

Grants

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Brooklyn Opera house to enhance onstage lighting effects.

The Brooklyn Ruritan Club will receive \$2,200 to purchase a new automated external defibrillator and cabinet for emergency use at their facility.

The Deep River Volunteer Fire Department received \$2,528 to purchase new porta-pond liners, ensuring constant access to water during fire calls. The City of Deep River was granted \$2,000 toward finishing the outside work on the shelter house, including supporting electrical work.

An additional \$1,712 was awarded to the City of Deep River to purchase kitchen equipment for the Community Center.

The Guernsey community was awarded \$9,000 to purchase ADA-compliant park equipment for the city park, creating spaces for smaller children to engage and play safely as the community continues to see growth in its younger population.

The city of Hartwick was awarded \$3,200 to restore the World War I memorial flagpole in the city park. The Fire Department received \$9,965 to upgrade structure gear for volunteer firefighters.

The Malcom Fire Department was also supported through the PCA grants, receiving \$5,000 to purchase fire turnout gear for junior firefighters to increase youth interest in firefighting.

The Malcom Food Pantry received \$10,000 to purchase food and hygiene items to meet the increased demand for food assistance.

The Montezuma Public Library received \$6,500 to support public computer upgrades and programming for children. Montezuma Community Development was awarded \$4,000 to replace tables and chairs at Montezuma Memorial Hall, improving safety for older visitors and increasing community engagement with the space.

The Historical and Genealogical Society in Montezuma was granted \$8,559 for a stairlift replacement to make the building more accessible.

Grinnell Farm to Table received \$10,000 to purchase food from various farms for a local

food box program that will operate year-round. Mayflower Homes will receive \$8,560 for a "To-vertafel" therapeutic tool for memory support residents, and The Iowa Kitchen was granted \$6,508 to establish high school student internships and continue their mission of fighting food insecurity with a weekly meal program.

The City of Grinnell Fire Department will use its grant to purchase a thermal imaging camera and a new water hose. Grinnell United Church of Christ's Suds of Love program received \$4,000 for laundry services and hygiene materials for community members in need.

The Grinnell College Museum of Art was awarded \$3,300 to support the StoryTime Art in the Park summer program, providing meals, instructors, books and materials for local children, said the press release.

The Grinnell Community Early Learning Center was awarded \$9,732 for furniture replacement and new play materials. LINK Grinnell will use \$2,650 to purchase new play equipment to meet the diverse needs of young and older children.

The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation was granted \$1,275 to purchase rewards and prizes for POWERkids, a program encouraging healthy lifestyles for children in kindergarten through fourth grades.

The Searsboro Community Fire/EMS Association received \$7,900 to replace fire equipment, including the primary and secondary hose sets, a cutoff saw and new pike poles. The City of Searsboro was awarded \$2,749 to repaint and refresh the community building which serves as a center for events and as a community welfare hub.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank received \$5,000 for the Feeding Communities program. East Poweshiek Ambulance Service was awarded \$5,000 for devices used when a patient needs to be intubated.

Poweshiek County Extension Office will receive \$9,778 for after-school programming, including learning materials, guest speakers, and 4-H programming for children in grades kin-

dergarten through 12th grade.

Emergency Management Agency will use \$7,000 for a search and rescue drone and Read 2 Lead received \$3,100 for early childhood reading programs.

Poweshiek County Alliance committee members include Alicia Blankenfeld, Rusty Clayton, Tim Douglas, Tina Elfenbien, Ashlyn Hammen, Joel Kercheval, Derek Kriegel, Cassie LaKose, Scott Steffen and Mindy Togle.

Organizations with 501(c) (3) designation, governmental entities and public schools are eligible for grant assis-

tance.

The 2026 grant application period opens in December 2025. Organizations may contact GPCF at 641-236-5518 for information. A complete list of grants is available at greaterpcf.org.

The Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation assists donors in supporting local charitable organizations. Individuals wishing to support any of the funds may contact Blanchard or Nicole Brua-Behrens, Executive Director at GPCF, mail checks to GPCF, P.O. Box 344, Grinnell, IA 50112 or donate online at greaterpcf.org.



In this June 2024 photo, two babies spend time in the nursery at the new Bear Creek Kids Campus in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Community Foundation received \$10,000 from Poweshiek Community Foundation to assist Bear Creek Kids Campus pay for landscaping and grass installation for the children's play area. (J.O. Parker/Chronicle Republican)

CLASSIFIEDS

LEGAL NOTICES

April 17, 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 April 14, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to enter public hearing regarding adoption of FY26 Poweshiek County Budget. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Present: Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, Jeff Tindle, Supervisors: Missy Ellander, Auditor: Auditor Ellander stated she had not received any comments prior to this public hearing regarding the FY26 budget as proposed. Having no public present & receiving no comments, at 9:03 a.m., it was moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen, to close the public hearing. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve Resolution 2025-28 approving and adopting the FY26 Poweshiek County budget. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-28

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FY'26 POWESHIK COUNTY BUDGET WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with law, said proposed FY'26 Poweshiek County Budget was set for public hearing April 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA, and residents or taxpayers were given the opportunity to present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on April 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA, and reviewed the proposed FY'26 Poweshiek County Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, the FY'26 Poweshiek County Budget, as submitted and proposed, is hereby approved and adopted for fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by Jeff Tindle, Chairman, and made part of the public records of Poweshiek County.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Poweshiek County, Iowa, that the FY'26 Poweshiek County Budget be hereby approved and adopted. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 17 day of April 2025.

