

Representatives of non-profits, government agencies and school districts can learn the essentials of developing strong grant proposals during an online Grant Writing 101 workshop Wednesday, April 1, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The session is offered by Iowa State

University (ISU) Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development.

Grant Writing 101 provides foundational training for individuals who want to identify funding opportunities

and prepare clear, competitive applications. The workshop reviews common grant terminology, how to locate funding sources and practical strategies for planning and writing a successful proposal.

“Grant writing is easier to approach when you understand the process,” said Lindsay Henderson, development specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “This workshop breaks the work into practical steps, helping you move from identifying funders to writing a strong proposal.”

Henderson emphasized the workshop is designed for people at all levels of experience. “Some participants come in having never written a grant, while others want to refine their approach,” she said. “No matter their background, they leave with tools they can immediately apply to improve their next application.”

The session also covers how to outline project goals, gather supporting information, avoid frequent pitfalls and strengthen budget and narrative components. The registration fee is \$40 per participant, and advance enrollment is required.

For more information, visit the Grant Writing webpage or contact Lindsay Henderson at lindsayh@iastate.edu.

Extension Calendar

CHICKASAW COUNTY
 Tue., March 31: Noon, Money Smart: Prioritizing Bills, Credit and Debt, online.
 Thur., April 2: 11:00 a.m., The Science of Parenting: Understanding Research and Reality – Spanish, online.
 7:00 p.m., The Science of Parenting: Understanding Research and Reality – Spanish, online.
 Fri., April 3: Office closed, New Hampton.
 Mon., April 6: 5:30 p.m., Extension council meeting, New Hampton.
 Tue., April 7: Noon, Money Smart: Prioritizing Bills, Credit and Debt, online.
 8:00 p.m., The Science of Parenting: Understanding Research and Reality, online.
 Thur., April 9: 11:00 a.m., The Science of Parenting: Understanding Tem-

perament – Spanish, online.
 7:00 p.m., The Science of Parenting: Understanding Temperament – Spanish, online.
 Mon., April 13: 12:30 p.m., Garden Q&A Live – April, online.
 Thur., April 16: 11:00 a.m., The Science of Parenting: Children’s Ages and Parenting Stages – Spanish, online.
 7:00 p.m., The Science of Parenting: Children’s Ages and Parenting Stages – Spanish, online.
 Sat., April 18: 9:00 a.m., Clover Kids, New Hampton.
 Thur., April 23: 11:00 a.m., The Science of Parenting: Positive Discipline – Spanish, online.
 7:00 p.m., The Science of Parenting: Positive Discipline – Spanish, online.
 Tue., April 28: 9:00 a.m., ServSafe® Food Handler Training – Spanish, Waterloo.

Sandy Salmon column

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forced to take life rather than restore or enhance it? Who wants a doctor without a conscience?

The Trump administration in 2024 approved a rule providing for conscience protections for health care providers. This bill is very similar to that.

Ten states have comprehensive protections for healthcare conscience rights: AL, AR, IL, MS, OH, SC, FL, MT, ID and TN.

Bills that Passed the Senate
 Civil Rights Commissions-SF 579: Requires complaints with a local civil rights commission where a party is a city or a county to be referred to the State Office of Civil Rights (IOCR).

It also provides that if a local complaint has not been resolved within 12 months, if a party requests, the case can be moved to the IOCR. Additionally, it says that cities and counties cannot enact any ordinances which are broader or have different categories of unfair or discriminatory practices than state law. This means that some local governments who have the category of “gender identity” as a protected class, will have an ordinance that is unenforceable. Removes the requirement that cities of a certain size have a local civil rights commission. The city may still have one if they wish.

Automated Vehicle Enforcement System Reform-SF 2284: This bill has 3 major provisions:
 Data collected by an automatic license plate reader (ALPR) cannot be shared with a nongovernmental 3rd party.
 A city cannot issue a citation for a violation identified by a noise enforcement system based on the noise emitted from the vehicle’s brakes or exhaust system while the vehicle is reducing speed.
 If the owner of a vehicle is issued a citation but they weren’t the driver,

the owner may show evidence to show someone else was driving. If there is sufficient evidence, the citation issued to the owner shall be dismissed and they shall not pay a fee.

