

Lime Springs City Council

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 18, 2026, 5:30 pm.

Member(s) present: Jeff Burnikel, John Heisler, Bill Johnson, Jennifer Kalstabbakken, Mike Levenson.
City Employees: Jeff Siegenthaler (Public Works Director), Jane Tibbals (City Clerk).
Visitors: Pam Siegenthaler, Jill Tibbals, Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk City Engineer).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.
Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the agenda, with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Agenda Approved.

City Property on Willard Street: Jeff Harden had expressed interest in buying the City owned property, but he was a no show. Council members said that it would depend on what purpose the property is going to be used for before they would agree to sell that property.

Nuisance Properties: Council asked for an update on the property that had received attorney letter that is now over due to be cleaned up. Jane contacted Hawksey Sanitation and they suggested the Mission hires out day laborers for \$ 15-\$20/hour. Will still need to get dumpsters and will need 2 to 4 days notice. Jane contacted City of LeRoy and she said their Council members took it upon themselves to clean it up and loss junk in dumpsters. Then a IS citizen said they knew of someone who may be interested, that has a salvage yard in Marion MN and they will get back to her regarding prices and if available. PW Jeff then presented some addresses to Council of potential nuisance properties and Council requested letters to be sent to the 5 of them and then named off a couple more. Council also requested a notice to be added to the City Water bills that everyone should be put on notice to clean up their property.

Resolution 03182026-1 Jeff Siegenthaler as Public Works Director: Levenson motioned to approve Jeff Siegenthaler as Public Works Director with full time benefits effective February 11, 2026. Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved.

Resolution 03182026-2 Dave Felper as Certified Signer for Sewer and Water: Heisler motioned to approve Dave Felper as Certified Signer for Sewer and Water at \$ 1,000 per month with \$22.00/hour for additional services. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved.

City Projects: City Engineer Drew Weber updated Council on Merrill Street Bridge Project with Average Monthly City User Impact information. The high-level cost with everything being done including North Miller Street, East Merrill Street from East Center Street through the bridge area is estimated at adding \$ 91.63 to everyone's monthly utility bill. These costs include re-surfacing with concrete, curb and gutters and replacing the water/sewer underneath. Then Drew pared down to the necessary items that must be done which are replacing the bridge and dropping the sewer along the way to East Main Street. The changes on North Miller Street are re-

moving the old blacktop and changing the surface to gravel and starting the project at East Street instead of Center Street. The estimated cost impact is adding \$ 64.60 to everyone's monthly utility bill, a savings of 27.03. These cost changes would be over a 2-4-year period depending on when the project starts and final costs. Drew then presented Water Tower rehab monthly user impact costs of up to \$ 15.21. This is a total project estimate of \$ 650,000 with a 20-year loan. Drew's recommendation is to bid the Merrill Street project in the Fall of 2026 and to bid the Water Tower project Summer 2026. Drew told Council that the tower will be inspected in the next couple of weeks. Drew will come to the April meeting to get official approval so that Council can tell him which projects and how much of each project to move forward on, after that inspection is completed. Jane will get rate ideas from financial advisor if we should go with a flat fee or percentages or combination of. Drew added that the painting window for Iowa's water towers normally is September through October. Drew answered that these projects would be done as 2 separate loans as these are 2 separate projects.

Road Work Quotes: Jeff presented quotes for Lagoon road and for around the Lift Station by Casey's. Loewen quoted Lagoon Road done 2 different ways. Loewen quoted \$1,377.50 to regrade the ruts and \$4,343.75 to reshape, restore crown and grade. Mehmet quoted \$1,428.40 to grade and rock. Mehmet quoted Lift Station at \$2,691.00. Loewen has not quoted Lift Station yet. Council asked how much of the Lift Station area is also Casey's responsibility. Levenson asked who plows snow at Casey's as snow was left in the road area. It needs to be pushed back further into the grass area. Jeff will bring more quotes to next meeting, including Jones Street.

Trees: Jane mentioned Larry Buck had come in with a tree in the boulevard that is dead. Council asked Jeff to contact Tarzan after the ground is not so soft, as right now the yards are too soft for the equipment. Jeff reported Buck's tree was leftover from last year's list.

Other: Levenson asked Council to get a quote for a box blade to be added to the tractor. Jane asked what date and time for a 3rd meeting for budget approval in April after the 7th and Council decided April 15 at 5:30. Kalstabbakken suggested that rates be talked about at the April 15 meeting instead of April 7th. Council discussed a job applicant for wastewater operator. Council asked Jeff to contact him to see if he is interested.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor
Jane Tibbals, City Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
County Name: HOWARD COUNTY County Number: 45

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 **Meeting Time:** 09:15 AM **Meeting Location:** 137 N Elm St Courthouse Cresco, IA 52136
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request. County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals
Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available)
www.howardcounty.iowa.gov

