



## Howard Co. Board of Supervisors

### THE TENTH 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 March 2, 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.

Pat Murray attended a Regional Health Services of Howard County Board meeting in Cresco, Iowa, a Howard County Economic Development meeting in Elma, Iowa, and a NEISA Board meeting by zoom.

Howard County Treasurer Christy Hron came before the board to discuss a suspension of taxes.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to apply to suspend the taxes on parcel number 300011604010000 per Iowa Code 427.9. Motion passed.

The board presented the Years of Service Awards for 2025:

- Angela Bries ..... 25 years
- Julie Chapman ..... 35 years
- Michelle Donlan ..... 9 years
- Dean Eastman ..... 9 years
- Alexandria Johnston ..... 3 years
- Stephanie Kuhn ..... 25 years
- Andrew Lensing ..... 25 years
- Carrie Lopez ..... 25 years
- Heather O'Brien ..... 5 years

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to hire Shari Iverson as a part-time clerk in the Recorder's Office effective March 2, 2026, at \$21.00 per hour. Shari will follow all of Howard County's Policies and Procedures. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Market Tobacco Permit Application effective July 1, 2026, thru June 30, 2027. Motion passed.

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

1. Project Updates
2. Possible approval of dump truck chassis quote
3. Approve T68 paving project
4. Approve pavement marking project
5. Five Year Program Discussion
6. Other Road Issues

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to authorize Mitchell County to sign the documents for Project FM-C066(91)-55-66 in the amount of \$1,556,055.45. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to authorize Chickasaw County to sign the documents for Project FM-C045(100)-55-45 in the amount of \$93,018.38. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve a dump truck chassis quote from Nuss Truck for a 2027 Mac Granite GR64F in the amount of \$174,508.08. Motion passed.

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

### General Basic Fund

Access Systems, Data Processing..	243.70
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal & Ch-Related Serv.	112.50
Alliant Energy, Electric Light & Power	1088.40
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas, LP Gas, Fuel	4152.87
Bodensteiner Imp Co, Hardware	1265.98
City of Cresco, Water & Sewer	571.99
Cresco Shopper, Stationery/Forms/Office S	988.55
Culligan Water Conditioning, Building	16.80
Dollar General Regions 410526, Custodial Supplies	27.00

Elan Financial Services, Postage & Mailing	198.97
Enterprise Media Group, Board Proceedings	135.49
Jason Hebrink, Minor Equip & Hand Tools	23.99
ICAP, Fidelity & Sec. Bond Prem.	100.00
Imaging Spectrum Inc, Stationery/Forms/Office S	291.10
ISSDA, Educational & Train.Serv.	125.00
Pollard Pest Control Co., Extermination Services	103.20
Schilling Supply Company, Custodial Supplies	1049.10
Solutions, Harris Local Govern, Data Processing Serv.	4262.28
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Official Pub. & Legal Not.	222.89
ULINE, Other	203.48

**General Supplemental Fund**  
State Election Admin Training, Educational & Train.Serv.....150.00  
TPD Publishing Inc. Cresco Tim, Official Pub. & Legal Not.....64.71

**Rural Services Basic Fund**  
Hawkeye Recycling Inc, Contract Carriers.....638.37  
Hawkeye Sanitation Inc., Contract Carriers.....8330.02

**Secondary Road Fund**  
Calhoun-Burns Associates, Engineering Services.....3888.00  
CarQuest Auto Prts, Miscellaneous.....36.39

City of Chester, Roads.....538.76  
City of Cresco, Water & Sewer.....279.72  
City of Lime Springs, Roads.....1339.55  
City of Protivin, Roads.....561.28  
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES' CUSB B, Parts.....3130.47

Fastenal Company, Miscellaneous.....245.79  
Force Filters, LLC, Safety & Protect.Supplies.....141.00  
Iowa Prison Industries, Traffic & St Sign Mater.A.....402.40

ISAC, Educational & Train.Serv.....220.00  
John Deere Financial, Miscellaneous.....508.49  
David Kovarik, Miscellaneous.....160.00  
Krivachek Janitorial Supply Ha, Minor

Equipment & Hand Tools.....34.00  
Michael's Truck Equipment, Motor Vehicle.....27057.00  
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc, Parts.....2487.22

PETROBLEND CORP., Lubricants.....2512.27  
Precision Overhead Doors, Motor Vehicle Equipment.....170.00  
Quill Corporation, Stationery/Forms/Office S.....147.91

Sadler Power Train, Inc., Parts.....81.43  
Van Diest Supply Company, Chemicals & Gasses/Herb.....2902.50  
VESTIS, Miscellaneous.....34.91  
Ziegler Inc., Parts.....617.64

**County Assessor Agcy Fund**  
Culligan Water Conditioning, Stationery/Forms/Office S.....16.80  
**FLEX BENEFIT FUND**, Medical & Health Charges.....3489.52

Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges.....307.87  
**Self-Funded Health Insurance**  
FLEX BENEFIT FUND, Medical & Health Charges.....459.00

Howard Co. Employee, Medical & Health Charges.....61.34  
**Grand Total**.....**76,197.65**  
**FICA**.....**27,016.97**  
**IPERS**.....**37,039.38**

Howard County Sheriff Rick Busch came before the board to give a Sheriff's Department update.