Students with Behavioral Issues-SF 2404: Sets up a pilot program for an attendance center used to provide educational services to students requiring special education and students with behavioral issues.

Classroom Disruption in Schools-SF 2428: Provides procedures for handling disruptive, disorderly, abusive, or violent behavior by students in the classroom and includes protection for teachers as part of the process.

County Jail Cost Analysis Study-SF 2368: When counties are considering approving a project that builds a new jail or extensively remodels their existing jail, they are required to conduct a cost-analysis study. They must consider the county and non-county jail population, all their costs, and the capacity of surrounding counties’ jails.

Local Government Regulations-SF 2434: Requires cities and counties to provide a cost analysis on each ordinance to the taxpayers. Also requires cities and counties to have their internal rules adopted by their staff to also be approved by the city council or the county board of supervisors.

Regents Universities Investments-SF 2453: Requires the Regents universities to invest at least 1 percent of their unrestricted total endowment assets (not specified by the donors as to what the money must be spent on) in innovation funds. Innovation funds are capital funds certified by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. These funds are required to support commercialization of technologies and research-derived innovations that come out of Iowa’s universities.

Student Loan Programs-HF 703: Requires the Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation to work with the Iowa College Aid program to provide loan rate information to students so they can compare it with the federal direct plus loan rate.

Cigar Bars-SF 2444: Establishes regulations for cigar bars. They must generate at least 35% of revenue from retail sale of premium cigars and cigar-related products. They can sell liquor and must also hold liquor and tobacco licenses. Prohibits preparation of food for consumption on the premises. Must not allow persons under 21. Provides an exemption for them from the Iowa Smokefree Air Act, which generally bans smoking at commercial premises.

State Horse-SJR 2010: Designates the American cream draft horse as the state horse of Iowa. This is the only breed of horse that has been developed in Iowa.

Life Jackets in Boats-SF 548: The law currently requires all persons in a boat to wear a life jacket while the boat is underway. This bill says adult passengers are not required to do this if the boat is moving at 10 mph or less or is travelling in a no-wake zone.

Deer Hunting-HF 2215: Lowers the age in which you can hunt deer with a pistol or revolver under supervision from 20 years of age or less to 18 years of age or less. Eliminates the age requirement of the person who can supervise the underage deer hunter.

Feel free to contact me with ideas, thoughts, and concerns. My phone is 319-987-3021 or you can email me at sandy.salmon@legis.iowa.gov. I want to hear what you are thinking and will listen to your input. Together we will work to make a difference for the future of Iowa. Thank you very much for the honor of representing you.

Iowa DNR Fishing Report

Northeast Decorah Management District
 Contact Person: Caleb Schnitzler - 563-382-8324

Decorah area lake and pond ice continues to recede from the shoreline. Ice conditions are deteriorating fast. Predicted snow amounts and high winds will likely take out any remaining ice. Weekend temperatures in the 40s for highs to low teens. Anglers continue to report slightly better catches on open water on rivers and streams. Last updated on 03/12/2026

Allamakee County Trout Streams (Allamakee)

Ice Condition: None
 Ramp Condition: Not applicable
 The upcoming weekend and week may create problems accessing your favorite stream. We suggest you use this time scouting new areas. Catchable trout stocking season is just around the corner. Stocking calendars will be available on-line soon.

Brown Trout - Good: Afternoon insect hatches are becoming more numerous. A wider variety of fly offerings will work for a finicky brown trout this time of year.

Rainbow Trout - Good: Area streams hold plenty of carryover stocked trout to keep anglers busy through the off season. Use spinner baits, hair jigs, or hooks tipped with a small piece of worm floated through deeper holes.

Cedar River (above Nashua) (Floyd)
 Ice Condition: None
 Ramp Condition: Useable
 Ice is present in backwater areas, but it’s receding from the shoreline with rapidly changing conditions.

Channel Catfish - Good: Use a hook with a dead chub or fresh dead minnow fished on the bottom.

Smallmouth Bass - Excellent: Find smallies in off-channel areas. Use a small jig or crankbait fished near the bottom.

