

Hamburg City Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026

A special meeting of the Hamburg City Council was held on March 24, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Adams at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: City Clerk Colleen Pelsler conducted the Roll Call, and those present were Rod Wilson, Bill Barrett, Kent Benefiel, and Mike Stenzel.

Bill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kent, and all approved.

Rod moved to set the date for the fiscal year 2027 Budget Adoption Hearing for April 27 th at 6:00 PM. Bill seconded the motion, and all approved.

The Council reviewed invoices from the Southwest Iowa Planning Council for a total of \$13,581.14, for their work on the Northridge Acres Housing Development project. Bill moved to approve the invoices for submission for reimbursement from IEDA. Mike seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Kent – yes; and Mike – yes. The motion was approved. The Clerk reported that the contract with the Valley Corp to complete the infrastructure is progressing, although the contract is not yet final.

The Council reviewed the billing arrangement with City Attorney Norm Springer of McGinn Law Firm. The ongoing practice has been to provide a recurring retainer payment to begin each new billing cycle with a \$5,000 positive balance. The Council noted that the original resolution only provided for an initial retainer fee. Mike moved to meet again on Thursday, March 26 th to consider a new resolution which accurately reflects the current billing arrangement. Bill seconded the motion, and all approved.

The Council reviewed a letter from the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management requesting refund of \$1007,006.82 to the State Flood Recovery Fund (FRF). Hamburg had received this amount from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as a refund after completion of the Ditch 6 Levee Project. The funds Hamburg paid USACE were originally provided to Hamburg by the FRF, and therefore is owed back to the FRF. Mike moved to approve the return of the funds, seconded by Bill. A roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Kent – yes; Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

The Clerk requested approval for up to \$1,000 to allow Katrina Gude to assist with records inventory and organization. Katrina can work up to 6 hours per week, at \$20 per hour, for up to 8 weeks. Bill moved to approve the request, seconded by Mike, and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill -yes; Kent – yes; and Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

Claims were reviewed and Colleen noted that one of the claims was for the aforementioned SWIPCO invoices, which are passthrough funds and should properly be held until reimbursement is provided by IEDA. The Council also discussed a claim for the City's annual liability insurance. The cost of the insurance this year is \$66,185 – a 2.4% increase from the previous year. Bill moved to approve all the claims with the exception of the SWIPCO invoices, seconded by Kent. A roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Kent – yes; and Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

The approved claims were:

| VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 275 FUEL | \$410.45 |
| AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT | \$91.10 |
| AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPL | \$388.35 |
| AQUA CHEMICALS | \$6,360.50 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | \$1,526.89 |
| COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER | \$50.00 |
| DELTA DENTAL | \$283.86 |
| ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY | \$709.50 |
| FREMONT COUNTY LANDFILL | \$1,871.81 |
| FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF | \$9,324.00 |
| HAMBURG ELECTRIC & PLUMBING | \$28.72 |
| HOLLIMAN AUTO | \$643.26 |
| HOLT GAS CO | \$850.00 |
| ICAP LIABILITY INSURANCE | \$66,185.00 |
| IAMU | \$805.00 |
| JESSICA KUHNS | \$50.00 |
| METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION | \$4,601.98 |
| MID AMERICAN ENERGY | \$23.31 |
| MOBILE ACCOUNTING | \$300.00 |
| OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GROUP | \$128.00 |
| PAGE COUNTY LANDFILL | \$245.00 |
| RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INS | \$55.00 |
| UNITED HEALTH CARE | \$5,054.91 |
| VERIZON | \$223.95 |
| VISA | \$446.04 |
| **** REPORT TOTAL **** | \$100,806.63 |
| GENERAL | \$77,689.38 |
| LANDFILL/GARBAGE | \$1,871.81 |
| LIBRARY | \$601.19 |
| ROAD USE TAX | \$560.92 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | \$2,730.78 |
| WATER | \$11,816.23 |
| SEWER | \$5,536.32 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$100,806.63 |

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Published in the Hamburg Reporter on April 3, 2026

March 16, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The joint regular board meeting of the Hamburg Community School Board and Hamburg Charter School Board, State of Iowa, held in the Marnie Simons School Fourth Grade Classroom, 309 S Street, Hamburg, Iowa 51640, was called to order by President Kyla Tiemeyer at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026. Roll Call: Kim Ashlock - present, Melissa Beyer-absent, Kevin Dechant-present, Tuesday Leseberg-present and Kyla Tiemeyer-present. Charter Vice-President Lawrence Buckalew called the Charter Board to order at 5:00 pm. Roll Call: Kim Ashlock-present, Lawrence Buckalew-present, Tuesday Leseberg-present, Dave Mincer-present, Roxie Yost-present. Also, present were Mr. Cruickshank, Superintendent and Melissa Chambers, Board Secretary/Treasurer. Quorum was determined.

Agenda

K. ASHLOCK moved to approve the agenda. K. DECHANT second. Carried unanimously. Charter member T. LESEBERG moved to approve the agenda, R. YOST second. Carried unanimously.