Chairman Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman,  
Howard County Auditor

Joe Pisney, Chairman Howard County Board of Supervisors

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## Probate/Will

### 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

GORDON H. JENSSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GORDON H JENSSON, Deceased, who died on or about January 5, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on January 26, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Gordon H. Jensson, deceased, bearing date of April 24, 2006, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Philip G. Jensson 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 January 26, 2026

/s/ Philip G. Jensson  
Philip G. Jensson, Executor of Estate  
4633 Addison Ave.  
Riceville, IA 50466

/s/ Nicholas T. Larson  
Nicholas T. Larson, ICIS#: AT009361  
Attorney for Executor  
Larson Law Office, PLLC  
500 MAIN STREET  
OSAGE, IA 50461

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## WinnMed offers free "Welcome to Medicare" seminar

**DECORAH** - Will you soon be eligible for Medicare? Are you already receiving Medicare benefits and want to better understand your options? Do you help a family member with Medicare issues? WinnMed is pleased to host a free "Welcome to Medicare" seminar on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 6-8 pm. This in-person, two-hour seminar, offered by the WinnMed Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors, will be held in WinnMed's lower-level conference rooms. The free seminar will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare supplement insurance and Medicare fraud, errors and abuse.

Participants should park in Lot E and enter through the E-1 door on the WinnMed campus.

Registration is required by Monday, March 30, 2026. Please register online at WinnMed.org/events or by calling 563-387-3036.

SHIIP is a service of the State of Iowa. SHIIP counselors are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents. WinnMed is a local sponsor for SHIIP in Winneshiek County.

## Notice

### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 250 FEET OF THE HOWARD-WINNESHIEK HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 SCHROEDER DRIVE IN CRESO, IOWA, AND TO OTHER PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

An application for a variance to the City Zoning Ordinance has been filed with the Board of Adjustment by the Howard-Winneshiek Community School.

The property is situated in the R-1 zone and is located at 1000 Schroeder Drive in Cresco, Iowa. Legal description: L 4 EX W 183', L 2 OF 2 EX W 55', L 2 OF 3 EX W 55' E 990'N 60'. The parcel number is 330031023010000.

The request, if approved, would authorize the construction of an addition to the south side of the High School building.

The Enforcing Officer was required, under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, to deny the permit because the addition will encroach on the front (south) yard set back by thirty-six feet (36'0"). The Cresco City Code requires fifty (50) foot front yard setback.

However, the Board of Adjustment, under certain conditions and safeguards, may have the authority to grant the request.

The Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Wednesday March 25th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall, at which time you may submit your views on the matter in person, by writing or by representative. A copy of the application for variance is on file with the City Clerk.

You are further notified that any person not objecting in writing, or at said hearing, shall be deemed to have consented to the granting of the requested variance by the Board of Adjustment.

Board of Adjustment  
City of Cresco, Iowa  
130 N. Park Place  
Cresco, Iowa 52136  
Phone: 563-547-3101

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## The Howard-Winneshiek Genealogical Society

**HOWARD/WINNESHIEK COUNTY** - The Howard-Winneshiek Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 5 PM in the meeting room at the Cresco Public Library.

Jan Strike will present a program on the "Craig Academy" at Foreston and Lime Springs and other 1850-60s education in the Howard Co. area. The public is invited to the program.

## Upper Iowa Audubon to host Presentation on Birding at the Poles

Upper Iowa Audubon will host a public presentation on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00pm at the All Vets Club in Decorah. The program, titled "Bipolar Birding," is free and open to all.

Drawing on 12 years of travel experience, Suzanne Gucciardo will describe the stark contrasts between North and South Polar and Subpolar regions. Differences in basic environmental conditions produced different wildlife communities and led to different human histories. These differences are best illustrated by a look at the birds and other wildlife found near the ends of the Earth.

Upper Iowa Audubon is the local chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek counties in Iowa and Crawford County in Wisconsin. For more information on this and other events hosted by Upper Iowa Audubon, please visit [www.upperiowaaudubon.org](http://www.upperiowaaudubon.org).

