



Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

THE NINTH DAY

The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa met in regular session as required by law at the Office of the Howard County Board of Supervisors, Cresco, Iowa on February 23, 2026.

Unless noted in the minutes, all motions were passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Pisney at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were: Chairman in the Chair Joe Pisney, Dean Eastman, and Pat Murray. Absent; None.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Dean Eastman attended a Farm Bureau meeting in Cresco, Iowa.

Pat Murray attended a Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health meeting in Decorah, Iowa and an Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission Revolving Loan Fund meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

Joe Pisney attended a Farm Bureau meeting in Cresco, Iowa.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to publish a notice for a public hearing on a construction permit application on Ashwood Creek LLC on March 9, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to allow County Auditor, Julie Chapman to sign a document for Nationwide - Enhance Your Financial Wellness with Savi: A New Addition to Grow Forth. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to change the Howard County Employee Handbook under the Overtime-Sheriff's Office to read as follows: All nonexempt employee clerical employees who work in excess of eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week pay period shall be paid in the form of compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime worked, or will be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular hourly rate for each hour of overtime worked. Deputies will be paid straight time for hours worked up to 80 hours in the 14-day work period. Thereafter, deputies will be paid in the form of compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime worked, or will be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular hourly rate for each hour of overtime worked. Vacation is the only type of paid, not worked time that will be counted as working time for the purpose of determining overtime. Employees may accumulate up to a maximum of 80 hours of compensatory time. Employees who have accrued compensatory time may request the use of compensatory time and shall be permitted to use such time within a reasonable period after making the request, if use of compensatory time does not unduly disrupt the operations of the department or office. This change will go in to effect February 23, 2026. Motion passed.

Robin Schluter and Diane Trende came before the board for a letter of support for a community grant.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve a letter of support for a proposed Lime Springs Clinic. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to pay claims. Motion passed.

General Basic Fund
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal & Ct-Related Serv.66.00
Enterprise Media Group, Board Proceedings162.91
Gall's, Wearing Apparel & Uniform33.31
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service618.96
Insight, Other600.00
ISAC, Educational & Train.Serv.220.00
ISSDA, Dues & Memberships375.00

Lickteig Lawn & Garden, Miscellaneous .. 291.13
Marco Inc, Photocopy & Dup. Serv.752.04
Office Depot, Stationery/Forms/Office S131.24
Regional Health Services Howar, Food Preparation Services410.00
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Other430.87
Verizon Business, Telephone & Fax Service704.37
Windstream Iowa Communications, Telephone & Fax Service1368.72
Winneshiek County Sheriff, Room & Board Payments1860.00

General Supplemental Fund
Chickasaw County Sheriff, Legal & Ct-Related Serv.35.80
Marco Inc, Stationery/Forms/Office S51.83

Secondary Road Fund
Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power1413.57
Arnold Motor Supply, Lubricants ..602.49
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas, LP Gas, Fuel2742.91
Bruening Rock Products, Cover Aggregate & Sand5426.40
City Laundering Co., Safety & Protect. Supplies202.69
Compass Minerals, Cover Aggregate & Sand4724.13
Enterprise Media Group, Official Pub. & Legal Not.27.05
Hovden Oil Co., Lubricants358.29
Kimball Midwest, Parts347.37
North Central International NC, Parts525.00
Ronco Engineering Sales, Parts281.30
Spencer Schmitt, Employee Mileage & Subs.21.60
Superior Welding Supply, Hardware74.97
Ziegler Inc., Motor Vehicle Equipment1059.96

Grants to Counties Well Prog.
State Hygienic Laboratory, Medical & Lab. Supplies292.50

Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund
Elan Financial Services, Minor Mv Parts & Access20.00

County Assessor Agcy Fund
Hanson Tire Service, Motor Vehicle Equipment29.10
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service77.37
Mailing Services, Postage & Mailing350.00
Marco Inc, Office & Data Processing155.50
Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Planning & Management Con3675.00

E911 Service Charge Fund
Howard County Computer Budget, Telephone & Fax Service77.37

FLEX BENEFIT FUND
FLEX BENEFIT FUND, Medical & Health Charges73.60
Midwest Group Benefits, Medical & Health Charges116.00

Self-Funded Health Insurance
Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges109607.53

Grand Total.....140393.88

Howard County Engineer Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss Secondary Roads Business.

