

# Registration opens for Field To Fork deer hunting program

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

DES MOINES — The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a six-month workshop to teach skills needed to hunt, field dress and cook white-tailed deer to individuals who have little to no archery hunting experience.

This workshop consists of summer long archery practices, fall workshops and hunting opportunities throughout Iowa’s archery season. All sessions are led by instructors that possess the experience to teach skills necessary to become efficient archers and bowhunters.

“For those interested in the challenge of bow hunting as a means of sourcing their own meat, this program provides the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge it takes to do it all yourself,” said Jamie Cook, hunter education coordinator with the Iowa DNR.

Participants will spend the summer months becoming proficient archers with compound bows provided by Iowa Hunter Education Instructor Association. As summer progresses, they’ll also learn basic strategies for hunting deer such as proper equipment, where to hunt, safe shooting practices, and tree stand placement. During the fall, they’ll learn how to field dress, clean and cook deer from professional butchers and local chefs.

The course will be hosted in Adel, Ames, Council Bluffs, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Onawa and Iowa City, and is geared for participants age 21 and older.

Applications will be accepted beginning April 1 for all locations. Once accepted into the program, participants will be invited to register for the course. The course cost is \$200.

Applications will be accepted through June 1 or until registration is filled. Space is limited so those interested are encouraged to apply online right away.

For more information and to begin the application process visit: 2025 Field to Fork Application: <https://forms.gle/9NR1q78vnugw5BtFA>.

The program is provided through a partnership with the Iowa Hunter Ed Instructor Association, Raised at Full Draw, the Iowa Bowhunters Association, Johnson, Linn and Story County Conservation, and other various local partners and archery retailers. It is part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters due to the overall decline in hunting and outdoor recreation.

# Iowa boat registrations expire April 30

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Iowans need to register more than 220,000 boats before April 30, when current boat registrations expire.

Boat registrations are good for three years. Registration fees support boater education and safety, water trails, navigation enforcement and aquatic invasive species.

Boat owners may bring their current registrations to any Iowa county recorder’s office when they renew. Non-residents who register

their boats in Iowa must go to the county where the boat is primarily used.

Owners who are registering boats in their own names that they purchased from private sellers should bring the signed registration. Make sure the title is signed over, if applicable.

Only boats displaying current registration decals are allowed to operate on Iowa waters.

Learn more about how to register your boat on the DNR at [iowadnr.gov/things-do/boating/registration](http://iowadnr.gov/things-do/boating/registration).

# Book

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Locher wrote in his ruling that the law “places the burden on local school districts and school officials to determine whether a book is permitted” and that “this is the whole point of the law’s penalty provisions: local officials and districts are subject to punishment if they get it wrong.”

The law put educators in a “precarious state ... by passing this bill and not giving them a lot of direction about how to carry it out,” Hickman said. “I don’t even know where I would start to explain the heaviness of that.”

A student plaintiff

in the lawsuit calls the injunction a “huge step in the right direction.” Grace Van Gundy, a senior at Urbandale High School, and the only student in the lawsuit, said she wants her fellow students “to feel reassured about the injunction and remember that there are still government officials looking out for our best interests — even if it doesn’t always feel like it.”

She said the decision “solidifies the importance of education and that proves we will not tolerate attempts at censorship.”

Despite the ruling, Van Gundy believes that “there is still work to do. The fight is not over.”

