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The Sinclair Report

Week 4 of the 2026 legislative session saw over 135 bills scheduled for a subcommittee meeting, giving the public a chance to participate directly on a bill. Subcommittee meetings are the first step for any bill to be considered in a legislative session. These meetings allow the public an opportunity to submit written comments, to comment in person, to attend electronically and provide input over video, or to simply be an observer. I would encourage you to take advantage of the chance to participate on an issue important to you, or to just observe the process at some point. Following the public input and remarks by subcommittee members, the bill is voted on and, if it receives a majority of the votes, it will then become eligible for consideration by the full committee. There were over 20 full committee meetings scheduled this week and bills voted out of those committees will be eligible for debate and a vote by either the members of the Senate or

the House.

IOWA CAUCUSES

Monday brought the Iowa caucuses, which has historically been considered one of the most critical components in Iowa's election process. This meant we stayed home in our districts Monday so we could participate (I did drive to the Capitol in the morning to make sure we followed the rules and gaveled in). Since 1972, Iowa's caucus has been the first in the nation. Caucuses are a great opportunity to gather with your neighbors, to get involved at the local level, to talk with candidates, and to participate in grassroots politics. My son, Carter, volunteered to be our precinct captain and run our caucus. I enjoyed the opportunity to gather with fellow Republicans in Wayne County to discuss important issues, grassroots activism, and what we need to focus on going into the next election cycle. As an added bonus this year the weather was the fairly mild ...no snow and above zero temperatures!

LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHTS

Mental health treatments, driver's licenses for citizens, and school funding were a few of the issues discussed in legislation this week. The Health and Human Services Committee passed a bill that eliminates barriers to access for Iowans needing step-down mental health services, while lessening the burden on our emergency departments and other health care facilities. The Transportation Committee discussed, which would require the verification of citizenship and immigration status for a person who applies for or renews a driver's license or identification card.

One of the first things the legislature tackles each year is K-12 education funding. Since 2017, Republicans have appropriated over \$1.23 billion in new dollars for K-12 education. This week, the Senate proposed an increase of nearly \$100 million for the next school year, which would bring total state spending on K-12 education by the state to

\$4.35 billion.

Ensuring a quality education is a priority of Iowans, and parents always want the best for their kids. Senate Republicans have demonstrated our commitment to fiscal responsibility by providing responsible increases to K-12 education funding, while implementing policy that returns the focus to teaching fundamentals necessary for Iowa students to be successful. Under this spending proposal, the state spends \$8,133 per student on average, before adding in local (property taxes) or federal sources of money. With billions of dollars invested in Iowa students and policy improvements, Republicans' efforts have produced results with absenteeism rates decreasing, reading proficiency improving, and more high school seniors engaging in work-based learning activities.

VISITORS TO THE CAPITOL

It was wonderful to see so many of you in Des Moines this week. Many groups visited to share their strong support for the dignity of human life. I was honored to share my time at the 2026 Iowa Prayer Rally for Life sponsored by a coalition of

groups and organizations who protect life, support moms, and lift up families. I also enjoyed my time visiting with Iowa realtors, county attorneys, the United Way leadership, and family physicians learning about their great work and their needs for support from state government.

STAYING IN TOUCH

I rely on your input because everything we do as a General Assembly affects you personally. You can email me at "mailto:amy.sinclair@legis.iowa.gov" \o "mailto:amy.sinclair@legis.iowa.gov" amy.sinclair@legis.iowa.gov or call me at 515-725-4122 to voice your support or concerns on upcoming legislation. Visit the legislative website for information about bills important to you or to follow the work of the legislature: www.Legis.Iowa.Gov. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive these weekly updates electronically, please visit https://iowasenatepublicans.com/senators/amy-sinclair/ to sign up for my weekly newsletter.

Also, meet with me in your area to talk about issues important to you:
Pizza Ranch, Winterset,

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water office currently has is with Windstream. "We've been with Windstream for a long time," Robbins said.

There was discussion about Internet service as well as the phone system and how the Internet service should be improved as well.

"The new phone system will run off the Internet, so the Inter-

net service for the new phone system has to be better than what we have now," Robbins said.

Following the discussion, the water board decided to table the topic of getting a phone system upgrade for the water office so Supt. Robbins can get more information about it.

Production differential up slightly

Supt. Robbins reported that the production differential for January

was up slightly at 18.33 percent. He said this was due to a leak that occurred behind Chariton City Hall and two leaks that occurred out north of the hospital on Highway 14.

Production differential is figured by subtracting the total number of gallons of water sold each month from the total number of gallons pumped into the system each month.

There was no one in

the audience that wished to address the board during the public input section of the meeting.

Supt. Robbins informed the board that the two CDs the Chariton Water Department has at Midwest Heritage Bank have both been renewed at an interest rate of 3.76 percent.

Water department in black financially for month and year to date

The board reviewed and approved both the

monthly report of operations and the monthly bills. There were no questions about either one this month.

