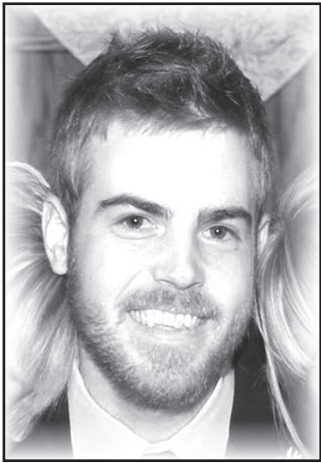


Obituary

Nick Fehring, 43, of Bedford, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly from a pulmonary embolism at his home on April 16, 2025. Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM with family greeting friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Bedford at the Cummings Family Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, April 24, 2025 at the Lenox Arising Methodist Church, at 10:00 AM. Pastor Tim Maxa and Pastor Lauri Greenlee will officiate. Following the services, burial will be held at the North Fairview Cemetery in Lenox. After the burial, a luncheon will be provided at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for Nick's children. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.cummingsfamily-funeralhome.com](http://www.cummingsfamily-funeralhome.com)

Nicholas (Nick) John Fehring was born in Omaha, Nebraska as the middle triplet to John



(Jack) Fehring and Paula (Bush) Fehring on January 28, 1982. He grew up on the family farm south of Lenox. He spent his childhood helping Dad with the family cattle/crop operation, being bossed around by his 2 sisters, playing at Aunt Norma's house, fishing at Wilson's Lake, hunting in the Wilderness Area, and camping and boating at Lake Icaria. In high school, Nick excelled at playing the tuba/trombone/baritone in all of Lenox's bands and speech/drama.

Nick attended Lenox Schools and graduated with honors with the class of 2000. Nick then attended Iowa State

University, graduating with a degree in Animal Ecology with a Fisheries and Aquatic Science option. He went on to work in the areas of fisheries/hatcheries, water quality, and test-plot management. In the summer of 2015 Nick landed his dream job as Taylor County Conservation Director.

Nick married Jamie (Bozwell) on September 26, 2009. From this union, Nick was given the loves of his life; Samuel John followed by Alice Rose. Nick's very favorite role was being a dad. And he was the very best at it. From playing monster, to pillow pit, to bumpy ride to town, Nick brought the fun and imagination. Sam and Alice were his everything.

Nick also enjoyed fishing, mushroom/shed hunting, cooking shows, listening to music, and still being bossed around by his sisters. His favorites were old flannels, worn boots, well-loved hats, gourmet recipes, and conservation practices. He hated people chewing gum, planning ahead, and top-shelf whiskey. Nick had

many nicknames; Sport, The Foreman, Butch, B-Squared, and Fehring just to name a few.

Nick was preceded in death by his beloved dad, Jack Fehring, his maternal grandparents, Orvin and Charlotte Bush, his paternal grandparents, Norbert and Helen Fehring, and his dearest great Aunt Norma. (Nick was her favorite).

Left to honor Nick's memory are his children, Samuel and Alice Fehring, Nick's precious mom, Paula Fehring, his heartbroken sisters and brother-n-laws, Kate and Sean Shafar (Charlotte, Camille, and Vin) and Sarah and Zach Gunsolley (Jackson, Elizabeth, and Lincoln), uncles, aunts, cousins, extended family, and countless friends.

To know Nick was to love him. His sense of humor and depth were unmatched. He wanted nothing but the best for everyone he knew, never had an unkind word to say, and was simply the best. He will be forever missed by everyone forever.

Lenox Municipal Utilities Board April 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lenox Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Tysen Christensen at 6:30 am on April 10, 2025 at Lenox City Hall. Board members present were: Tysen Christensen, Kathy Arevalo and Deb Miller. Also, present were: Jeff Tull, Ron Kitzman, Collen Larimer, Landon Maynes and Trisha Mains. Tia Samo arrived at 6:46 am. Jake Tripp was absent.

