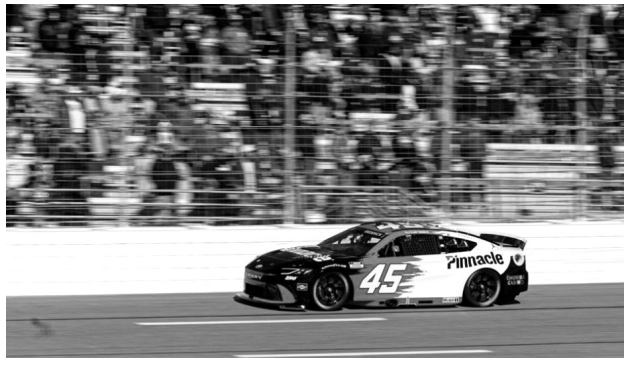


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Following the famous Daytona race, next up was Echo Park Speedway. Tyler managed to lead 53 laps out of 271. The original number of laps was scheduled for 260. Due to a late wreck, the race went into overtime. Tyler Reddick started in 3rd for the restart, with the help of Bubba Wallace. During overtime, Reddick moves from 3rd to 1st on the final lap. This gives Reddick his 2nd consecutive win of the season.

Previously, on March 1st, NASCAR went to COTA, a 95-lap race with 20 turns. Tyler Reddick leads 58 laps, putting road course professional Shane Van Gisbergen in 2nd. Tyler dominated the COTA race. After every restart, he manages to find the front of the field. SVG had 5 straight wins at road courses, but that streak ends as

Tyler makes history.

What piece of history did Tyler Reddick beat you may ask? Following the COTA race, Tyler became the first NASCAR driver to win 3 consecutive races back-to-back since 1949! Team 23XI, led by Michael Jordan, is superior this season.

Why I chose to talk about Tyler Reddick making history. I chose to talk about this because I love to watch Nascar on the weekends. I spend all of my weekends towards Nascar and nothing else. Racing runs in my family, as my grandpa raced dirt tracks. My uncle loved Nascar just as much as I do. Even though Nascar is really just cars going in circles for hours, I still find it amusing. As soon as the race starts everything goes quiet besides the broadcasters.

C. Wentworth Carter, businessman from 1945 to the present, attended three state meetings in Des Moines, of the Iowa State Development Corporation and, coming back to Osage, interested Osage businessmen Karl Jorde, Earl Penney, James Watts, Joe Casey, Bill Gilles, L.A. Venteicher, Lowell Olsen, Elgin Enabbit and Art Olson in the idea of "promotion and encouragement of business and industry" in Osage. The Osage Chamber of Commerce was asked to name and underwrite, with nominal funds, a group to be called the "Osage Development Committee."

One of the committee's first acts was to send members to West Union to conduct a question- and- answer survey regarding the attitude toward business and, in turn, West Union sent their own men to make the same survey in Osage. One of the results of this survey was that the city of

OSAGE HISTORY

Osage Development Corporation

Osage could use an "Osage Development Corporation" whose reason for existence would be the promotion and encouragement of business and industry in Osage.

This organization was incorporated on September 2, 1958 and the officers of the group were: C. Wentworth Carter, president; Lowell M. Olsen, vice-president; James H. Watts, secretary; A. G. Dunkelberg, treasurer; and Karl Jorde, Max Andrews, Earl E. Penney, John W. Moore and Weston Birdsall, directors. The first share of stock in the corporation was sold on November 10, 1958.

The above- mentioned survey also indicated a need for an educational program and the promotion of the newly-created corporation. The next two years were spent in sending speakers to attend meetings in Osage, having slogan contests and essay-writing competition within the schools and the publication

in the local newspaper of all noteworthy information to aid the cause.

There were many hours spent by officers, directors and members in pursuit of new business and industry for Osage. The first capital asset of the corporation was a building bought in 1959 to be used as a horseradish factory. An early disappointment was that a boat factory chose not to locate in Osage. In 1966, a start was made that ended in the purchase from the Great Western Railroad Company, of 66 acres within the city limits, which was to become the first "Industrial Park Area". In 1969 a fire destroyed a knotting mill operation in Osage and the next morning work was started to encourage the re-building of the operation. This was successful and resulted in Fox River Mill's present operation. Another success was the location of Mon-Ray Windows, Inc., aluminum window manu-

facturers in Osage.

Osage men who have served this corporation as officers or directors who have not been previously mentioned are: Virgil Johnson, Ralph Burnham, W. E. Sheldon, Clayton Schlick, Jack Baty, Ed Davidson, Dr. Robert Young, Art Nixa, Art Tesch, Dr. John Repp, Cliff Moss, Loren Quarn, Harris Feldick, Del Almqvist, Elmer Lundberg, Dr. William Spencer, Albert Morse, Paul Bunge, Keith McKinley, James Millard, Claire French and Jerry Steiert.

This was an article by Claire French, secretary-treasurer bringing the history of the Osage Development Corporation up to 1973. The organization today is served by an active group of individuals who continue to not only promote business and industry but the needs of the community they serve.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF

WHEREAS Greg Beaver has resigned as Mitchell County Sheriff effective May 31, 2026, and, WHEREAS Iowa Code §69.14A provides a method of filling the vacancy of an elected County Officer. NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors, will, on March 24, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors, appoint an individual as the Mitchell County Sheriff to be effective May 31, 2026.