1. Project Updates
2. Five Year Program Discussion
3. Other Road Issues

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman,
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman Howard County Board of Supervisors

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Probate/Will

Case No. ESPR012571
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Iowa District Court in and for Howard County In the Matter of the Estate of

DEAN MACKENBURG, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DEAN MACKENBURG, Deceased, who died on or about January 5, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on February 12, 2026, the last Will and Testament of DEAN MACKENBURG, deceased, bearing date of May 9, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Kayla Mackenburg 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 17, 2026

/s/Kayla Mackenburg, Executor of Estate

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Matthew Smith Announces Candidacy for State Representative, Iowa House District 63



PRESS RELEASE

Matthew Smith, a lifelong Northeast Iowan and active member of the District 63 community, announces his candidacy for State Representative of Iowa House District 63.

Committed to delivering next-generation leadership that places families, farmers, and rural communities first, Smith will produce measurable results for the hardworking residents of

Winneshiek, Howard, and portions of Fayette counties in Northeast Iowa.

Smith is happily engaged to his fiancée, Alyssa. While earning bachelor's degrees in history and political science at Luther College (Class of 2025) in Decorah, he worked as

an archaeological field technician. He has also supported grassroots campaigns at the federal level and maintains deep involvement in local efforts, ensuring District 63 will have a representative who serves its people faithfully.

"As a young Iowan, I see the danger if we refuse to stand up for our most basic beliefs. We do not need to look any further than Minnesota or Illinois to see what happens when liberals are in charge. I

am running because it is not enough to elect Republicans to serve. We need conservative champions who are committed to defending private property rights, standing up for unborn life, dismantling woke indoctrination and reinforcing parental rights in education."

Smith seeks the position to provide District 63 with the strong, principled voice it requires in Des Moines. He will defend property rights, protect school choice so that parents have the final say in where their child goes to school, uphold pro-life values in the legislature, and fight the woke agenda that is corrupting our great state.

A firm advocate of limited government, fiscal responsibility, and complete transparency, Smith will ensure every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely and accountably. Deeply rooted in Northeast Iowa, Matthew Smith is prepared to bring fresh energy, practical solutions, and unwavering dedication to District 63.

For more information, contact mattewforiowa@gmail.com or visit mattewforiowa-house.com

ADVISORY: Democratic Congressional Candidate Clint Twedt-Ball to Stop in Riceville on Saturday, March 7th



PRESS RELEASE

his plans for health care, housing, supporting vibrant rural communities, and other issues. The event will be held at Riceville Community Schools (912 Woodland Ave).

Anyone who would like to attend can enter in the circle drive through Door 4W. This is a great opportunity to connect with Clint as he makes his way around the district.

1,000 homes, and driven millions of dollars of investment into core neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids.

Clint was born and raised in Iowa and has dedicated his life to building up his community and stepping in when the system is broken. He is centering his campaign on his optimistic leadership that has proven to bring people together through difficult times. Clint is committed to fighting rising costs, chaos, and corruption and finding common ground on solutions to make sure everyone has the opportunity to reach their God-given potential.

About the Race

Iowa's second congressional district spans the northeast part of the state and includes Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Waverly, Waterloo, and Grinnell. With incumbent Rep. Ashley Hinson running for Senate, the seat is open this cycle and Cook Political Report has shifted the race towards Democrats. It is one of only four open seats Democrats are targeting in the country.