Presenters/Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Open Forum:

A. Public Communication/Open Forum - None

B. Staff Reports -- None

Board Learning: "Taking Responsibility for Change" Sir Ken Robinson Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

a. The board considered and discussed the consent agenda as follows: Minutes - February 17 regular minutes for both Charter & District.

b. Accounts Payable - presented

c. Financial Reports - presented.

d. Donations - none

e. Human Resource - none

f. Open Enrollment - presented

K. ASHLOCK moved to approve the Consent Agenda pending follow-up on two AP items - Black Hills Energy & reimbursement to Boosters, K. DECHANT second. Carried unanimously. Charter board member T. LESEBERG moved to approve Consent Agenda items pertaining to Charter. L. BUCKALEW second. Carried unanimously.

Old Business

A) Discussion - update on hotel property. Lawrence Buckalew gave an update on recent assessment of \$132,000.

B) Discussion and update on the facility addition. Farnsworth March 11 site visit report, March 11 progress meeting, info on camera/security provided by Chris Hamilton.

C) Discussion/possible approval for pay application 11. Missing Lein waivers & updated schedule. Payment approved for work up to 2/28/2026 in amount of \$104,146.26, upon receipt of the missing documentation. Motion by K. ASHLOCK, second by T. LESEBERG. Carried unanimously.

D) Discussion/possible approval for the 2024-2025 audit. Motion by K. DECHANT, second by K. ASHLOCK to approve. Carried unanimously.

E) Discussion on sports sharing. Recent meeting with Sidney and phone call with Shenandoah. Potential sharing of JH and HS athletics not currently offered, such as football and wrestling. Community meeting set for Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6 pm in the Gym.

F) Discussion, possible action on storm damage insurance. Motion by T. LESEBERG, second by K. ASHLOCK to approve participation in the storm protection fund. Carried unanimously. New Business:

A) Discussion on the initial tax hearing notice for 2026-27.

B) Discussion, possible action on AEA services for 2026-27. Motion by T. LESEBERG, second by K. ASHLOCK to approve MOU for total of \$77,747. Carried unanimously.

C) Discussion on the transformer replacement. MidAmerican will move, need to redo pad, will need to do secondary conductors & junction box. Board noted that district policy would indicate superintendent can authorize purchases up to \$25,000, and for goods & services costing \$25,001-\$50,000 supt should receive proposals/bids/quotations (either written or unwritten) prior to board approval. Permission for board to price materials, with no action to purchase or issue a contract for repairs without estimates.

D) Discussion on property, casualty, work comp insurance renewal. Justin Shirley will be asked to present renewal info when available.

E) Review of policy 506.1.

Administrator Reports

A) Mr. Hendrickson: provided information on upcoming ISASPs testing that will start 3/17, Mr Clark incoming Principal will visit on 3/18, Charter Site visit 4/15, Preschool Site Visit 4/1, CC Athletic Survey, update on storage units/shipping containers, vehicles/buses.

B) Mr. Cruickshank: Provided information on budget and focus of Professional Development activities related to Evidence Based Prof. Development Grant the district received.

Next special meeting/work session scheduled for March 19, 2026 at 6 pm in gym. Public budget hearing March 23, 5 pm. Next regular Joint School Board Meeting of Hamburg District and Charter will be held April 20th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fourth Grade Classroom at the Marnie Simons School Building. Adjournment

K. ASHLOCK moved to adjourn the district meeting at 8:00 p.m. T. LESEBERG second. Carried unanimously. L. BUCKALEW moved to adjourn the Charter meeting at 8:01 p.m. R. YOST second. Carried unanimously.

Kyla Tiemeyer, District Board President Dave Mincer, Charter Board President Melissa Chambers, Board Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Dee Owen, Alise Snyder, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Tarah Berry, Scott Evans, Clayton Long, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Peter Johnson, and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: new internet service for VA, historical data for recorder's office, assessment notices going out, proposed property tax notices going out, second half property tax due this month, storm spotter class in Shenandoah, next week severe weather week, tornado drill plans, election security ttx training, IM-WCA University, software. The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, and Jeff Shearer present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted. Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Josh Heard, and Jared Noock were present at this meeting. Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the signing of the following: Motion by Sheldon to table action the Secondary Roads Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Shearer to sign the Secondary Roads 5-Year Program. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher for HGM Associates for the engineering services for preliminary design for 310 th Street/J-64 per agreement through February 28, 2026, for \$15,090. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher for HGM Associates for the engineering services for closeout on BRS-CO36(92)-60-36 \$4,445.48. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the application for approval of overhead construction in county highway ROW for MidAmerican Energy Co for a relocated electric distribution line to accommodate Fremont County construction plans on L-31 near 120th Street. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Davis met with the board about acknowledging that MidAmerican Energy has met the post-construction obligations under the Road Use Agreement. Davis stated that he thinks he has up to a year for MidAmerican to fix issues that may come up with the roads. He told the board he wasn't sure if they wanted to sign something now or wait. He talked about signing a partial agreement. Jared Noock with MidAmerican stated they have worked with Davis to return roads to their preconstruction condition. They were hesitant to do too much during the winter/spring