County Telephone Number
(563) 547-9203

| | Budget 2026/2027 | Re-Est 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | AVG Annual % CHG |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | | |
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 7,556,520 | 7,314,473 | 7,397,014 | 1.07 |
| Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year | 2 0 | 44 | 0 | |
| Less: Credits to Taxpayers | 3 210,697 | 210,697 | 216,493 | |
| Net Current Property Taxes | 4 7,345,823 | 7,103,732 | 7,180,521 | |
| Delinquent Property Tax Revenue | 5 0 | 42 | 3 | |
| Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes | 6 13,075 | 13,169 | 43,228 | |
| Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues | 7 3,157,575 | 2,460,038 | 2,422,171 | 14.18 |
| Intergovernmental | 8 5,404,423 | 5,388,679 | 5,525,295 | |
| Licenses & Permits | 9 51,000 | 41,000 | 47,349 | |
| Charges for Service | 10 593,938 | 595,740 | 582,216 | |
| Use of Money & Property | 11 689,231 | 692,090 | 797,152 | |
| Miscellaneous | 12 233,199 | 605,425 | 411,842 | |
| Subtotal Revenues | 13 17,488,264 | 16,899,915 | 17,009,777 | |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | | |
| General Long-Term Debt Proceeds | 14 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Operating Transfers In | 15 2,554,325 | 3,101,284 | 2,809,701 | |
| Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales | 16 0 | 45,572 | 9,750 | |
| Total Revenues & Other Sources | 17 20,042,589 | 20,046,771 | 19,829,228 | |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | | | | |
| Operating: | | | | |
| Public Safety and Legal Services | 18 3,628,664 | 3,776,201 | 2,604,264 | 18.04 |
| Physical Health and Social Services | 19 455,222 | 437,636 | 382,268 | 9.13 |
| County Environment and Education | 21 1,999,052 | 2,146,248 | 1,728,014 | 7.56 |
| Roads & Transportation | 22 7,248,372 | 6,484,709 | 5,560,443 | 14.17 |
| Government Services to Residents | 23 657,441 | 645,030 | 502,393 | 14.39 |
| Administration | 24 1,951,445 | 2,331,138 | 1,795,549 | 4.25 |
| Nonprogram Current | 25 5,000 | 5,000 | 280 | 322.58 |
| Debt Service | 26 1,581,345 | 1,513,745 | 1,372,793 | 7.33 |
| Capital Projects | 27 2,054,507 | 2,363,640 | 850,556 | 55.42 |
| Subtotal Expenditures | 28 19,581,048 | 19,703,347 | 14,796,560 | |
| Other Financing Uses: | | | | |
| Operating Transfers Out | 29 2,554,325 | 3,101,284 | 2,809,701 | |
| Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow | 30 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Expenditures & Other Uses | 31 22,135,373 | 22,804,631 | 17,606,261 | |
| Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses | 32 -2,092,784 | -2,757,860 | 2,222,967 | |
| Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, | 33 10,377,587 | 13,135,447 | 10,912,480 | |
| Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting) | 34 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Fund Balance - Nonspendable | 35 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Fund Balance - Restricted | 36 4,693,776 | 6,272,353 | 7,964,082 | |
| Fund Balance - Committed | 37 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Fund Balance - Assigned | 38 1,874,965 | 2,072,309 | 2,445,169 | |
| Fund Balance - Unassigned | 39 1,716,062 | 2,032,925 | 2,726,196 | |
| Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, | 40 8,284,803 | 10,377,587 | 13,135,447 | |

| Proposed property taxation by type: | Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation: | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Countywide Levies*: | 5.266,267 | Urban Areas: 6.54427 |
| Rural Only Levies*: | 2,290,253 | Rural Areas: 10.49427 |
| Special District Levies*: | 0 | Any special district tax rates not included. |
| TIF Tax Revenues: | 2,191,234 | |
| Utility Replacement Excise Tax: | 54,364 | |

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:
To continue providing essential services to the residents of Howard County

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Public Notice

Docket No. (Sale No.) 26-0117(1)
Court No. EQCV017783

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
LEVY & SALE
SPECIAL EXECUTION

In the Iowa District Court
in Howard County
STATE OF IOWA

SPRINGS STATION AKA LIME SPRINGS STATION, HOWARD COUNTY, IOWA. STREET ADDRESS: 367 WILLARD STREET, LIME SPRINGS, IA 52155

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: 4/27/2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Front Steps.

This sale is not subject to redemption. Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if applicable.

Judgment Amount: \$146,388.50
Costs: \$7,517.86
Accruing Costs: \$0.00
Interest: \$2,831.47

Date: 03/13/2026

/s/ Sheriff Rick Busch

SAYER LAW (319) 234-2530

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03/25/26 to 04/01/26 issues



Date: 03/26/2026

Incident/Charge: Several Felony Charges & Search Warrants
Location: Washington Street, Decorah, Iowa
Person: Matthew Uthoff
Address: Decorah, Iowa
Age: 35

Incident Details: A second arrest was made in the case regarding a family size pan of lasagna laced with a controlled substance. On March 26, 2026, Matthew Louis Uthoff was arrested and booked into the Winneshiek County Jail and charged with:

- Class C Felony Deliver a

Winneshiek County Makes Second Arrest

Controlled Substance (Oxycodone) • Class D Felony - Intentionally Terminate a Human Pregnancy Without the Knowledge and Voluntary Consent of the Pregnant Person

- Aggravated misdemeanor child endangerment, for knowingly acting in a manner that created a substantial risk to a child or minor's physical, mental, or emotional health or safety
- Two counts of Class D Felony administering a harmful substance to an adult
- Two counts of Class D Felony administering a harmful substance to a juvenile

Matthew Louis Uthoff is being held in the Winneshiek County Jail

on a \$100,000.00 cash bond. This case remains under investigation.

