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what it has always looked like. If you're more traditional-minded, you might not even realize that it is a chicken coop."

Despite the new design being different from what most are used to, Bradley said that it is always fun to try something new and it's even more rewarding when people realize how much better the new product is.

Early feedback has been positive. According to Bradley, customers in states where the coop is currently available have shared strong reviews and testimonials.

"It's nice to see that when people are off on their own, they're giving it that kind of feedback," Bradley said.

The product aligns

with Hoover's Hatchery's broader mission of promoting backyard poultry ownership by making the experience easier and more enjoyable.

"The mission is to share the joy of the lifestyle and introduce more people to it," Bradley said. "You want to minimize the amount of struggle so you can spend your time enjoying your flock, collecting eggs and getting your kids excited to go out and see the birds."

The coop is currently available through select retailers, including Tractor Supply, Murdoch's and Country Store. While it is not stocked in all locations, customers can order it online and have it shipped to their nearest store for pickup.

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real. He doesn't just talk about mental toughness, he teaches it, he models it, and helps athletes build it in a way that carries far beyond the sport."

Jeff had this to say about his book becoming a reality, "It's hard to believe. Over the years I've studied the mental side and knew how important it was and the last five

years I went even deeper and put a manual together for the football players I coached. Then over the last couple years I've refined it as I taught it. Then I had a lot of people telling me I needed to make it a book, and I listened."

The book will be available for purchase on Amazon.

**MINUTES**

**RUDD-ROCKFORD-MARBLE ROCK CSD SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 26, 2026 5:30 PM MR. PIKE'S ROOM**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Hillman presiding. Members present: Callie Hillman, Justin Abell, Eddie Stevens, Bobbi Hinrichsen, Heather Brokel. Motion by Abell seconded by Hinrichsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Abell seconded by Hinrichsen to enter closed session. Roll call vote - Hillman-Aye, Abell-Aye, Stevens-Aye, Hinrichsen-Aye, Brokel-Aye. The Board entered into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and the individual requests a closed session.

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:31 pm to conduct Superintendent Interviews.

Motion by Abell seconded by Brokel to return to open session at 8:54 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stevens seconded by Hinrichsen to move that the Board approve the extension of a Superintendent contract offer to Nick Johnson, as discussed in closed session, with final terms to be approved by the Board President and legal counsel. Roll call vote - Hillman-No, Abell-No, Stevens-Yes, Hinrichsen-Yes, Brokel-Yes. 3-2 motion carries.

Motion by Hinrichsen seconded by Brokel to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Angie Putz Board Secretary

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**Classifieds**

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**MINUTES**

**CITY OF RUDD MARCH 24, 2026**

Council met in session on March 24, 2026 at 5:30PM in the council chambers. Mayor Jeff Buland presided. Present council members Craig Reinke, Tyler Hicks, Tyler Scheer, Matt Bouillon and also Allan Young, Randy Meyer, and Ashley Chatfield. Absent council members Kaleb Roth.

Motion Hicks, second Reinke to open the special meeting at 5:30PM, all ayes.

Motion Scheer, second Hicks to open public discussion, all ayes. Comments: What made taxes go up so much? The liability, property, & self insurance increased from \$12,561 to \$13,435; a portion of what is paid to property insurance. FICA & IPERS increased from \$11,494 to \$11,823 due to employee raises including public works, clerk, and library staff; this is half of what is paid annually, the rest comes out of water and sewer revenue. The taxable valuations for non-debt service growth for the City of Rudd increased from 13,103,106 to 13,869,994. All in total the difference of the increase is \$5,254. What does the City give the sheriffs department & fire department? What debts does the City have? Those documents were provided for viewing during the meeting.

Motion Bouillon, second Reinke to close public discussion, all ayes.

Motion Hicks, second Reinke to

approve and adopt RESOLUTION 25/26-11 TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026- JUNE 30, 2027 PROPERTY TAX LEVY; roll call Hicks aye, Scheer aye, Reinke aye, Bouillon aye, Roth absent. Motion Reinke, second Scheer to adjourn, all ayes. Time: 5:55 PM

**MARCH 24, 2026**

Council met in session on March 24, 2026 at 5:57PM in the council chambers. Mayor Jeff Buland presided. Present council members Craig Reinke, Tyler Hicks, Tyler Scheer, Matt Bouillon and also Allan Young, Randy Meyer, and Ashley Chatfield. Absent council members Kaleb Roth.

Motion Reinke, second Hicks to open the special meeting at 5:57PM, all ayes.

Motion Hicks, second Bouillon to set the public hearing for the Budget Adoption for April 14, 2026 at 7:00PM during the regular council meeting, all ayes.