Arevalo made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Miller; all aye. Miller made a motion to approve March 13, 2025 meeting minutes; second by Arevalo; all aye.

Kitzman informed the board that he has been replacing older ONT. Kitzman has been working with Tyler Technology on security needs for the new software. FMTC is still working on the telephone customers that weren't working.

Arevalo made a motion to award the \$1,000, 2025 LMU SCHOLARSHIP; second by Samo; all aye. The announcement will be made at the school awards banquet.

Miller made a motion to approve RESOLUTION P 4-25 A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 306.00 AWARDS PROGRAM; second by Arevalo; all aye. Roll call all yes.

Miller made a motion to approve 2025 EMC Insurance Premiums with the same deductible of \$5000; second by Samo; all aye.

Landon Maynes attended the meeting to discuss a possible driveway across City owned property. Tull provided maps of the property and what portion would be affected. Landon said he was ok with an easement or purchasing the land. After board discussion, the board agrees that a survey would confirm how much of the city land would be affected. They also recommend

an easement instead of selling the land. The board did state they would like to support Landon. Tull will give the Board of Trustees recommendation to the City of Lenox for their final decision.

Tull updated the board on the water loss for the month of March. Several leaks were found, but hard to calculate due to not knowing how long they had been leaking. Guys are working at Tripp Addition trenching in new electric line. Shermco will be here Monday through Wednesday for relay testing. Tull attended the CIPCO/SIMECA annual meeting. Tull was elected as SIMECA's Treasurer.

Miller made a motion to approve the list of bills from March; second by Samo; all aye. The list of bills approved is as follows:  
Vendor Amount  
Reference Amount  
Advantage Administrators  
Fees .....\$50.00

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Advantage Administrators     |            |
| Flex Plan .....              | \$95.00    |
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| Flex Plan .....              | \$95.00    |
| Aflac                        |            |
| Service.....                 | \$518.48   |
| Agrivision                   |            |
| Repair .....                 | \$45.34    |
| American Fire Protection Llc |            |
| Maintenance.....             | \$482.00   |
| Kathy Arevalo                |            |
| Service.....                 | \$225.00   |
| Rob Sands, Auditor Of State  |            |
| Filing Fee .....             | \$425.00   |
| Barrans Ag, Llc              |            |
| Supplies.....                | \$447.85   |
| Orrin Larsen Farms, Ltd      |            |
| Gravel.....                  | \$936.27   |
| Tom Borland                  |            |
| Storage.....                 | \$765.05   |
| Jaime Brown                  |            |
| Wellness                     |            |
| Reimbursement.....           | \$150.00   |
| Jaime Brown                  |            |
| Reimbursement.....           | \$50.00    |
| Calix Inc                    |            |
| Supplies .....               | \$2,349.88 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 941 Balance.....                    | 7.65        |
| City of Lenox                       |             |
| Wholesale Gas & Operations.....     | 13,598.38   |
| NEW Cooperative                     |             |
| Gas & Diesel.....                   | 157.10      |
| Lenox Time Table                    |             |
| Publishing.....                     | 376.54      |
| Custom Concrete                     |             |
| Cemetery Drive-Endowment Grant..... | 10,000.00   |
| DC Communications                   |             |
| Telephone Charges .....             | 24.00       |
| NAPA Creston                        |             |
| Equipment Filters.....              | 193.96      |
| Quill Corporation                   |             |
| Office Supplies .....               | 34.92       |
| Jerry Mattson                       |             |
| Contract Labor.....                 | 250.00      |
| Pam Nickell                         |             |
| Reimburse for Office                |             |
| Supplies .....                      | 27.90       |
| IRS                                 |             |
| Monthly 941 .....                   | 1,285.38    |
| The Christensen Agency              |             |
| Insurance .....                     | 36,135.00   |
| Iowa Department of Revenue          |             |
| Sales Tax.....                      | 1,018.70    |
| Windstream                          |             |
| Telephone & Internet .....          | 440.27      |
| J & M Displays                      |             |
| Fireworks.....                      | 5,500.00    |
| Green Valley Pest Control           |             |
| Bare Ground Treatment....           | 445.70      |
| Quill Corporation                   |             |
| Office Supplies .....               | 163.08      |
| SIRWA                               |             |
| Water.....                          | 94.00       |
| City of Clearfield                  |             |
| Utilities.....                      | 193.66      |
| Total General Fund ....             | \$84,604.27 |
| Windstream                          |             |
| Telephone & Internet .....          | 249.79      |
| SIRWA                               |             |
| Water.....                          | 20.00       |
| City of Clearfield                  |             |
| Utilities.....                      | 109.56      |
| Total Fire Department ....          | \$379.35    |
| Amazon Capital Services             |             |
| Library Books.....                  | 99.69       |
| Total Library Fund .....            | \$99.69     |