Walleye - Good: Use a jig with plastic tail and a live minnow about a foot

off the bottom in an off channel area.
Clayton County Trout Streams (Clayton)

Ice Condition: None
 Ramp Condition: Not applicable
 The upcoming weekend and week may create problems accessing your favorite stream. We suggest you use this time scouting new areas. Catchable trout stocking season is just around the corner. Stocking calendars will be available on-line soon.

Brown Trout - Good: Afternoon insect hatches are becoming more numerous. A wider variety of fly offerings will work for a finicky brown trout this time of year.

Rainbow Trout - Good: Area streams hold plenty of carryover stocked trout to keep anglers busy through the off season. Use spinner baits, hair jigs, or hooks tipped with a small piece of worm floated through deeper holes.

Fayette County Trout Streams (Fayette)

Ice Condition: None
 Ramp Condition: Not applicable
 The upcoming weekend and week may create problems accessing your favorite stream. We suggest you use this time scouting new areas. Catchable trout stocking season is just around the corner. Stocking calendars will be available on-line soon.

Brown Trout - Good: Afternoon insect hatches are becoming more numerous. A wider variety of fly offerings will work for a finicky brown trout this time of year.

Rainbow Trout - Good: Area streams hold plenty of carryover stocked trout to keep anglers busy through the off season. Use spinner baits, hair jigs, or hooks tipped with a small piece of worm floated through deeper holes.

Lake Hendricks (Howard)
 Ice Condition: Not Recommended
 Ramp Condition: Not recommended

The lake is about 50% ice covered, but it should quickly melt with windy

conditions and forecast snow.
 Black Crappie - Status Unsure
 Bluegill - Status Unsure
Lake Meyer (Winneshek)
 Ice Condition: Not Recommended
 Ramp Condition: Not recommended

Ice is receding from the shoreline. Ice conditions are poor. Few anglers are out.

Black Crappie - Status Unsure
 Bluegill - Status Unsure
Mitchell County Trout Streams (Mitchell)

Ice Condition: None
 Ramp Condition: Not applicable
 The upcoming weekend and week may create problems accessing your favorite stream. We suggest you use this time scouting new areas. Catchable trout stocking season is just around the corner. Stocking calendars will be available on-line soon.

Brown Trout - Good: Afternoon insect hatches are becoming more numerous. A wider variety of fly offerings will work for a finicky brown trout this time of year.

Rainbow Trout - Good: Area streams hold plenty of carryover stocked trout to keep anglers busy through the off season. Use spinner baits, hair jigs, or hooks tipped with a small piece of worm floated through deeper holes.

Turkey River (above Clermont) (Fayette)

Ice Condition: None
 Ramp Condition: Useable

Vernon Springs impoundment near Cresco is about 50% open and quickly breaking away. Use caution when going out on the ice. Ice depths change fast in areas with currents. The river below the impoundment is open. Anglers may find fish in these areas.

Smallmouth Bass - Fair: Use a jig or crankbait fished near bottom.

Walleye - Fair: Find walleye in deeper holes or near areas with structure.

City council proceedings and claims

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS January 5, 2026

On Monday, January 5, 2026, at the Municipal Hall at 7:00 P.M., at a meeting of the Council, City of Fredericksburg, Chickasaw County was held.

Mayor Jimmy Mitchell in the chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Randy Leach, Sheriton Dettmer by phone, Kyle Wendland and Dean Speicher. Derek Nelson absent

Employees present-City Clerk Bethany Henningsen Guests present- 2 guests
 The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Sheriton thanked the council and wished them the best. Dettmer then handed over his position on council to Jade Dix. Dettmer wished Jade the best of luck.