PREVIOUS RELEASE (Partial Printing)

Date: 03/10/2026
Incident/Charge: Several Felony Charges & Search Warrants
Location: Washington Street, Decorah, Iowa
Person: Amber Snow
Address: Decorah, Iowa
Age: 36

Incident Details: In January 2026, the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding a family size pan of lasagna that had allegedly been laced with a controlled substance. The Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Decorah Police Department, and the Winneshiek County Attorney's Office, initiated an investigation. Following a lengthy investigation and several search warrants, Amber Dena Snow and another subject were identified as co-conspirators who laced the lasagna with a controlled substance. Both defendants spoke with law enforcement regarding the lasagna and its contents.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC) in the Conference Room at 305 Montgomery, Decorah, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss NEICAC's applications to the Iowa Department of Transportation for financial assistance for the Fiscal Year 2027, as follows:

- NEICAC will request state transit assistance and federal transit assistance to support operations, amounting to approximately \$515,046 and \$640,913, respectively.
- NEICAC will request approval to increase the fare box rate for the following: In-County rides will increase by \$1.00, from \$16.00 to \$17.00. The hourly service fare will increase from \$40 per hour from vehicle start to vehicle end, to \$100.00 per hour from vehicle start to vehicle end.
- NEICAC will request federal transit assistance for capital equipment purchases. If approved, these funds will be matched with local dollars for bus replacements on an 85% federal / 15% local basis, determined by the specific procurement. The request includes:
 - One LD ADA Buses - 176" Wheelbase (Replacements) - This is for 1 bus and is with FY27 programming guidance.
 - Federal Share: \$114,650

- Local Share: \$20,232
- The One replacement bus also includes Federal 5339(a) Non-Urban/CRP split funding with FY27 programming guidance.

- Federal Share: \$67,134
 - Local Share: \$16,784
- These projects will not have a significant environmental impact, and no people or businesses will be displaced. The projects comply with the Statewide Transit Improvement Program.

Public Participation
Any interested person or agency is invited to attend this hearing and speak for or against the funding application. Written comments will be accepted at 305 Montgomery, Decorah, IA 52101, through the date and time of the hearing.

For additional information, contact Ken Wohlford, Transportation Director, at (563) 382-4928 during business hours.

Accessibility
All NEICAC public hearings are open to individuals regardless of disability. Any person requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact the NEICAC office at (563) 382-8436 at least two days before the hearing.

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Howard County Sheriffs Office - Dispatch Activity

The following calls are just a snapshot of calls handled by our local Howard County Officers.

| | | | | | |
|---------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 3/20/26 | 2:55 | DISTURBANCE | 100 BLK E MERRILL ST | LIME SPRINGS | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/20/26 | 11:15 | CIVIL MATTER | 600 BLK 2ND ST SE | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/20/26 | 12:28 | VIOLATION NO CONTACT | 1100 BLK CAMBRIDGE ST | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/20/26 | 22:16 | SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 100 BLK LOVILLE ST | CHESTER | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/21/26 | 10:51 | THEFT CALL | 100 BLK N MAIN ST | RICEVILLE | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/21/26 | 18:45 | INTOX PED | 2ND ST HEADING WB | RICEVILLE | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/22/26 | 1:56 | DOMESTIC | 200 BLK 2ND ST W | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/22/26 | 8:51 | HIT/RUN | NOTRE DAME CHURCH | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/23/26 | 10:22 | VANDALISM | 300 BLK 3RD AVE SE | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/23/26 | 15:52 | HARASSMENT | 400 BLK ELM ST | ELMA | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/24/26 | 14:31 | FIRE | 600 BLK 1ST ST | ELMA | DISPATCH |
| 3/25/26 | 8:46 | INTOX PED | 600 BLK 2ND AVE SE | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/25/26 | 15:52 | VANDALISM | ELMA PARK | ELMA | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/25/26 | 21:25 | DOMESTIC | 300 BLK 4TH AVE W | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/25/26 | 21:31 | VEHICLE V DEER | 21800 BLK 25TH ST | HOWARD CO. | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/26/26 | 3:06 | FIRE | 4300 BLK IVY AVE | CHESTER | DISPATCH |
| 3/26/26 | 18:08 | NOISE COMPLAINT | 100 BLK 3RD ST E | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/26/26 | 18:08 | NOISE COMPLAINT | 100 BLK 3RD ST E | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |
| 3/26/26 | 19:43 | ALTERCATION | 100 BLK W MAIN | RICEVILLE | SHERIFFS OFFICE |
| 3/26/26 | 22:14 | THEFT CALL | 300 BLK 2ND AVE SE | CRESCO | CRESCO POLICE |

FROM: 3/20/26 - 3/26/26
TOTAL DISPATCHES: 182



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