

# CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BROOKLYN, IOWA

February 6, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Municipal Utilities met in regular session at the utility office. The roll called showing Craig Kuntz, Pat Coleman and Mary Jo Upah present. The minutes of January 8, 2025 meeting were read and upon motion by Upah and second by Coleman were approved as read. The manager's reports were reviewed and upon motion by Upah and second by Coleman were approved. Upon motion by Upah and second by Coleman the following bills were allowed and paid from the General Fund.

Treasurer State of Iowa sales, option, use tax \$ 6,041.01  
Emrod's Jan wages \$ 21,736.90  
Treasurer State of Iowa state w/h \$ 762.66  
IPERS w/h \$ 4,272.14  
EFTPS federal w/h \$ 6,912.66  
Clayton Energy Jan reservation \$ 19,802.47  
Clayton Energy December commodity \$ 35,767.22  
Simoca December Power bill \$ 57,393.86  
IAMU training, energizers \$ 3,027.50  
City of Brooklyn expenses pd by city \$ 240.93  
Audas Sanitation dumpster rent \$ 64.84  
Brooklyn telecommunications phone, internet \$ 364.35  
Van Wert supplies \$ 409.46  
Paradigm Alliance program \$ 975.00  
Advantage Administrators fees \$ 50.00  
Intercounty Cable cable \$ 104.50  
One Call calls \$ .90  
Visa training, supplies \$ 1,091.57  
USPS postage \$ 475.15  
Fletcher-Reinhardt supplies \$ 4,932.37  
DGR Engineering services \$ 1,897.00  
Quill supplies \$ 90.27  
Halls Feed & Seed supplies \$ 24.08  
WMPF Group ad \$ 47.88  
Brooklyn Utilities gas, water, sewer \$ 932.83

Meeting adjourned.  
Attest:  
Troy Meldrem, Board Secretary

### February 3, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, and Jeff Tindle.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve January 30, 2025 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve Resolution #2025-21 a transfer from Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4 to Secondary Road Fund. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-21  
WHEREAS certain debt was created by an internal loan advance for Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4. Road Improvements in the amount of \$1,329,702.  
WHEREAS TIF tax dollars have been collected within the Urban Renewal Area in an amount to pay back one-half the internal loan advance (\$664,851),  
BE IT RESOLVED this 3 day of February 2025 to approve the following fund transfer for FY25 as follows:  
• Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4 to Secondary Road \$664,851  
FURTHER, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors directs the Poweshiek County Auditor to transfer the amount above in the county financial system.  
Dated this 3 day of February 2025.  
POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Jeff Tindle, Chairman  
Jason Roudabush, Vice-Chairman  
Jacki Bolen, Member  
Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve Resolution #2025-22 a transfer from General Basic - Other (ARPA Fund) to General Basic. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-22  
FUND TRANSFER  
WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 109 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act and, WHEREAS, Poweshiek County applied for and was awarded American Rescue Plan Act funds totaling \$3,594,185.  
WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors classified \$2,694,185 of American Rescue Plan Act funds as lost revenue on April 25, 2022 pursuant to the State rule on State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury.  
WHEREAS, per guidance received by the National Association of Counties and US Treasury on December 18, 2024, projects not under signed contracts by December 31, 2024 need to be de-obligated and re-assigned.  
WHEREAS, per guidance received by the National Association of Counties and US Treasury on December 18, 2024, an estimation of future wages to be paid to positions created on or before December 31, 2024 satisfies the requirement of obligating funding.  
WHEREAS, Resolution #2025-14 was passed and adopted on December 30, 2024 allowing for IT Director wages to be paid using ARPA funds in the amount of \$4,009.68.  
WHEREAS, the wages have been paid to the IT Director as of January 31, 2025 and transfer from ARPA fund to General Basic fund should be completed.  
BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following fund transfer for FY25 as follows:  
• Fund 0006 Other General - ARPA to Fund 0001 General Basic \$4,009.68  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors directs the Poweshiek County Auditor to transfer the amount above in the county financial system.  
Dated this 3 day of February 2025.  
POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Jeff Tindle, Chairman  
Jason Roudabush, Vice-Chairman  
Jacki Bolen, Member  
Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Board held FY26 budget workshop reviewing all departmental requests. 1:28 p.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor  
Jeff Tindle, Chairman

