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to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting & claims. Roll call: all voted aye.
 County Attorney Murphy had nothing to present. Supervisor Marzen confirmed the County is on schedule for opioid paperwork and Murphy will sign once he receives the forms.
 County Sheriff Beaver is moving up his retirement date to May 31, 2026, to align with IPERS benefits. Beaver would like to have an appointment made effective June 1, 2026, made next week or soon after so they can begin looking at hiring a new deputy.
 Auditor Foster confirmed having a discussion next week on the cupola. Hartogh suggested having Krause Konstruktion available online for questions. Supervisor Frein met with Valent to discuss items at the pre-treatment plant that are the County's property. Frein would like to add Valent to the agenda next week.
 County Engineer Rich Brumm is working on his DOT budget. Brumm has not heard anything on the union contract meeting.
 34% of the second half of taxes are collected. Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve the Treasurer's Report for February in the amount of \$2,455,618.84. Roll call vote: all voted aye.
 Wherry reported on NIACOG Executive meeting and NIACOG Board of Directors, Hartogh reported on EMA and E-911, Frein reported on Valent and FMC-ECI, and Hendrickson reported on Iowa Workforce.

Access Systems Leasing Mileage,	
Meals, Lodging	555.75
Adams, Tracy L Mileage.....	230.33
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Service Fees..	508.00
Air Chek Water Samples.....	790.00
Amazon Capital Services Supp.....	3413.39
AT&T Mobility Phone.....	599.90
Auditor of State Office of Aud Serv..	850.00
Austin Office Products Supp.....	166.80
Batteries Plus Bulbs Supp	350.00
Betts, Haley Mileage.....	262.09
Bissen, Krystal Mileage	187.20
Blake's Auto, LLC Serv.....	98.36
Caleb Blocker Meals/Mileage	415.20
Brightree Home	
Hlth & Hospic Serv	3410.29
Bundy, Kelsey Mileage.....	107.59
Cedar Veterinary Clinic Serv.....	150.63
City of Carpenter Util.....	148.89
City of St. Ansgar Util	51.00
Cooper's Osage Auto Serv.....	167.50
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc.	
Serv	1928.05
Dash Serv	165.00
DeMaris Hardware Supp	28.78
Dollar General Supp	24.20
Elan Financial Services Supp.....	3003.02
Electronic Specialties Inc. Serv.....	982.69
Enterprise Media Group LLC	
Board Proceedings/Legals	183.04
Fox Rehabilitation Serv	6930.00
Galls, LLC Supp	197.23
Giles, Sasha Mileage	47.85
Halfman, Deanna Mileage.....	133.40
Halverson, Ladeena Rent Pmt.....	400.00
Haugen, Faye Mtg/Mileage.....	54.00
HealthCareFirst Serv	750.33
Hegland, Merlyn Phone.....	35.00
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc.	
Ele Supp	3300.00
Huber Supply Co. Serv	107.86
I.S.A.C. Insurance.....	7383.23
Insight Public Sector, Inc. Supp.....	5589.20
IOWA IT Serv.....	150.00

IA Law Enforce Acad Serv.....	375.00
IA Prison Ind Serv	2185.20
ISACS Dues	245.00
ISCTA School	175.00
LJP Waste Solutions Serv.....	272.80
Jim Roll Electric Serv.....	210.00
Joens, Robert Mtg/Mileage	54.00
John Deere Financial Serv	1106.48
Johnson Controls Fire Protecti	
Serv	540.00
Johnson Oil and LP Company Fuel	1594.30
K&N Mini Mart, Inc Supp.....	116.00
Ketelsen, Jessa Mileage.....	156.82
Kimball Midwest Serv.....	835.37
Krause Konstruktion Company	
Serv	7500.00
Krivachek Janitorial Supply Serv.....	127.96
Larson's Hardware Hank Supp.....	39.98
Lessin Supp Co Serv.....	266.18
M.C.P.E.H.P. Insurance.....	15250.00
Malmin LLC Serv.....	79.26
Marketplace Media Company Serv..	379.00
Martin Bro Dist Co. Supp.....	1030.29
Mason City Fire Department Serv....	250.00
Mid-Country Machinery Inc. Serv....	722.23
Murphy, Aaron R. Cty Atty Fees	7558.40
Newbauer Inc Serv.....	357.48
North Iowa Broadcasting Inc Serv ...	175.00
Nuway/K&H Coop Oil Co Fuel.....	1332.93
Olsen Impl. Inc Fuel	90.00
OmniTel Comm Phone.....	692.74
Osage Municipal Utilities	
Util/Phone/Internet.....	9671.64
Osage Oracle LLC Board Proceedings/Le-	
gals.....	168.17
Osage Towing & Repair, LLC Serv	993.58
Penguin Management, Inc. Supp ..	1164.00
Pollard Pest Cont Corp Serv	72.91
Premier Cleaners, Inc Serv	68.22
Premier Sprayfoam & Coatings	
Serv	530.00
Professional Office Services Serv	8.06
Randy's Neighborhood Market Supp	68.14
ReGov Solutions LLC Serv.....	80325.00
S&H Environmental Services LLC	
Serv	1100.00
Schulz, Molly Mileage	193.00
SEAT Treasurer School	225.00
State Election Admin.	
Training Dues	200.00
Stericycle, Inc. Supp.....	36.92
Storey Kenworthy Supp.....	759.85
T-Mobile Serv.....	42.00
Truck Country Serv.....	402.58
U.S. Corrections, LLC Serv	3562.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	
Loan Pmt	1302.60
VGM Group Inc. Serv	416.00
Water Systems Company Ecowater	
Serv	19.66
Weber Auto Parts Serv.....	975.99
WHKS & Co. Serv	1520.06
Wolff, Dawn Mileage.....	348.73
Ziegler Inc. Serv.....	2032.40