Motion by Leach seconded by Speicher approving consent agenda to include summary of bills, payroll from December 26, 2025, and council reports. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Speicher second by Wendland approving the 2026 Committee Officers appointed by Mayor Mitchell. Health- Dr. Luke Brinkman, Water/Sewer-Leach and Nelson, Solid Waste-Leach and Speicher, Electric- Speicher and Dix, Streets/Sidewalk- Leach and Speicher, Fire Board- Leach and Speicher, Swim Pool/Parks & Rec- Wendland and Dix, Wage & Benefits- Dix and Nelson, Library- Speicher and Nelson, Speicher for Landfill Rep, Economic Development- Wendland, EMS/First Responders- Wendland, EMA Board/Ambulance Council/911- Mayor Mitchell (Primary) Wendland (Back-up), Mayor Pro Tem- Leach. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Wendland seconded by Speicher approving the renewal of the City of Fredericksburg liquor license for 2026 Bob Vrzak. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Leach seconded by Dix approving Resolution 1387. A resolution approving naming depositories. Northeast Security Bank in Fredericksburg for \$2,500,000.00, Bank Iowa in Fredericksburg for \$2,500,000.00, Security State Bank in New Hampton for \$500,000.00, and First Citizens National Bank in New Hampton for \$500,000.00. Roll call Leach-yes, Speicher-yes, Dix-yes, Wendland-yes, Nelson-absent. Motion carried.

Motion Wendland seconded by Leach approving resolution 1388. A resolution containing the wages of City of Fredericksburg employees for 2025. Roll call: Leach-yes, Speicher-yes, Dix-yes, Wendland-yes, Nelson-absent. Motion carried.

Motion Leach seconded by Speicher to table closure of lab at the sewer plant until they gather more information. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

There being no further business requiring Council action the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Leach second by Wendland at 7:40pm. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Bethany Henningsen, City Clerk

33231, 20/20 FX LLC, \$545.00. NEW FOLDERS FOR SCANNING

33232, ALL STOP, \$393.47, GAS

33233, BETHANY HENNINGSEN, \$40.00, JANUARY 2026 CELL PHONE

33234, BLACK HILLS ENERGY, \$579.36, AMVETS

33235, CENGAGE LEARNING, \$275.15

33236, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, \$348.78, BOOKS

33237, CHICKASAW CO FIREFIGHTERS ASN, \$100.00, 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

33238, CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF \$38,250.00, SECOND HALF FY25-26

33239, CRAFT COCHRAN, INC, \$342.00, SHIRTS

33240, DAVE’S LOCKSMITH SERVICE, \$10.00, KEYS

33241, DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO, \$43.21, S&L TERM DISABILITY-JACKIE

33242, ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO, \$3,660.00, DUMPSTERS	33243, ERICA SASSMANN, \$40.00, JANUARY 2026 CELL PHONE	33244, EUROFINIS \$3,629.76, WASTEWATER TESTING	33245, FARMERS WIN COOP, \$144.22 DEF	33246, F’BURG PLUMBING & HEATING, \$658.23 ANTI FREEZE	33247 IA DOT, \$901.92, ROCK SALT	33248, IAMU, \$1,902.79	33249, IPI \$357.94, SUPPLIES	33250, JASON GILMOUR, \$40.00, DECEMBER 2026 CELL PHONE	33251, MEDIA COM, \$81.37, SERVICE	33252, NEBRASKA-IOWA IND FASTENERS, \$119.57, SUPPLIES	33253, ORKIN, \$181.90, FIRESTATION	33254, QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL, \$25,810.51, CLOVER LIFT STATION	33255, RICK’S SERVICE CENTER, \$112.00, BLOWER ROOM	33256, SPELTZ ELECTRIC, \$15,189.89, BLOWER INTAKE	33257, TEAM LAB, \$1,607.25, SUPPLIES	33258, THE HARTFORD, \$468.10, RAY	33259, TYLER SASSMANN, \$40.00, JANUARY 2026 CELL PHONE	33260, US CELLULAR, \$315.30, BOB	33261, US POST OFFICE, \$244.00, STAMPS	33262, VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER, \$346.62, SERVICE	33263, VISA, \$29.99, SUPPLIES	33264, ZIPS, \$482.35, SNOWPLOW TRUCKS	33265, KABRICK DISTRIBUTING, \$236.60, FD POOL TOURNAMENT	33266, UNITED BEVERAGE, \$164.12 FD POOL TOURNAMENT	500049e, Bi-Weekly ACH, \$10,359.97	500050, SCHOONOVER, DIANE, \$47.33	500060e, Bi-Weekly ACH, \$9,987.69\$118,086.39
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1110 checking	001 General Fund	600 Water	610 Sewer	612 Sewer Sinking	630 Electric	670 Landfill/Garbage
	\$42,911.23	\$813.23	\$32,917.24	\$1,902.79	\$14,670.75	\$4,476.16
						\$97,691.40

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS December 1, 2025

On Monday, December 1, 2025, at the Municipal Hall at 7:00 P.M., a regular meeting of the Council, City of Fredericksburg, Chickasaw County was held.