For the month of January, the Chariton Water Department had revenue of \$229,558.93 and expenses of \$191,253.76, for a positive variance of \$38,305.17. For the year to date, the water department had revenue of \$1,841,038.03 and expenses of \$1,830,968.45, for a positive variance of

\$10,069.58.

In the past business to be brought in front of the board portion of the meeting, the board said they're looking at renewing the billing agreement the Chariton Water Department has with the City of Chariton, which is in it's final year this year. The board will have a discussion on this topic at their March board meeting.

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COUNCIL MEETING City of Chariton, Iowa

February 2, 2026 5:00 P.M. The City Council of the City of Chariton, Iowa, met in regular session in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City on

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February 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jayma Davis. Present for the meeting were Council Members Jayma Davis, Stephen Fenton, Jarrett McGee, Gary Shutt and Cameron Storm. Absent None.

Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Verle Norris, City Manager Douglas Anderson, City Clerk Christy Metzger, Fire Chief Steve Davis, Chief of Police William Knight, Parks and Recreation Director Hannah McGourty and Building and Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Werts.

It was moved by McGee, seconded by Shutt, to approve the February 2, 2026, Council meeting agenda. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

It was moved by McGee, seconded by Shutt, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings held on January 19, 2026 and January 26, 2026. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

It was moved by Fenton, seconded by Storm, that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims be adopted. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2026-08 and signed her approval thereto.

A request was received from the Lucas County Gaming Club asking that the fees be waived for the use of the Community Center for their game nights, which are held on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. McGourty reported that the request was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board and that their recommendation was to give them the non-profit rate of \$25 per use of the meeting rooms and \$10 for the use of the kitchen. After discussion, it was moved by Davis, seconded by Fenton, to approve the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board and to have the Council review the agreement at the August 3, 2026 City Council meeting. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

A request was received from the 2026 After Prom Party Committee for the Council to waive the fees charged for use of the Community Center from 7:00 p.m. April 24 through 5:00 a.m. April 26, 2026. It was moved by Shutt, seconded by Storm, to approve the request waiving the fees as presented. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

It was moved by Fenton, seconded by Storm, that a resolution entitled, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a LAARS Boiler AP1825IN Pool Heater, be adopted, the same being a resolution authorizing the purchase of said boiler/heater for the Vredenburg-Chariton Family Aquatic Center from Travis Mechanical and Controls, Chariton, in the amount of \$51,924.33. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

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Nay: None Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2026-09 and signed her approval thereto.

It was moved by Shutt, seconded by Davis, to approve an addendum to the Lease Agreement with LifeWise for use of the Community Center changing the meeting days to Mondays only, at a rate of \$30.00 per week, and correcting the duration from January 5, 2026 to May 18, 2026. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

It was moved by Shutt, seconded by Storm, to approve the Mayor's appointment of the City Council to the Board of Appeals pursuant to Chapter 15 Buildings and Structures in the Chariton Municipal Code. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, that the meeting be adjourned until 5:00 p.m., February 9, 2026, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, Chariton, Iowa. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Christy Metzger, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chariton, Iowa, that the following claims be approved and payment authorized

GENERAL	
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....	\$1,371.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, NEW EQUIPMENT.....	\$705.58
BOMGAARS, OPERATING SUPPLIES.....	\$90.48
CHARITON WATER DEPARTMENT, PROPERTY INSURANCE REFUND.....	\$6,965.88
CITY OF CHARITON, CITY FUEL SALES.....	\$926.34
DINGES FIRE COMPANY, NEW EQUIPMENT.....	\$1,620.21
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CO, GRANT-PAGER.....	\$1,578.50
ELITE PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL.....	\$100.00
GALL'S INC, HORMAN-BOOTS.....	\$202.94
GARDEN & ASSOCIATES LTD, MAPPING UPDATES.....	\$7,254.00
HY-VEE INC, CLEANING SUPPLIES.....	\$32.44
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS, COPY LEASE AGREEMENT.....	\$412.18
K & A AUTO REPAIR LLC, FIRETURCK TIRES.....	\$1,458.90
KARL CHEVROLET OF ANKENY, DURANGO ANTENNA.....	\$125.25
LUCAS COUNTY, DISPATCHER SALARY.....	\$8,541.67
NORRIS, VERLE, LEGAL EXPENSE.....	\$350.00
VANDER BEEK TRUCK ACCESSORIES, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES.....	\$2,115.00
WINDSTREAM, UTILITIES.....	\$425.82
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, UTILITIES.....	\$208.81
JANUARY 23 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....	\$26,135.83
TOTAL.....	\$60,621.23
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	
AGRILAND FS INC, PROPANE.....	\$317.38
ALLIANT ENERGY,	

