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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY AT FORT MADISON CASE NO. SPSPO00159 NOTICE OF PENDING IN REM FORFEITURE COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY SEIZED FOR FORFEITURE FROM BILLY STRAUSE, KELLI GRIZZLE Agency Case No. TF-15-049 Seizing agency: Lee County Narcotics Task Force NOTICE

TO: Billy Strause, last known address, 9677 2nd Street, Wapello, IA 52653

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 809A.8(2)(a)(3) and 809A.13, you are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for North Lee County, an In REM Forfeiture Complaint, which prays for forfeiture of personal property valued at \$3,247.00 that was seized from 1516 1/2 Avenue C, Fort Madison, Iowa on April 22, 2015. The property is subject to forfeiture under Iowa Code Section 809A as the result of unlawful conduct specified in the In REM Complaint on file referenced above. For further details, contact the Clerk of the District Court's Office. The Petitioner's Attorney is Lee County Attorney, Ross J. Braden, 710 Avenue F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627.

You are hereby notified as follows:

FAILURE TO RESPOND OR ACT ACCORDINGLY MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEING ENTERED AGAINST YOU

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CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF FREDONIA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 58-557
FREDONIA Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Fredonia City Hall 1101 2nd Ave
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number
(319) 728-2008

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	3,110,286	3,075,865	3,075,865
Consolidated General Fund	23,469	23,469	23,209
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	0	0	0
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	3,110,286	3,075,865	3,075,865
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	23,469	23,469	23,209
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	7.54546	7.63005	7.54540
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	9,868	10,004	10,004
Ag Land	0	0	0
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000-\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	358	370	3.35
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000-\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	1,555	1,726	11.00

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Due to inflation

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CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CONESVILLE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 70-651
CONESVILLE Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/30/2026 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: Conesville City Hall 102 3rd St Conesville, IA 52739
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
conesvilleia.org

City Telephone Number
(319) 725-4217

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	5,520,258	5,787,793	5,787,793
Consolidated General Fund	27,148	27,148	24,390
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	0	0	9,547
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	5,520,258	5,787,793	5,787,793
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	27,148	27,148	33,937
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	4.91789	4.69056	5.86352
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	287,349	277,425	277,425
Ag Land	863	863	834
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00332	3.11075	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	233	287	23.18
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	1,014	1,342	32.35

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Increase in insurance premiums, utilities, and employee compensation.

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City of Columbus City Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 9, 2026 6:00 P.M. at City Hall

Call to order by Mayor Dave Kauffman at 6:00 PM

Council present: T.R. Wagner, Devin Carrier, Marisol Madriz, Kevin Conrad, Shelley Reed-Wulf

Absent:
Others present: Donna Mincer, City Clerk, Bret McConahay, public works, Ron Oveson, of Oveson Refuse and Recycling and Lauren and Nyia from Wemiga Waste
All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by T. R. Wagner and seconded by Shelley Reed -Wulf to approve the agenda. All ayes

Moved by Devin Carrier and seconded by Kevin Conrad to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting. All ayes

Moved by Kevin Conrad and seconded by Shelley Reed-Wulf to approve the claims for March, 2026. All ayes.

Public works report given by Bret McConahay

Clerk's report given by Donna Mincer

Moved by Shelley Reed-Wulf and seconded by Marisol Madriz to accept the bid of Oveson Refuse and Recycling for trash pickup in Columbus City in

the amount of \$20 per house per month upon verification that this is for both trash and recycling. This would be a three-year contract. All ayes

Moved by Devin Carrier and seconded by Devin T.R. Wagner to set April 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm as the public hearing on the maximum tax rate for 2026-2027 budget year. All ayes

Moved by Marisol Madriz and seconded by Kevin Conrad to adjourn.
All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

/s/ David D. Kauffman, Mayor, /s/ Donna S. Mincer, City Clerk

CLAIMS FOR MARCH 2026

Monthly receipts
Community Bank.....\$24,904.50
PUBLIC SAFETY
Columbus Junction Police Department.....\$1,293.37
TOTAL.....\$1293.37
PUBLIC WORKS
Alliant-well building.....25.71
Alliant-street lights.....561.24
TOTAL.....\$586.95
CULTURAL/RECREATION
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Alliant-City Hall.....305.41
Mediacom-phone.....46.36
Louisa Communications-internet.....69.95
Bret McConahay 22.50 hours562.50
Bret McConahay-phone & mileage.....30.00

Donna Mincer-20 hours.....432.60
Donna Mincer-cell phone & mileage.....73.20
IPERS.....345.28
Arthur Accounting.....160.00
Columbus Gazette.....150.96
Iowa One Call.....18.30
Kevin Conrad-mileage to landfill meeting.....18.00
Louisa Solid Waste Agency-quarterly assessment.....490.00
Economart.....23.64
Staples-Toner.....120.00
TOTAL.....\$2846.20
WATER FUND
City of Columbus Junction (940,000 gallons).....3243.00
Bret McConahay 22.hr..562.50
Donna Mincer-72.00 hour/800.00
Tim Wilson-water operator.300.00

Badger Meters-January.....180.25
State Hygienic Lab.....15.50
Postmaster-stamps.....366.00
Municipal Supply-curb stops, etc.....1420.62
TOTAL.....\$1420.62
SEWER FUND
Alliant-Mulberry lift.....116.54
Alliant-North lift.....229.00
City of Columbus Junction (February sewer) Wemiga Waste2304.00
Oveson Refuse and Recycling-January recycling.....1512.00
TOTAL.....\$4161.54
GRAND TOTAL.....\$16775.93

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