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 2025

| FUND                   | RECEIPTS     | DISBURSEMENTS |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| General Fund           | \$19,471.76  | \$6,442.09    |
| Road Use Tax           | \$2,139.29   | \$1,444.58    |
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$2,766.61   | \$0.00        |
| Garbage                | \$5,909.28   | \$5,964.49    |
| Gas                    | \$62,790.54  | \$27,316.91   |
| Sewer                  | \$7,358.93   | \$3,665.97    |
| Rental Housing         | \$753.00     | \$152.95      |
| Utility Deposits       | \$0.00       | \$0.00        |
| Library                | \$1,504.18   | \$65.44       |
| Fire Dept.             | \$1,417.09   | \$702.36      |
| TOTALS                 | \$104,110.68 | \$45,754.79   |

APPRECIATIONS

Thank You For Contributing To Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We Appreciate Your Support! We Could Not Have The Hunt Without The Help Of So Many Great Businesses In Our Surrounding Communities! It Was A Wonderful Day For The Hunt And We Had A Great Turnout!

The Lenox Sorority Sisters

VETERANS MEMORIAL

IN PARK

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To add name and qualifications.

By April 30th

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS The Iowa District Court For Taylor County IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jay H. Norton, Deceased.

To all persons interested in the estate of Jay H. Norton, deceased, who died on or about March 6, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 18, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Jay H. Norton, deceased, bearing date of March 14, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Keith D. Jackson 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 thereafter forever barred.

Dated April 18, 2025.  
Keith D. Jackson  
Executor of Estate  
2518 Adams St.  
Ashland, NE 68003  
Rod K. Maharry  
ICIS#: AT0004958  
Attorney for Executor  
Engel & Maharry, PLC  
713 Davis Ave., Corning, IA 50841  
Date of second publication  
30 day of April 2025

4-23-2t

In the Matter of the Magistrate Appointing Commission For Taylor County

There is one (1) magistrate position in Taylor County, judicial election district 5-B as a result of the July 31, 2025, expiration of the terms of office of the one (1) current magistrate. The term of office of a magistrate is four years. The terms of office of the magistrates appointed to fill this position will begin on August 1, 2025, and expire on July 31, 2029. Appointments to fill this position will be made on or before June 1, 2025.

- The magistrate must be a resident of Taylor County or a resident of a county contiguous to this county during the term of office and does not qualify for appointment if at the time of appointment, the applicant will have reached age seventy-two (72).
- A magistrate shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa, except for magistrates who have held office since April 1, 2009.
- To qualify for appointment, one must file a certified application on the forms approved by the Iowa Supreme Court. The application forms may be obtained by emailing the Taylor County Clerk of Court at [jackie.saville@iowacourts.gov](mailto:jackie.saville@iowacourts.gov). The completed application forms (with letter of interest and resume of qualifications attached) must be returned by email by the deadline of May 7, 2025, at 4:00pm to the Taylor County Magistrate Commission's email listed on the Instruction for Applications.
- The present annual salary for a Judicial Magistrate is \$45,484.00 per year.
- The magistrate shall work in other counties of the district, when necessary, as assigned by the chief judge.
- The person appointed shall attend the annual school of instruction for magistrates.
- For information on judicial magistrate appointments, jurisdiction, and procedures, see Iowa Code sections 602.6403 through 602.6405.