## Public Hearing

**CITY NAME:** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF PROTIVIN - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY PROTIVIN

**CITY #:** 45-424

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/24/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Protivin City Hall 221 South Main Street Protivin IA 52163

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 City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number  
(563) 569-8401

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	12,201,110	13,062,316	13,062,316
Consolidated General Fund	98,168	98,168	102,037
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	26,448	26,448	26,456
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	1,422	1,422	1,492
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	6,234	6,234	4,267
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	12,201,110	13,062,316	13,062,316
Debt Service	0	0	0
<b>CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX</b>	<b>132,272</b>	<b>132,272</b>	<b>134,252</b>
<b>CITY REGULAR TAX RATE</b>	<b>10.84098</b>	<b>10.12623</b>	<b>10.27779</b>
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	105,926	113,031	113,031
Ag Land	319	319	340
<b>CITY AG LAND TAX RATE</b>	<b>3.00375</b>	<b>2.82223</b>	<b>3.00375</b>
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Residential	514	503	-2.14
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Commercial	2,235	2,352	5.23

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 through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

**Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:**

Annual increases in property and liability insurance and increased costs for infrastructure

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## Lime Springs City Council - Special

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Lime Springs Community Center on March 2, 2026, 5:30 pm.

**Member(s) present:** Billi Johnson, John Heisler, Mike Levenson, Jeff Burnikel

**Member(s) absent:** Jennifer Kalstabakken

**City Employees:** Jeff Siegenthaler (Public Works), Jane Tibbals (City Clerk)

**Visitors:** Daniel Vosberg

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Levenson motioned to approve the Agenda, with Burnikel 2nd. Burnikel, Levenson, Heisler & Johnson Voted Yes with Kalstabakken absent from Vote. Agenda Approved.

**Interviewing Applicant for Public Works Department:** Daniel Vosberg was interviewed for a position in the Public Works Department. Council offered \$20/hour with an additional \$1/hour for each certificate obtained. City requires Grade 2 for each Drinking Water Distribution & Drinking Water Treatment and Grade 1 for Waste Water Treatment. Council also suggested a ride along with

Siegenthaler if any further questions. Vosberg will get back to Council on his final decision.

**Other:** Council asked status of Lift Station and Siegenthaler answered that Quality Flow has it working with one pump, system is designed for two pumps. Council asked if the broken pumps were picked by Iowa Pumps. Siegenthaler answered that Iowa Pumps picked up both pumps and said that they replied the one pump needs repaired and the other pump is beyond repair. Siegenthaler is getting quotes for new pumps from Iowa Pumps and from Quality Flow.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2nd. All 4 Present Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor  
Jane Tibbals, City Clerk

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### Lime Springs City Council

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Lime Springs Community Center on March 3, 2026, 6:30 pm.

**Member(s) present:** Jeff Burnikel, John Heisler, Billi Johnson, Jennifer Kalstabakken, Mike Levenson,

**City Employees:** Jeff Siegenthaler (Public Works Director), Jane Tibbals (City Clerk)

**Visitors:** Scott Osmundson, Jill Tibbals, Eddie Miller, Garth Foley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Levenson motioned to approve the agenda, previous minutes & financial reports. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Agenda, February 3 & February 11 Minutes and Financial reports Approved.

**Fire Dept:** Fire Chief Scott Osmundson reported 2 calls relating to weather this past month. He reported an automatic dispatch page now goes out for all auto accidents in the local fire dept in Howard County. He continued that the Vehicle Extraction tools are purchased and ready for use.

**Library Board:** Eddie Miller, Board Chair, reported LS Library's activities, which includes: Howard Co Library Assoc Meeting is in Riceville April 7; Warm Reads for wild Winter Nights has 10 people in the program which continues thru March 31; Blind Date with a Book had 10 people; Snowman Contest continues thru March 31; Feb's Game Night had 4 children; Valentine Cookie Decorating had 18; Valentine Story Time had 4; Lego Program is March 9; Book Discussion is March 10; Movie for K-6 is March 20; Easter Cookie Decorating is March 21; Bingo is March 21; Easter Cake Decorating & Coloring Contest starts March 23. Patrons served in January were 129 Town & 143 Country.

**Park & Rec:** Council Burnikel reported in Board's absence, Pool is taking guard applications.

**Public Works Reports:** Staffing: Immediate needs were addressed as well future. Weekend chores were discussed and Council Levenson & Burnikel volunteered to learn the weekend needs to give Jeff a break until someone else is hired. Jane asked if Jeff was to get the full-time benefits of holiday, vacation and health care stipend and Council agreed unanimously.

**Boiler Repairs:** Jeff had called boiler inspector to wait until both boilers were working before coming to inspect. The S.A.I.C boiler is repaired and working properly.