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UTILITIES.....	\$58.78
BOMGAARS, OPERATING SUPPLIES.....	\$129.99
CITY OF CHARITON, CITY FUEL SALES.....	\$149.85
TITAN MACHINERY-DES MOINES, MINI EXCAVATOR-REPAIR.....	\$314.05
JANUARY 23 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....	\$2,253.80
TOTAL.....	\$3,223.85
COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATING, WINDSTREAM, UTILITIES.....	\$109.84
JANUARY 23 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....	\$1,206.81
TOTAL.....	\$1,316.65
ROAD USE TAX	
AGRILAND FS INC, PROPANE.....	\$294.50
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....	\$2,809.74
BEAR, ALEX, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....	\$44.58
BOMGAARS, SHOP SUPPLIES.....	\$335.03
CITY OF CHARITON, CITY FUEL SALES.....	\$1,053.56
ELLIOTT OIL COMPANY, ORANGE PATCHER FUEL.....	\$29.72
HAMM INC, ROCK.....	\$2,369.58
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT INC, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....	\$1,215.89
NAPA AUTO PARTS, FUEL FILTERS.....	\$43.06
NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY, COLD PATCH.....	\$1,384.43
TITAN MACHINERY-DES MOINES, MINI EXCAVATOR-REPAIR.....	\$314.05
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, UTILITIES.....	\$208.90
ZURCHER TIRE, INC, TIRE MAINTENANCE.....	\$165.00
JANUARY 23 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....	\$14,059.34
TOTAL.....	\$24,327.38
SEWER	
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....	\$7,014.75
BOMGAARS, OPERATING SUPPLIES.....	\$49.96
CHARITON WATER DEPARTMENT, SEWER BILLING.....	\$1,591.35
CITY OF CHARITON, CITY FUEL SALES.....	\$19.25
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES, 5 YEAR PERMIT FEE.....	\$700.00
USW UTILITY GROUP, WASTEWATER OPERATION.....	\$24,073.14
WINDSTREAM, UTILITIES.....	\$636.50
JANUARY 23 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....	\$232.20
TOTAL.....	\$34,317.15
AIRPORT HANGER O&M	
AGRILAND FS INC, PROPANE.....	\$678.25
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....	\$530.74
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER ASSOCIA, WATER.....	\$72.00
WINDSTREAM, UTILITIES.....	\$338.56
TOTAL.....	\$1,619.55
RECYCLING CITY OF CHARITON, RECYCLING ADMIN.....	\$450.00
TOTAL.....	\$450.00
CENTRAL FUEL FACILITY	
AGRILAND FS INC, DIESEL FUEL.....	\$16,450.40
IMPACT DISTRIBUTING LLC, DIESEL FUEL ADDITIVE.....	\$785.47
TOTAL.....	\$17,235.87
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
JANUARY 23 PAYROLL, TAXES & BENEFITS.....	\$16,293.77
TOTAL.....	\$16,293.77
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$159,405.45

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Council Member Fenton introduced the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. Council Member Storm seconded the motion and upon the roll being called the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm

Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2026-08 and signed her approval there to this 2nd day of February, 2026.

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY

Gresy Areli Bueso-Sarmiento, Petitioner vs. Jorge Luis Valle Lopez, Respondent

DRCV033962 Original Notice by Publication

Information for Respondent, Jorge Luis Valle Lopez: You are notified that Gresy Areli Bueso-Sarmiento, the Petitioner, has filed a custody and visitation lawsuit concerning your child, B.A.V.B., naming you as Respondent. The contact information of the attorney for the Petitioner in this case is: Nathan Dallon, Hatch & Dallon, LLC, 1910 S 72nd Street Suite 305, Omaha, NE 68124. That attorneys e-mail is: Ndallon@hatchdallon.com. His telephone number is: (402) 922-6010 and fax number is: (402) 922-6010.

Instructions to Jorge Luis Valle Lopez: You must file an Answer or a Motion with the Clerk of Court for Lucas County, 916 Braden Avenue Chariton, IA 50049, within 20 days after the final publication of this legal notice. If you do not respond, the court may enter a judgment against you giving Petitioner what she asked for in the Petition. You must register to eFile through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/ and obtain a log in and password to file and view documents in your case and to receive service and notices from the court. For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure, available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website. For court rules on the Personal Privacy Protection in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules, Chapter 16.

Important Notice to Jorge Luis Valle Lopez You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests. If you choose not to have an attorney represent you in this matter, go to the Iowa Judicial Branch website for self-represented litigant information and family law forms. If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinators Toni Stevens & Therese Davis at 515-561-5818 (information at http://www.iowacourts.gov).

Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-

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2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD D. ATWELL,

Deceased

Case No. ESPR021653 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF

APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Richard D. Atwell, Deceased, who died on or about December 4, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 27, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Richard D. Atwell, deceased, bearing date of January 15, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Darren Richard Atwell, Kelly Anne Bush, and Ryan Dale Atwell have been appointed Co-Executors 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: January 27, 2026.

Darren Richard Atwell, Co-Executor of Estate

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Kelly Anne Bush, Co-Executor of Estate

1804 West 11th Street Waterloo, IA 50702

Ryan Dale Atwell, Co-Executor of Estate

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