Frein adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.
 Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor
 Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors

Osage Unit #278 American Legion Auxiliary News

OSAGE - The regular meeting of the Osage Unit #278 American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. Members met at 5:30 p.m. prior to meeting to process the annual mailing. The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Sue Johnson. Roll call was taken, minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved, and Dee Onken gave the treasurer's report.

Correspondence included a thank you from the Bonnie Grimm family along with a monetary donation for serving her funeral luncheon.

Card report consisted of a sympathy card and monetary memorial to the family of Ruth Ginder and a get well card to Diane Wright.

The American Legion's 107th birthday party was held on March 14, 2026 at 5:30 at

the Osage American Legion.

New business: A motion was made by Renee Burdett and seconded by Jacque Martin that the auxiliary unit sponsor Avery Wheelock from Independence as our Girls State candidate. Several girls from the 4th District were interested in attending this event but did not have a unit to sponsor them. As no local girl was interested in attending this event, the Osage unit will sponsor Avery at a cost of \$400.

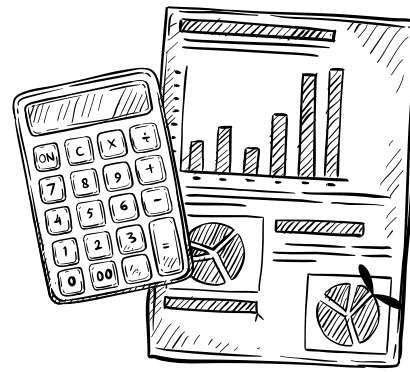
A motion was made by Dawn Johanns and seconded by Julie Voaklander that the auxiliary keep the 2026-2027 dues the same as last year - seniors \$35, and juniors \$10.

A motion was made by Jacque Martin and seconded by Deb Popp that the auxiliary donate \$150 to the recreation fund at the VA Home in Marshalltown for the shower for vets.

Dee Onken brought members up-to-date on the mid-winter convention held on Feb. 13, 2026 through Feb. 15, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Financial Focus



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Ask these two questions before buying a home

You may have heard that buying a home is better than renting. After all, why “throw money away” on rent when you could be building wealth through homeownership? Financial professionals say the decision isn't that simple. The answer depends on your personal and financial situation. Before you begin house hunting, ask yourself two key questions: Can you afford to buy? And should you buy?

Can you afford to buy? While being ready to purchase a home means having enough money for a down payment and a monthly mortgage, other financial obligations are involved.

It's important that your debt levels are manageable before you buy. Without a mortgage, it's ideal for your monthly debt payments to be less than 20% of your gross monthly income. With a mortgage, debt payments should stay lower than 35%.

You'll also need to cover homeowner's insurance premiums with a deductible, pay annual property taxes, hold emergency savings for the costs of major repairs such as roof or driveway replacement and build flexibility into your budget for routine expenses like HVAC tune-ups and lawn care. Don't forget the upfront costs, such as closing costs, that come with homebuying. They typically run between 2% and 6% of the purchase price.

Should you buy? One of the biggest factors in deciding whether to buy or rent relates to time. The longer you plan to stay in your house, the more likely it is that buying makes financial sense. Generally, professionals say it doesn't make sense to buy unless you're planning to stay in the home at least three to five years.

When you buy a home, you face high purchasing costs right away. Initially, you build equity slowly, since most of your mortgage payment goes to interest. Staying in your house longer offers more time to build equity. Overall, the total cost of buying could be lower than renting.

Many factors can impact whether it will be more cost effective to rent than buy. Job stability, potential reduction in income for one or both spouses, mortgage rates, rental costs, the rate at which homes are appreciating in value and the cost of homeowners insurance all come into play. Fortunately, many online calculators account for these factors and help you compare your options.

Beyond the numbers. When deciding whether to buy a house, don't just look at the cost. Buying a home is more than an investment. Your home is where you live your life. So, you should consider your lifestyle and preferences. Buying might be more suitable if you need stability, want to personalize your home and are comfortable with tying a portion of your wealth to a house. Renting offers more flexibility and fewer maintenance responsibilities.

Ultimately, choosing to rent or buy comes down to understanding your finances, your plans and what you want from the place you call home. Take the time to assess costs and lifestyle trade-offs to help make a choice that supports your long term goals.

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Community GARAGE SALE

Thursday April 30th @ 4-7 pm

Friday May 1st @ 8 am-6 pm

*Saturday May 2nd @ 8 am-6 pm

*Enjoy a cash bar while you shop on Saturday, May 2nd!

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