuel 7,017.30
Northside Tire Serv 1,487.00
Nuvera Serv 64.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts Supp 72.20
One Office Solution Supp 185.82
Point C Self Fund Admin Fees Admin Fees 654.50
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. Serv 2,116.95
Reliance Telephone of GF Inc Serv 200.00
Jennifer Ann Ryen Serv 672.00
Sanitary Services Inc Serv 361.30
Sioux Valley Family Health Serv 140.00
Solutions Inc Harris Serv 642.00
State Steel of Spencer Supp 325.00
Jacqueline M Stephens Serv 144.00
Debie A Stevenson Travel Reimb 559.78
Barb Steward Serv 450.00
Thompson Propane & Supplies Supp 3,727.08

Triple C Pest Control Serv 80.00
Truck Center Companies East Parts 2,401.81
Verizon Wireless Serv 1,622.17
Vestis Uniforms 150.72
Visual Edge IT Inc./Counsel Serv 352.37
Kim Whittaker Temp Work 150.00
Woodbury County Sheriff Fees 40.00
Ziegler Inc Supp 1,142.49
Grand Total 343,215.89
Chairman Petersen call for comments from the public. Duane Mummert expressed frustration that his assessed property values have drastically increased the last two years. Chuck Stubbe reported that he just received an assessment notice that increased the value on a flood damaged building. Steve Corken voiced concern that his property valuation has gone up 72% in two years along with tax rates and overall cost of living. Ramona Nitz thanked the sheriff's department for providing traffic control during a recent grass fire north of Larabee and praised local fire departments for responding when needed.
Kelly Puhrmann, County Engineer, provided an update on activities in the Secondary Roads Department.
Sam Boothby, County Recorder, presented a revenue report for consideration.
Motion by Ellis, seconded by Bellefy to approve the County Recorder's

\$75,738.26 March 31, 2025 Quarterly Revenue Report with \$25,932.30 retained by the county. Motion carried.
Boothby provided an update on the Recording Fee and Modernization proposal that is currently being considered by legislators.
Motion by Bellefy, seconded by Skou to accept a resignation from Paula Voss, Zoning Commissioner. Motion carried.
Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to appoint Lloyd Mattoon as Zoning Commissioner effective April 8, 2025 as recommended by the Cherokee County Zoning Commission. Motion carried.
The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules. Ellis praised Laura Jones, Conservation Director, for utilizing grants to fund projects and the board agreed that all county departments need to pursue grants to help offset expenditures.
There being no further business, Chairman Petersen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.
All board agendas and minutes are available online at cherokeecounty.iowa.gov.
Bryan Petersen, Chairman
Attest: Kris Glienke, County Auditor (CT04-18/L#216)