The Library/Shop boiler has been replaced, but Johnsons reported the thermostat is not as efficient as it should be, so they are still working on that part of it. After Johnson Comfort reports it is done, then Jeff will contact the state inspector to come for both. **Lift Station:** the latest diagnosis is that the pumps were not moving any or enough water. Previously it was thought to be a plugged line, but after jetting - it is not. Quality Flow then tried to put in the spare pump, previously repaired and sent back by Iowa Pump and the motor on the spare pump would not fire. Then Quality Flow put an old motor on the repaired pump, and it is now working with just the one pump. The Lift Station system is designed for two pumps. Iowa Pump suggested repairing the bad pump again and Jeff disagrees and suggested replacing it with a new pump. Quality Flow quoted \$10,930 for a new pump which includes installation. Iowa Pump quoted \$12,788.25 with installation a separate additional cost. Levenson motioned to go with Quality Flow with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved for Quality Flow for 2nd pump at \$ 10,930. Jeff added that he has asked Iowa Pump to trace when and why the pump sent does not work and Iowa Pump, now known as Midwest Pump Works, has not responded.

**Sewer Clean Out Expenses:** Homeowner Heather Tucke (207 W Main Street) reported what turned out to be sewer backed up into her basement and she is asking the City to pay the expenses relating to cleaning up. Kalstabakken motioned Homeowner to present her homeowner's insurance denial letter regarding this claim before any expenses are paid out and to only pay itemized expenses relating to sewer clean up with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved for expenses relating to claim around Feb 19, 2026.

**Lab Quotes for Samples:** Jeff got quotes for weekly samples from 2 different labs that City is currently using for water and wastewater samples. Microbac charges approx. \$110 and these samples have to be taken to New Hampton by 8:45 am. If late, then one has to drive to lab them in Waterloo. State Hygienic charges \$146, but these tests are overnighted from Cresco's Ace Hardware. Costs more but the difference in mileage and time makes State Hygienic least expensive in the long run. Jeff researched and found out that both labs can do both types of tests. Levenson motioned to switch all testing to State Hy-

gienic with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Votes Yes. Motion Approved for State Hygienic for Water & Wastewater lab testing.

**Accounting Software Conversion:** Jane reported software was converted, but some info is still not working. Reports not available are AR, Sales Tax, Garbage and some payroll reports, also invoices went out without previous balance forwards. **Audit for FY 2025:** Jane reported City was picked for an Examination of books for Fiscal year 2025 and auditor plans to be in office March 9 & 10. City was last done 2 years ago for FY2023. City is working on IPERS audit and Work Comp annual audit. Good news is that this is all previous accounting system. **Tax Levy Rates & Public Hearing:** Jane presented 3 different options for Tax Levy rates of 13.17, 13.43 & 13.95. The City levies for insurance and employee benefits. Last year's tax levy rate was just over 14. Levenson motioned for the higher rate of 13.95 with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. If the Employee Benefit has too much money in EOY, then City will levy less next year. Levenson motioned for Tax Statement Public Hearing to be held on April 7, 2026 at 6 pm, prior to the regular Council meeting. Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Tax Statement Public Hearing Approved for April 7, 2026 at 6 pm. City Engineer, Drew Weber scheduled March 18 at 5:30 to discuss City projects. **Other:** Council requested Mayor and Jane to appeal Kendall Fox's unemployment claim. Burnikel asked how much lead time is needed for ordering pool chemicals and Jeff said that couple of weeks is adequate. Levenson confirmed there is none left from last year. Hydrant flushing needs to be done prior to pool filling. Burnikel asked Jeff to check the sink drain in guard shack prior to opening. Jeff said that he plans to check all valves and drains prior.

Kalstabakken motioned to adjourn with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 7:51 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor  
Jane Tibbals, City Clerk

Badger Meter, end points.....26.73  
bon appetit, Periodicals.....24.00  
Cady Doberenz, Contractual Services .....270.00  
Cardmember Serv, Supplies .....129.35  
Cresco Shopper, advertising.....196.00  
Cresco Times Plain Dealer, publishing.....

.....	323.81
DJ Electric, Contractual Services.....	10,679.66
Esebc, books.....	1,843.86
Hawkins, water chemicals.....	1,308.81
H & M, Contractual Services.....	8,800.00
Iowa One Call, one call reads.....	14.40
lowa Prisons, golf cart permits.....	53.16
Janet DeVries, Supplies.....	46.76
Jeff Pelant, books.....	280.00
Jeff Siegenthaler, Mileage.....	52.20
Johnsons comfort, Contractual Services.....	164.50
MacQueen, Extractions.....	37,552.53
Magnolia, Periodicals.....	25.00
Micro Marketing, books.....	2,013.12
Microbac lab, tests.....	774.75
Quality Flow, Contractual Services.....	10,720.00