Motion Reinke, second Scheer to adjourn, all ayes. Time: 6:10PM

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**MINUTES**

**FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 17, 2026, 9:00 A.M.**

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Floyd County Courthouse Board Room. Supervisors Gloria Carr, Boyd Campbell, and Frank Rottinghaus were in attendance.

Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to amend the agenda to strike the Board of Health update. Motion carried 3-0. Campbell/Rottinghaus moved to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: None. Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Campbell/Rottinghaus moved to approve the claims: County #2006-2043 and Engineer #10552-10563. Motion carried 3-0.

- Alliant, Elect..... 281.31 2
- Amazon, Supplies..... 1236.57 4
- Breitbach, Tests..... 125.00 1
- Bruening, Rock..... 8270.97 1
- REC, Elect..... 1633.04 2
- YesWay, Fuel..... 79.11 1
- Carquest, Parts..... 774.15 1
- Centrl IA Dist, Supplies..... 512.00 2
- CC Press Notice..... 584.00 1
- Charles City, Services.. 662.91 2

- CMI, Equip..... 249.72 1
  - Cont. Fire, Serv..... 600.00 1
  - Croell, Matl..... 3038.00 1
  - FC Gen, Pstg..... 3100.00 1
  - FCM, Medical..... 241.50 1
  - FCSO, Services..... 549.10 2
  - FO Treas Serv Fees..... 208.90 1
  - Fox Rehab, Eval..... 5610.00 1
  - Healthcare, Software... 209.55 1
  - Heartland Coop, Util..... 50.00 1
  - M Huegel Legal..... 4000.00 1
  - IAHU, Services..... 530.00 1
  - IA DOT, Parts..... 72.96 1
  - ISACA, Dues..... 250.00 1
  - Reimb, Service..... 390.00 1
  - Jendro, Disposal..... 124.30 1
  - Kwik Star, Supplies..... 270.84 1
  - Lessin, Parts..... 984.43 1
  - Martin Yale, Equip..... 88.60 1
  - MDS Records, Serv..... 89.33 1
  - Mick Gage, Serv..... 235.00 1
  - Mid Am, Util..... 9418.89 3
  - N Iowa, Broadcast..... 160.00 1
  - O'Reilly Parts..... 38.00 1
  - Plainfield, Service..... 180.00 1
  - Schueht Ace, Hwd..... 35.98 1
  - Road Fund, Reimb..... 512.29 1
  - Windstream, Phone..... 363.09 1
  - Young Plumbing, Serv.. 2269.90 1
- Updates regarding various boards, commissions, and activities since the last meeting: Rottinghaus attended Main Street Charles City,

Charles City Chamber Board, and Ambulance Commission meetings. Campbell has been working with contractors for repairs in Drainage District 18. Carr attended the ISAC Spring Conference, participated in a virtual Summit lawsuit update and followed up with Ahlers & Cooney attorney Tim Whipple regarding pipeline topics.

Duane Ollendick, Community Resource Officer with the Charles City Police Department, presented a proposal for an opioid-specific educational program focused on prescription drug misuse and impairment. The request included funding for impairment-simulation goggles, pedal karts, and cup-stacking materials. Discussion included possible expansion to other schools and consultation with County Attorney Todd Prichard regarding allowable use of opioid settlement funds. No action was taken.

Travis Bartz, Sheriff's Deputy, presented an Amended Services Contract with Motorola Services for the Communications Tower, reflecting a reduced total cost of \$855,349, a savings of \$474,000. Bartz will contact Motorola for consideration of an additional discount if the

county made an advance payment of \$500,000 and what the payment schedule would be for the remaining years.

Adam Miller, County Engineer, presented several right-of-way parcels under review for vacation and discussed the option of hiring a surveyor to obtain accurate legal descriptions prior to vacating the parcels. Rottinghaus/Carr moved to work with the interested landowner, if the landowner will cover survey costs and the county will cover road vacation expenses such as publication costs. Motion carried 3-0.

Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to authorize the Board Chair to sign the RAISE Grant Agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Carr/Rottinghaus moved to set FY27 employer/employee rates for health and dental insurance premiums as follows:

- Single Health at \$993.40/mo.; county pays \$993.40/employee pays \$0
- Family Health at \$2,399.28/mo.; county pays \$1,799.46/employee pays \$599.82
- Single Dental Plan 1 at \$29.70/mo.; county pays \$14.88/employee pays \$14.82

Single Dental Plan 2 at \$36.34/mo.; county pays \$15.02/employee pays \$21.32

Family Dental Plan 1 at \$101.84/mo.; county pays \$57.90/employee pays \$43.94

Family Dental Plan 2 at \$126.08/mo.; county pays \$57.96/employee pays \$68.12.