Any elector of the County has the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election. If, within 14 days after publication of the Notice, or within 14 days after the appointment is made, a petition is filed with the County Auditor requesting a special election to fill the vacancy, then the appointment shall be temporary and a special election shall be called. The petition shall meet the requirements of Iowa Code §331.306.

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PROBATE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MITCHELL COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENT J. SHULTZ, DECEASED. CASE NO. ESPR014220 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kent J. Shultz, Deceased, who died on or about January 29, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on February 18, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Kent J. Shultz, deceased, bearing date of December 31, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Sarah J. Shultz was appointed Executor 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: February 18, 2026 Sarah J. Shultz, Executor of Estate 207 Oak Street Osage, IA 50461 Patrick G. Vickers, ICIS#: AT0008114 Attorney for Executor Vickers Law Office 118 S 1st Street PO Box 499 Greene, IA 50636 Date of second publication: March 13, 2026

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MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Hartogh, Marzen, and Hendrickson present. Wherry was available via "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Brandon Halsne, Aaron Murphy, Rich Brumm, and Tom Rolles. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the February 24th & February 27th meetings. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to present.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated Howard County approved of the Addison Avenue project at yesterday's meeting. The lowest bidder was Heartland Asphalt, Inc. at \$1,556,055.44. Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1351-26 Approval of the Addison Avenue Paving Project and County Engineer Authorization to Sign Contract Document in Doc Express. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Brumm plans to act on the

dozer that was discussed last week with the funding in the budget. Engineer Brumm said the dump truck/plow was delivered last Thursday. It was suggested to order early with possible increases in market value. Brumm will get some quotes with delivery next fiscal year.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve Clerk of Court Report for January in the amount of \$1,093.07. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hartogh to set public hearing on the Rezoning of Parcel Number 10-14-400-010 from Agricultural District to Light Industrial District for March 17, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all

voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to set Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for March 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to set public hearing for Ordinance No. 64 An Ordinance Re-Adopting the Existing County Code and All Amendments Thereto, Mitchell County, Iowa for March 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Frein reported on MCEDC and Fair Board, Hendrickson reported on Safety Meeting, and Marzen reported on Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. Wherry and Hartogh had

nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Harvey Martin, New Haven Site, Underwood Finisher Farm, Addison Finisher Farm, Griffiths Finisher Farm, and Schroeder Hog Farm LLC. Auditor Foster stated she will be sending out the agenda today for next week's meeting.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m. Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 Assessing Jurisdiction: MITCHELL COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 3/30/2026 Meeting Time: 10:30 AM Meeting Location: Boardroom, Mitchell County Courthouse

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Amy Folkerts, Assessor Contact Telephone Number: (641) 832-3945 ext: 113

| | FYE June 30, 2025 Actual | FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated | FYE June 30, 2027 Proposed | Transfers Out | Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2027 | Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2027 | Estimated Other Receipts | Transfers In | Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Assessment Expense | 501,002 | 602,736 | 589,568 | | 399,743 | 388,697 | 17,389 | 0 | 583,225 |
| 2. FICA | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 3. IPERS | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 4. Emergency | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 5. Unemployment Comp. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 6. Tort Liability | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 7. TOTAL | 501,002 | 602,736 | 589,568 | 0 | 399,743 | 388,697 | 17,389 | 0 | 583,225 |

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.64999

Virtual Meeting Information:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/643518285> Dial in: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 643-518-285

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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| COUNTY NAME: MITCHELL COUNTY | NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 | COUNTY NUMBER: 66 |
|--|---|-----------------------------|

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows: Meeting Date: 3/30/2026 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Mitchell County Board of Supervisors Room, 212 S. 5th Street, Osage, IA 50461 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 Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available) mitchellcounty.iowa.gov

County Telephone Number (641) 832-3946

| Iowa Department of Management | Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026 | Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2026/2027 | Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027 |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Taxable Valuations-General Services | 873,950,946 | 897,282,870 | 897,282,870 |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service | 4,929,642 | 4,929,642 | 5,061,250 |
| Taxable Valuations-Debt Service | 1,191,438,216 | 1,219,386,099 | 1,219,386,099 |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates | 4,929,642 | 4,929,642 | 5,061,250 |
| Tax Rate-Countywide | 5.64064 | 5.49397 | 5.64064 |
| Taxable Valuations-Rural Services | 664,241,467 | 664,211,976 | 664,211,976 |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies | 2,623,754 | 2,623,754 | 2,623,637 |
| Tax Rate-Rural Additional | 3.95000 | 3.95018 | 3.95000 |
| Rural Total | 9.59064 | 9.44415 | 9.59064 |
| Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed | | | |
| Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000 | Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026 | Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027 | Percent Change |
| Urban Taxpayer | 268 | 276 | 2.99 |
| Rural Taxpayer | 455 | 470 | 3.30 |
| Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed | | | |
| Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000 | Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2025/2026 | Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2026/2027 | Percent Change |
| Urban Taxpayer | 1,162 | 1,291 | 11.10 |
| Rural Taxpayer | 1,977 | 2,195 | 11.03 |

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 at 150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

General Basic Levy, General Supplemental Levy, Rural Basic Levy will be the same as current year. Go To Meeting Join for video <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/643518285> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 643-518-285

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