Mayor Jimmy Mitchell in the chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Dean Speicher, Randy Leach, Kyle Wendland and Sheriton Dettmer. Derek Nelson absent.

Employees present-City Clerk Bethany Henningsen Guests present- Amanda Strain from the Fredericksburg Review and 5 guests.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Motion Dettmer second by Leach approving the presented agenda. The consent agenda includes a summary of bills and payroll from November 28, 2025, and minutes from November 19, 2025. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Sheriff Ryan Shawver reported to the City Council that he will not attend council meetings unless requested. It saves money and resources by doing so. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Dettmer seconded by Leach approving a new garage at 400 South Grove St. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Dettmer seconded by Leach to suspend the rules foregoing the third reading for Ordinance 259-2025. An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. All members present voting

aye: motion carried.
 Motion Dettmer seconded by Speicher approving the second reading of ordinance 259-2025. . An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Dettmer seconded by Speicher approving final passage of ordinance 259-2025. . An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Leach seconded by Wendland to pay sewer operator, Tyler Sassmann \$1,000 for the remainder of FY 25’26 HSA contribution from the City of Fredericksburg. ordinance 259-2025. . An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. Ayes-3, Nays-1 (Dettmer), Absent-1.

Motion Speicher seconded by Leach to table approving a letter of credit form for utility services. Council would like more information. ordinance 259-2025. . An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Speicher seconded by Leach approving a \$5,000 grant from Black Hills Energy for trees. ordinance 259-2025. . An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Wendland seconded by Speicher approving to pay off the street light loan through NSB Bank in the amount of \$67,121.55. ordinance 259-2025. . An ordinance establishing a Project Share Program for utility services. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Motion Dettmer seconded by Leach approving a new garage at 400 Grove St.

There being no further business requiring Council action the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Wendland second by Leach at 7:41pm. All members present voting aye: motion carried.

Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Bethany Henningsen, City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT	AMOUNT	816.53
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOCIATES		1,300.00
CENGAGE LEARNING		1,281.23
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT		1,767.90
CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG		9,065.47
CULVER HAHN		128.11
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO		43.21
EFTPS		3,577.63
FARMERS WIN COOP		23.99
HELPING SERVICES		100.00
IPERS		462.58
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		3,592.28
LANGRECK ENTERPRISE		1,009.00
LINO		1,816.09
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT		81.37
MEDIA COM		987.00
NE IA COMMUNITY ACTION		2,516.73
NORTH CENTRAL LABS		1,000.00
NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK		320.3
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		149.45
UNITED HEALTH CARE		374.44
UPPER WAPSIPINCON RIVER		304.12
US CELLULAR		24,318.34
VANGUARD PUBLISHING		149.45
VISA		3,412.70
Accounts Payable Total		30,412.70
Invoices: Paid		17,420.19
Invoices: Scheduled		6,094.36
Payroll Checks		1,374.49
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		17,420.19
GENERAL		10,372.43
WATER		543.99
SEWER		10,372.43
ELECTRIC		543.99
LANDFILL/GARBAGE		701.6
TOTAL FUNDS		30,412.70

Notice of public hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 FREDERICKSBURG BENEFITED FIRE DISTR

The Board of Trustees of FREDERICKSBURG BENEFITED FIRE DISTR will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
 Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Fredericksburg Fire Station located at 100 Falcon Drive, Fredericksburg, IA 50630
 District Clerk/Secretary Name: BRAD ELLISON Clerk/Secretary Telephone Number: (319) 239-0273

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 Clerk.

FUND	FYE June 30, 2025 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2027 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2027	Estimated July 1, 2026 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
General	52,179	37,890	40,300	145,414	114,622	71,092
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.60750						

Notice of public hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 CITY # 19-163

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
 Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 06:45 PM Meeting Location: City Hall in Fredericksburg, IA 151 W Main St

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.

	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Iowa Department of Management			
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service			