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET					
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026					
County Name: POWESHIEK COUNTY County Number: 79					
The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows: Meeting Date: 4/17/2025 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Boardroom, Courthouse, 302 E. Main St., Montezuma, IA 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 County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request. County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <a href="http://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals">dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals</a> Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".					
County Website (if available)					County Telephone Number (641) 623-5723
<a href="http://www.poweshiekcounty.org">www.poweshiekcounty.org</a>					
	Budget 2025/2026	Re-Est 2024/2025	Actual 2023/2024	AVG Annual	% CHG
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	9,416,830	8,907,215	8,679,388	4.16
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	236,500	122,500		
Net Current Property Taxes	4	9,180,330	8,784,715	8,679,388	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	2,000	0	86	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	0	0	49,217	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,377,581	2,708,718	1,581,858	22.60
Intergovernmental	8	7,295,713	4,792,819	5,461,817	
Licenses & Permits	9	21,800	21,900	130,955	
Charges for Service	10	809,340	659,185	659,489	
Use of Money & Property	11	697,402	1,209,915	1,131,771	
Miscellaneous	12	2,177,750	282,822	350,204	
Subtotal Revenues	13	22,561,916	18,460,074	18,044,785	
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	4,990,677	5,003,089	4,708,857	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	108,820	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	27,552,593	23,463,163	22,862,462	
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>					
<b>Operating:</b>					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	5,377,162	4,962,786	4,003,160	15.90
Physical Health and Social Services	19	651,848	499,091	361,353	34.31
County Environment and Education	21	899,478	863,380	697,875	13.53
Roads & Transportation	22	8,869,105	9,302,800	9,359,602	-2.66
Government Services to Residents	23	924,737	886,816	867,464	3.25
Administration	24	1,906,025	1,963,158	1,848,102	1.56
Nonprogram Current	25	136,824	143,060	160,794	-7.75
Debt Service	26	1,258,748	1,261,648	1,264,247	-0.22
Capital Projects	27	5,172,000	921,847	2,097,355	57.03
Subtotal Expenditures	28	25,195,927	20,804,586	20,659,952	
<b>Other Financing Uses:</b>					
Operating Transfers Out	29	4,990,677	5,003,089	4,708,857	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	30,186,604	25,807,675	25,368,809	
<b>Excess of Revenues &amp; Other Sources over (under) Expenditures &amp; Other Uses</b>					
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	32	-2,634,011	-2,344,512	-2,506,347	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	33	13,020,800	15,365,312	17,871,659	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Committed	36	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	37	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	38	0	0	0	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30	39	10,386,789	13,020,800	15,365,312	
<b>Proposed property taxation by type:</b>					
Countywide Levies*	5,369,491	Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation:			
Rural Only Levies*	4,047,339	Urban Areas: 3.53566			
Special District Levies*	0	Rural Areas: 7.27352			
TIF Tax Revenues:	1,011,281	Any special district tax rates not included			
Utility Replacement Excise Tax:	234,300				
Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:					
Adding additional deputy to public safety; increase in insurance; increase in wages; increase in secondary road capital projects; increase in continuation of services to the public					

## LEGAL NOTICES

March 24, 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 as amended to include a meeting with County Attorney Klaver for urgent response on Opioid litigation. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve March 20, 2025 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Lyle Brehm, Engineer provided a secondary road update stating the contract rock hauling is currently in place, placing about 300 tons of rock on about 50 miles of roads in four days. The pad is prepared for the construction of the cold storage shed in Grinnell. Currently the road department is placing cold mix patch in some holes and hauling rock, and the blade operators are blading roads.

Brehm provided the board with two resolutions for approval relating to the resurfacing project of Old 6 Road (F29) going through Victor. One resolution states Poweshiek County will administer the project and Victor acknowledges. The other resolution states Victor will repay Poweshiek County for the appropriate expenses.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve Resolution #2025-26 Construction Agreement Between City & County on Secondary Road Extensions and Resolution #2025-27 Establishing Method of Repayment by the City of Victor to Poweshiek County for Resurfacing F29. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTY ON SECONDARY ROAD EXTENSIONS

Poweshiek County

Resolution No. 2025-26

Project No. STP-S-C079(71)--SE-79

Consenting to and approving the plans for the improvement of the extension of Secondary Road F29 within the City of Victor, Iowa.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve by Poweshiek County within the City of Victor, Iowa in accordance with plans filed in the office of the Clerk of said City as follows:

Resurfacing of Highway F29 from IA 21 to Highway V36

Project STP-S-C079(71)--SE-79

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the said Council of the City of Victor, as follows:

The Council hereby approves the plans for the said project and consents to the improvement in accordance with the plans.

The Council will take such legal steps and procedures to a conclusion such legal action and/or proceedings as are now or may hereafter be required. To legally establish the grade lines of the street in accordance with and as shown by the project plans, and to cause any damage accruing there from to be determined and paid pursuant to Iowa Code Section 364.15.

To take such steps as may be necessary to secure the consent to the removal of any trees that may interfere with the construction of the project.

To remove existing and prevent future encroachments and obstructions upon streets or highways covered by the project.

To remove or cause to be removed without expense to the County all water hydrants, curb boxes, electroliners and cables, poles, parking meters, traffic signals, and any other facilities or obstructions which interfere with the construction of the project.

All above ground utilities shall be placed as close to the right-of-way line as practical.

Since this project may be partly financed with Federal-aid funds, the grant of which requires that the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and the County comply with federal laws and regulations with respect thereto, the Council agrees to take such action as may be necessary to comply with such federal laws and regulations. (Approval of the plans by the Council satisfies the requirements of this paragraph.)

The Council further agrees that within the limits of the proposed surfacing and for one foot outside thereof, the City will require that all backfilling and compaction of ditches shall be made in accordance with the Iowa DOT's current Standard Specifications. The work will be subject to the approval of the County.