About Clint

Clint Twedt-Ball is a United Methodist pastor and founder of Matthew 25, a Cedar Rapids nonprofit focused on affordable housing, food, and education. Clint played a pivotal role in recovery efforts after the 2008 flood and the 2020 derecho. His organization has recruited thousands of volunteers, rehabbed over

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST HOWARD COUNTY, IOWA CRESCO, IOWA SHOP BUILDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Howard County - Cresco Shop Building project in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 26, Code of Iowa, at 10:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of March, 2026, at the Courthouse, 137 N Elm St, Cresco, Iowa. Said proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost are now on file in the office of the County Engineer. At said hearing any interested person may appear and file objections thereto.

The Howard County - Cresco, Iowa Shop Building project consists of a proposed building located in Cresco, Iowa. The proposed building is an approximately 12,400 sf pre-engineered metal building on shallow concrete foundations with reinforced concrete floor and under-slab insulation. The proposed building will consist of office space, restrooms, parts room, vehicle garage, three 80ft deep mechanical/welding bays and two cranes. Building access will be provided by six overhead doors and six walk doors. An optional wash bay with two overhead doors may be added. Water and sewer service will be through the City of Cresco. The work also includes plumbing, HVAC and electrical work.

Improvements will be constructed at 114 7th Street West, Cresco, Iowa

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Cresco City Council

Mayor Fortune called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on February 23, 2026 at 4:34 pm. Council Members Carman, Wolfe, McConnell, and Kriener were present. Council Member Fosaean was absent.

The revised proposed budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 was reviewed. After moving several projects to future years, utilizing other revenue sources, and reducing expenditures, a few more minor changes were made. Each department will be provided a copy of the budget to review and to see if there are any additional ways to bring in revenue or reduce expenses. An updated budget will be prepared for Council to review

Kriener made a motion to approve the



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DNR to host an open house on Canoe Creek Wildlife

PRESS RELEASE

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is holding an open house on March 12, from 3-6 p.m., in the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery, 2325 Siewers Spring Road, in Decorah, to discuss habitat management, recreation use, forest plans, wildlife populations and other topics of interest for the Canoe Creek Wildlife Man-

agement Area.

This will be a come-and-go open house with staff from various programs on hand to answer questions.

If you have special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, please contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.



A little Grill Gnome is peeking in... A Photo taken by Adam Schmitt on his back porch in Cresco after the snow storm last week slightly resembles a gnome. Do you see it?

Trust Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

THE HOVE FAMILY TRUST

publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on February 26th, 2026

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL BY APPOINTMENT

To the Electors of the City of Protrivin, Iowa:

You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Protrivin, Iowa, has a vacancy of a seat. The office of this council seat expires December 31, 2027, and is vacant as of February 01, 2026 pursuant to Section 69.2, Code of Iowa.

You are further notified that pursuant to section 37.13(2) of the Code of Iowa, the Council has elected to fill the vacancy by appointment, but the electors of the City have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election.

The appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election, as defined

by Section 69.12, Code of Iowa.

The Council will make the appointment to fill the vacancy at the March 24, 2026 meeting and the appointment will become effective March 24, 2026 and will expire December 31, 2027.

Eligible electors of the City of Protrivin, Iowa, wanting to be considered for appointment should submit a request in writing to the city clerk's office by 12 PM on Friday, March 20, 2026.

Amy Panos, City Clerk/Treasurer
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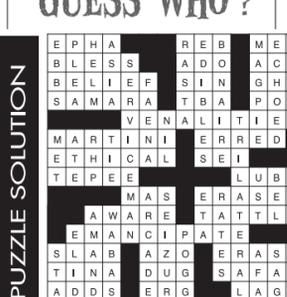
Puzzle Answers

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Answers:
1. Missing dip container 2. Mozzarella sticks replaced fried potatoes
3. Pepperoni pizza missing pepperoni slice 4. Pretzels in bowl instead of tortilla chips

GUESS WHO?

ANSWER: Paul Rudd



ANSWER:

3	4	9	2	8	5	1	6	7
8	1	5	3	6	7	2	9	4
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