### February 6, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, and Jeff Tindle.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve February 3, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Matt Maschmann, Sheriff, and Steve Kivi, Chief Deputy, met with the board to discuss the sheriff department's FY26 budget request in more detail. Sheriff Maschmann also provided the board with an updated 28E Agreement for law enforcement services with the City of Montezuma. Sheriff Maschmann stated City of Montezuma had approved the 28E Agreement and it now needs board approval. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve 28E Agreement between Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office and City of Montezuma for law enforcement services. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
8:54 a.m. Simone Bates, The Record joined the meeting.  
Dan Nieland, Pow I-80 provided the board with information on Pow I-80 budget information, strategic business plan, and highlights of initiatives. Some initiatives Nieland is working on include:  
• ISU Cy-Biz Labs Study of Entrepreneurship in Poweshiek County  
• Downtown assessments  
• IEDA grant for a local producer  
• Resource for Davis Elementary adaptive reuse  
• Work with small business on grant funds for business expansion  
• Updating LOIS site (sites & buildings for sale/lease in Poweshiek County)  
• Working with Poweshiek County resident on business plan for entertainment venue  
• Responding to requests for information  
• Working on branding/rebranding

Nieland stated the Pow I-80 annual meeting is set for April 15, 2025. The mission of Pow I-80 is to foster strategic economic growth county-wide by leveraging partnerships and programs that will create a vibrant economy for the benefit of regional businesses and residents alike.  
Brian Paul, EMA Director, discussed the county-wide radio project and some items paid by E911 during the project that were mistakenly left off the original project cost. Paul stated E911 purchased 179 desktop pager chargers and 21 bank radio chargers, which are capable of charging multiple pagers at one time. These items were listed in the project but not included in the total project cost and noted as a possible separate purchase. Since these charges for pagers fall under the radio project, Paul is asking the county to reimburse E911 this cost from the radio project funds. The amount totals \$32,311.68. Board felt the chargers for the pagers did fall under the radio project and will place this on agenda at next board meeting to increase the reimbursement from radio project fund to E911.  
Paul provided information to the board regarding installing an outdoor warning siren at Diamond Lake. This project would add a single siren at Diamond Lake to increase the warning of impending weather threats, specifically tornadoes and high winds, to visitors of the lake. Paul provided 2 different possible locations for the siren at the lake and advised which he felt would be the best location for the best coverage of the area at the lake/park. Paul estimated the cost of this project to be no more than \$42,000 and is requesting to utilize part of the remaining radio project funds. The board felt this project also was within the lines of the radio project as the project included a full system upgrade to 17 sirens across the county. The board stated this would be on the agenda at the next meeting to consider for approval.  
Barl Klaver was scheduled to meet with the board but had to reschedule for the next board meeting.


The board joined a Zoom meeting with a representative of TextMyGov. TextMyGov is a 2-way smart texting tool. Bolen liked the idea of this tool but didn't feel it would be a fit for the county. Roudabush and Tindle agreed.  
Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve the following claim:  
Visa Goods \$1,086.67  
3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Roudabush stated he has an Iowa Workforce Development meeting today. Bolen stated she attended the Food Coalition meeting in Grinnell this week.  
The board stated they will attend the Farm Bureau legislative forum, which will be held on Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brooklyn Ruritan building.  
Bolen shared a couple of complaints she has received from residents of Poweshiek County regarding the driver's license office. One complaint was that the office is closed frequently, and the resident felt it should be open as it is considered a full-time office. Another was an individual who was told everyone needed an appointment so the individual tried to make an appointment for their child to get permit for a date in April but was told she would need to call back closer to April as they don't schedule out that far. Another complaint was from an individual that was told over the phone they did not need an appointment for a renewal so she came for a renewal but was told she needed an appointment so had to travel back to Grinnell and come another day for scheduled appointment. According to Iowa Code, the Board of Supervisors does not have control over the hours of the driver's license office and that is the responsibility of the elected official, Treasurer. Individuals with comments

on this office should direct them to the elected official, Treasurer, in charge. Board mentioned in a meeting with Treasurer in January to please keep the driver's license office open during courthouse hours.  
12:08 p.m. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.  
Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor  
Jeff Tindle, Chairman

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## Opinion

# Week 4 marred by Graber death

By Iowa Rep. Dean Fisher

Week 4 of the session was marked with sorrow and reflection as we mourned the loss of one of our House colleagues, Rep. Martin Graber.