The Council will, by ordinance, prohibit or restrict diagonal parking throughout the project.

Upon completion of the project, the Council agrees that: Any changes in the physical features of the project will be authorized only after approval has been secured from the County.

The Council will furnish and erect all signing in accordance with the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, including the necessary signing to prohibit parking on each side along the entire route.

All signing shall be approved by the County before placement.

City of Victor

Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING METHOD OF REPAYMENT BY THE CITY OF VICTOR TO POWESHIEK COUNTY FOR RESURFACING OF F29

Poweshiek County

Resolution No. 2025-27

Project No. STP-S-C079(71)--SE-79

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve by Poweshiek County within the City of Victor, Iowa in accordance with plans filed in the office of the Clerk of said City as follows to resurface Highway F29 from IA 21 to Highway V36 (Project STP-S-C079(71)--SE-79), and

WHEREAS, Poweshiek County Resolution #2298 establishes a policy whereby Poweshiek County will share in some of the costs of resurfacing roads designated as Farm-to-Market Extensions, and

WHEREAS, Poweshiek County Resolution #2298 also establishes a policy to allow a city to reimburse Poweshiek County for expenses after the County has made the initial payment for the resurfacing, and

WHEREAS, the City of Victor has expressed an interest in applying both concepts of this resolution for the resurfacing of Highway F29, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the said Council of the City of Victor and the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors as follows:

• Poweshiek County will make the initial payment for all project expenses, including for those within the corporate limits of the City.

• For the expenses incurred within the corporate limits, the Poweshiek County Engineer will make the determination of which expenses are eligible for cost-sharing in accordance with Poweshiek County Resolution #2298.

• The City shall have the choice of reimbursing Poweshiek County for the City's expenses either in one (1) payment made within one (1) year of completion of the project or by five (5) equal payments made yearly with the first payment to be made within one (1) year of completion of the project.

• An annually compounded interest charge shall be applied.

• The interest rate shall be equal to the most recent interest rate charged to Poweshiek County for the sale of bonds.

City of Victor

Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors Bart Klaver, County Attorney, discussed an update on the opioid litigation. Klaver shared recently the county received an open records request relating to documents and other records relating to Poweshiek County's claim in the opioid litigation. Klaver stated late last week, he received an email from the county's attorneys in the

litigation discussing the county under 50,000 in population to withdraw from the amendment process. Klaver stated that the settlements already awarded will remain secured. With the withdrawal, Klaver stated the county would still be included in any settlement that is reached in the litigation. Klaver stated he would recommend to the board to withdraw from any further amendments to the litigation based on the recommendations of the county's outside counsel. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush, 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to award the contract for road resurfacing of F29 from IA21 to V36 to Manatt's for \$1,697,544.88. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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today in Grinnell. One is regarding rural internet access at Drake Library and the other is a meeting with the president of Grinnell College to work on building a better relationship between the college and county. Bolen also stated she would like to tour the college and inquired if the other board members would be interested. The consensus was that all members would like to schedule a tour of the college so Bolen will set this up. Bolen also stated she will be attending the Veteran Affairs Commission meeting on Wednesday morning.

Roudabush stated he has a Pow I-80 Development meeting on Wednesday. At the conclusion of this meeting, the board will be attending the HSEM tabletop exercise (TTX) at the Public Safety Building.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn at 10:22 a.m.

Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman

March 24, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 6:00 p.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 at 6:00 p.m. to go into a public hearing regarding the property tax levy for FY26. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Tindle asked for comments or questions from those attending. Questions were asked concerning the budget year statement sent to owners and taxpayers as required by Iowa Code 24.2A and what exactly the mailing meant. It was explained that the statement is intended to show taxpayers the current property tax dollars and tax rate for the current fiscal year as well as the proposed property tax dollars and tax rate proposed for the next fiscal year for county, city & school. The statement also provides a hypothetical comparison to HF18 legislation. Tindle stated the increase in valuation was mainly due to the wind farms and the phase-in of their values.

The proposed tax rate is lower than the current year, but the proposed property taxes are a little higher, and this is due to that increase in value. The increase in the dollars is needed due to increases in insurance costs, an increase in employee wages averaging 3%, secondary road projects, and adding two deputies to public safety. It was asked why an increase to deputies and board explained the county has had the same number of deputies for over 20 years. The two additional deputies would add one for additional regular patrol, to increase the number of weekend deputies to two for the safety of the deputies and the second solely dedicated to drug task force.

Further conversations were regarding property values, overall property taxes, the different taxing authorities, and how property tax money is distributed.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen at 6:53 p.m. to close public hearing. 3 ayes. Motion carried.