POWESHIK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Jeff Tindle, Chairman Jason Roudabush, Vice Chairman Jacki Bolen, Member Attest: Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve the Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes for FY26 and authorize Chairman Tindle to sign and deliver to County Auditor for certification. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve Resolution 2025-29 approving FY26 elected officials' salaries. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-29

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Compensation Board met on December 11, 2024, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year 2026, beginning July 1, 20% increase:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	\$85,270	4.5%	\$89,107
County Attorney	\$122,814	6.0%	\$130,183
Recorder	\$81,687	3.5%	\$84,546
Sheriff	\$113,381	6.0%	\$120,184
Supervisors	\$40,788	6.0%	\$43,235
Treasurer	\$82,037	3.5%	\$84,908

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, as recommended by the Poweshiek County Compensation Board as follows:

Elected Official	Approved Salary	Approved Increase
Auditor	\$89,107	4.5%
County Attorney	\$130,183	6.0%
Recorder	\$84,546	3.5%
Sheriff	\$120,184	6.0%
Treasurer	\$84,908	3.5%

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors approve the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025:

Elected Official	Approved Salary	Approved Increase
Supervisors	\$42,012	3.0%

Approved this 17 day of April 2025. **POWESHIK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** Jeff Tindle, Chairman Jason Roudabush, Vice Chairman Jacki Bolen, Member Attest: Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor Jeff Lorenz, Cost Advisory Services, met with board to present the FY24 Central Jeff Lorenz, Cost Advisory Services, met with board to present the FY24 Central Jeff Lorenz, Cost Advisory Services, met with board to present the FY24 Central indirect costs the county incurs regarding the local DHHS office and the amount of reimbursement to allocate to the county. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve cost allocation plan and authorize Chairman Tindle to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 10:29 a.m. to adjourn. Jeff Tindle, Chairman Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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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 April 10, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen, to approve the following certificates of appointment for seasonal campground hosts, Conservation for April 9, 2025, to September 30, 2025.

Monica Moyer, rate \$200 per week with an additional \$13 per hour for additional duties assigned by the Conservation Board Director

Richard Moyer, rate \$200 per week with an additional \$13 per hour for additional duties assigned by the

Conservation Board Director • Melissa Current, rate \$100 per week with an additional \$13 per hour for additional duties assigned by the Conservation Board Director

3 ayes. Motion carried. Dan Nieland, Pow I-80 Director, met with the board to discuss the Rural Innovation Grant Boost for Business Economic Gardening. Nieland has reached out to businesses within Poweshiek County that would qualify for this grant, and he is in the process of helping one business apply for the grant. The grant is up to \$5,000 with a match requirement from the business of at least \$2,500. Nieland is asking the Board of Supervisors for a letter of support for the business to submit with the grant application. This is not an ask for money but merely a letter supporting the business within the county. The auditor will draft a letter of support and place it for approval at the next board meeting. Lori Gibson & Darcy Swick, Ramsey-Weeks; Joe Vens, First Main Street; and

I-29 Moo University Forage Webinar Series begins May 1

Iowa State University Extension

AMES — The I-29 Moo University and the Northern Plains Forage Association have joined forces to continue the annual Forage Webinar Series from 7-8:30 p.m. May 1.

A variety of forage topics will be discussed, including a spring forage climate outlook, a forage market outlook and a discussion on inter-seeding with summer annuals.

Attendees will hear from nationally recognized leaders.

Madelynn Wuestenberg is an agricultural climatologist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dedicated to enhancing climate resilience in Iowa's agriculture and food systems. She will analyze the most recent climate outlooks and where to find reliable weather information.

Paul McGill is the owner and manger of

Rack Valley Hay Auction. He will share his insights on where the hay market is headed and what the season looks like from his perspective.

Shelby Gruss is the Iowa State extension forage specialist and has a strong interest in forage cover crops. Her presentation will explore the opportunity to extend the productivity of a declining alfalfa stand by inter-seeding a summer annual. Gruss will cover how to assess stand health to determine if supplemental forage is needed and outline practical strategies for successful integration and management.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, registration is required at least one hour prior to the webinar. Register online at go.iastate.edu/SPRING-FORAGE25

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