Graber was not only a beloved husband and father, but also a 32-year veteran of the Iowa National Guard, retiring as a Brigadier General. He was elected to the Iowa House in 2020.

The House canceled session Tuesday so that members could attend his funeral in Fort Madison. Graber was a strong Christian man. The church where the funeral was held started out in the Graber's home many years ago, and the Graber's were instrumental in building the beautiful church the congregation occupies today.

On Wednesday, the Iowa House's new Higher Education committee passed a bill, House Study Bill 53, to prohibit the Regent institutions in Iowa from requiring students to enroll in courses related to DEI

or critical race theory.

The bill does not eliminate the existence of some of these courses, and there are exemptions if the program is directly related to racial, ethnic or gender studies. However, it eliminates the requirement for these courses if the degree the student is in pursuit of is completely unrelated.

For example, right now all Iowa State University undergraduate students are required to take a course in "U.S. Cultures and Communities," a seemingly innocuous title. However, ISU's website states that the students in this course will be inculcated into discredited "Woke" concepts dealing with race, gender identity, etc.

These concepts are dogmatic, liberal social beliefs that are contrary to the common sense and decency that most Iowans support. These concepts have nothing to do with preparing our college students for the real world.

The Regents were registered in favor of the bill, but that didn't stop the Democrats in committee from voting against this common-sense legislation.

For several sessions, Iowa House Republicans have been interested in taking action to protect our local pharmacies facing unfair practices from Pharmacy Benefit Managers, the middle-men known as PBMs.

House Study Bill 99 is aimed at further protecting our local pharmacies. We are seeing rural pharmacies close at an alarming rate; 29 Iowa pharmacies closed in 2024, and more than 150 Iowa pharmacies have closed over the past decade.

Without local pharmacies, Iowa families and older Iowans have a harder time accessing the care they deserve. This bill includes several regulations on PBMs in Iowa, including requiring the PBMs to reimburse pharmacies based on acquisition cost instead of an amount set by the PBM.

This bill passed subcommittee in the Iowa House this week. It is likely not in its final form, and we will continue to seek input as this bill makes its way through the legislative process.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Capitol, or in the district.

# Plan now how to use your tax refund

## Iowa State University Extension

AMES — Iowans who are expecting a sizable income tax refund have choices about how to use that money, says Barb Wollan, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Keep in mind that how you use your refund will affect your household's financial well-being all year long. However, before you receive your refund, consider how much money to pay for tax preparation," said Wollan.

If your income is below about \$67,000 per year, you may be eligible for free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Some ISU Extension and Outreach county offices are also VITA sites and a list of these VITA sites is available online.

If your income is below \$84,000, you can use VITA's free do-it-yourself software. Learn more by emailing centraliowavita@gmail.com; an auto reply will provide you with the link and instructions.

As with any type of income, you have three main choices for how to use your tax refund: spend, save or pay off debt.

Saving substantially from the tax refund may be overlooked when immediate needs and wants are always present. However, for many families, saving a large portion of the refund may be the best possible option.

Without savings, any major repair, medical bill or large seasonal expense could disrupt your financial stability.

Your first priority for your refund may be to pay off any problem debt. If you're behind on a bill, getting caught up is important. If you have high-interest credit card debt, paying it off will save a lot of interest expense, Wollan said.

After paying off problem debt, though, it becomes a balancing act: saving for anticipated needs in the coming year versus making special purchases now.

"Keep in mind that

spending the money is irreversible. However, if you save a large portion of your refund and no emergencies arise, you can always make purchases later, or next year," Wollan said.

Most families will make some purchases with their tax refund. Consider purchases that will pay benefits for a long time, so that even six to eight months from now your family will still enjoy what you purchased and feel like it has made your life better.

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