Interviews with the Commission will be held on Wednesday May 14, 2025.

Dated this 10th day of April 2025.

*Patrick W. Greenwood*

The Iowa Judicial Branch  
By: Patrick Greenwood, District  
Chairperson of the Taylor County  
Magistrate Appointing Commission  
04-23 2TC

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Class Action Lawsuit  
Extra word fee  
Class Action Lawsuit  
IF YOU HAD KNEE OR HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY and suffered an infection between 2020 and the present time, you may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson 1-800-535-5727  
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Miscellaneous

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Clearfield City Council Meeting/Public Hearing April 16, 2025

The Clearfield City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Strassner. Council members present were: Clete Boyer, Travis Borcharding, Logan Larsen, Greg Beggs and Chris England.

A motion by Boyer was seconded by Borcharding to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Boyer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing held on March 20, 2025 as written. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by England was seconded by Borcharding to approve the financial reports for March 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by England, seconded by Boyer to approve the bills submitted for payment. Motion carried 5-0.

Employees and visitors present were: Gordon Still, Public Works; Pam Nickell, City Clerk; Markeeta Baker, Deputy Clerk; Colleen Larimar, Lenox Time Table and Matthew Hanson, City Attorney.  
STAFF REPORTS:

Fire Department—Travis Borcharding, Fire Chief, said the fire department is in need of new tires for the grass rig. A motion by Larsen, seconded by Boyer to approve the purchase of tires for the grass truck. Roll call vote: Aye—Boyer, Larsen and Beggs. Abstain—Borcharding and England. Motion carried.

Public Works—Gordon Still reported that one of the trees in the park needs to be trimmed. He will get bids to have it trimmed.

City Hall—The City was awarded a certificate for 8 gallons of paint for the park shelter house and picnic tables from Paint Iowa Beautiful.

David Leffler, owner of the property at 215 Van Buren, has been in contract with the City Clerk in regard to the abatement notice he received. He will be working on cleaning up the property over the summer.

Requests for bids for repair of Cozy Corner, Unit #2 has not

been done yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion by Larsen, seconded by Boyer, to approve a building permit for a temporary storage building for Jack Campbell. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by England, seconded by Larsen, to approve a fireworks permit for the Lions' Club for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All in favor.

A motion by Larsen, seconded by Borcharding to approve Resolution 2025-05, a resolution to adopt the 2025-26 budget. Aye: Boyer, Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England. Nay: none.

A motion by England, seconded by Boyer, to approve Resolution 2025-06, a resolution setting the time and place for a public hearing to amend the 2024-25 budget for May 21, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. Aye: Boyer, Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England.

A motion by Larsen, seconded by Beggs, to approve the bid from Blacktop Service to chip seal the east/west designated streets for \$70,953.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

A dog complaint was received from Ina Schultz. Council reviewed the complaint. No action was taken.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:15 for a public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 budget. Mayor Strassner asked for written or oral comments or questions in regard to the proposed budget. There were none. The hearing was declared closed.

OLD BUSINESS;

Included in an e-mail from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources with a draft of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) was a 59 month compliance schedule. The City will need to submit a compliance plan with a strategy to meet the final limits for ammonia nitrogen and E. coli listed on the limits pages by June 1, 2026. Progress reports are required every 12 months until compliance with final effluent limits is achieved. Final effluent limits compliance can be no later than May 1, 2030.

A motion by Larsen, seconded by Boyer to approve setting a date for a public hearing on an ordinance amending the