COBRA/509A rates (no wellness option and employee/retiree pays 100%):

Single Health - Wellmark only - \$887/mo.

Family Health - Wellmark only - \$2,192/mo.

Single Health - Wellmark and partial self-funding - \$987/mo.

Family Health - Wellmark and partial self-funding - \$2,394/mo.

Single Dental Plan 1 - \$29.70/mo.

Single Dental Plan 2 - \$36.34/mo.

Family Dental Plan 1 - \$101.84/mo.

Family Dental Plan 2 - \$126.08/mo. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the distribution of duties among the 911 Coordinator, Planning and Zoning, and Board of Health Administrative Assistant positions. It was noted that during the March 9 meeting, 911 coordination duties were redistributed to EMA Coordinator Jason Webster.

Discussion included restructuring Jessy Willadsen's compensation to 85% Board of Health and 15% Planning and Zoning, and that the Assessor's Office is assisting applicants with initiating the building permit process. Further discussion is pending the Board of Health's next meeting.

Future agenda items: NACo, Public Health Update, zoning fee schedule, disbursement of Zoning and Board of Health Assistant Administrator duties, and setting the date for the FY27 budget hearing.

The Board conducted FY27 budget reviews, including dental insurance providers, the engineer's proposed salary increase, fund balances, and levy rate options.

Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Morrigan Montagne  
Floyd County Auditor  
Gloria A. Carr, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Publication: April 3, 2026  
City of Rockford  
206 W. Main Avenue  
PO Box 403  
Rockford, IA 50468  
(641) 756-3718

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Rockford, Iowa.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or after April 20, 2026, the City of Rockford will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under TITLE 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35) to undertake the following project:

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Rockford Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project

**PURPOSE:** The City of Rockford is located in Floyd County in the north-central part of the State. The population of the City according to the 2020 Census is 758 persons. The City of Rockford currently provides water and wastewater service to its residents.

The purpose of the project is to bring the City in compliance with the NPDES permit. The permit was updated in 2017. Ammonia and E. Coli was added to the effluent limitations. Since then, the City has been working on different operation protocol to

work toward these new limits. They are unable to consistently meet the ammonia and E. Coli discharge limitations. It is expected this is due to only having two treatment cells. Also, this is likely due in part to the sludge level in the lagoons. When sludge breaks down, it can release ammonia which may be part of the cause for these exceedances. The proposed includes:

- Lagoon Sludge Removal
  - Removal and land application of the existing sludge in each of the two lagoon cells
  - Construction of Two New Secondary Cells
  - Excavate two new lagoon cells utilizing the excavated material to construct the exterior dikes
  - Modifications to the existing effluent control structure to connect to new lagoon cells
  - New intercell control structure and piping
  - New effluent control structure and piping
  - New outfall location and structure
  - New fencing to enclose new cells and close gap on the east side of the site
  - Grass and gravel road restoration
- It is projected that the improvements listed above will allow the City of Rockford to meet the E. Coli and Ammonia levels as specified in the NPDES permit.
- LOCATION:** The proposed activities will be conducted at the existing wastewater treatment facility property located southeast of the City on 9th Street Road.
- ESTIMATED COST:** \$500,000 HUD CDBG, \$1,151,500 SRF, Total Project Cost \$1,651,500

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Rockford has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall - 206 W. Main Avenue, PO Box 403, Rockford, IA 50468 (641) 756-3718 and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor. All comments received by April 18, 2026, will be considered by the Mayor prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Rockford certifies to Iowa Economic Development Authority that Scott Johnson in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Iowa Economic Development Authority's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Rockford to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF**

**FUNDS**

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Rockford's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Rockford (b) the City of Rockford has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Scott Johnson, Mayor

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**MINUTES**

**NORA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026 CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM AT 4:45 P.M.**

The public hearing was called to order on January 28 2026 at 4:45 PM at City Hall.

Present were: Dain Mann, Nancy Lund, & Dewey Koch  
 The agenda was approved following a motion by Mann and a second by Lund, with all members voting in favor.

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed conveyance of city owned property located at Old Mill Pond for \$5,000 plus associated costs, as legally described on the agenda. Chelsey Wood explained that the hearing was required as a formality at the direction of the city attorney because the previous approval recorded in the minutes was

not the correct legal method. No public comments or council discussion were offered.

Following the hearing, the council took action on the conveyance of Parcel GG. Mann moved to approve the sale for \$5,000 plus associated costs in accordance with the legal description, and Lund seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The council then reaffirmed Resolution 2025 01, with a motion by Lund and a second by Mann, and all members voting in favor.

With no further business, Mann moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lund. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Dain Mann, Council Member  
 Chelsey Wood, City Administrator

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