



# Classified/Legals

## Legal Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
SEALED BIDS - will be received by the Cedar County Auditor until 8:30 a.m. December 5, 2023 for the rental of the Cedar County Care Facility farm land consisting of approximately 178 acres. Lease terms and legal description may be viewed at the Auditor's Office in the Courthouse.  
Bidding procedure will be as follows: First, all bids submitted to the Auditor by 8:30 a.m. will be opened in public hearing at 9:00 a.m. December 5, 2023 and read aloud, after which only those persons submitting sealed bids accompanied by a letter of credit from their lending institution will be allowed to participate in a voice bidding to determine the high bidder for said lease.  
The Board of Supervisors will award the lease and reserves the right to reject any, or all bids. Bids submitted should be on the basis of dollars per acre times 178. The term of the lease will be three years. The farm ground is not enrolled in the ACRE Program.

STEPHANIE WIESE  
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR  
WBT 47-48

## Cedar county claims

11/9/23  
General Basic Fund  
761.19-Acess Systems Leasing-copies  
21.01-Advanced Business Systems-copies  
3633.34-Advanced Correctional-med  
2300.00-Ahlers-Coooney-Dorweiler-labor relations  
319.35-Alliant Energy-elec  
2121.29-Aramark Capital Services-USB  
118.00-Apex Apparel Inc-uniforms  
138.80-Aramark Uniform-mats/mops  
3224.56-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
841.67-Baker Paper-bowl clip  
310.00-Henry Bentley-ME  
598.99-Colleen Boyer-Kauffmann-gloves  
415.64-Capital One-snacks  
45.00-Cedar County Extension-recert  
66.77-Cedar County Repair-oil chg  
6170.95-City of Tipton-util  
267.30-Bobbie Conrad-Marion-mil  
517.99-Conservative Publishing-legal  
51.59-Copy Systems-copies  
150.00-D&R Pest Control-spray  
407.00-Mike Dauber-ME  
451.55-Deana Drum-barger-mil  
624.47-Eastern IA Light&Power-elec  
324.90-Galls Inc-uniform  
56.45-H & H Auto-oil chg  
19.86-Hale Printing-decals  
119.90-Ashley Hansen-mil  
130.08-Carrie Harper-mil  
677.35-Hermesen Automotive LLC-oil chg  
620.08-Jennifer Hubler-ME  
648.00-Iowa City Tire, Inc-tires  
80.00-Iowa County Attorneys Assoc.-wrkshp  
100.00-Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies-MEMBERSHIP  
424.25-Thiesen's-hardware  
44.55-Johnson County Sheriff-svc  
275.00-Klay Johnson-module  
27.12-Angela Keller-mil  
2380.79-KMDE, LLC-produ  
164.00-Kone Inc-maint  
2200.00-Kramer Funeral Home-funeral  
153.39-Louisa County Sheriff-svc  
249.39-Matt Parrott/Storey Kenworthy-W2, 1099  
625.78-Menards-faucet  
4.95-Rosemary Miedl-mil  
8990.00-Brenda Miller-concrete  
48.69-Motor Parts & Equipment-charger  
1133.33-O'Rourke Motors Inc-oil chg  
63.17-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-paper  
118.92-Optum360-book  
275.01-Reserve Account-postage  
439.88-Pitney Bowes-ink  
128.80-Progressive Rehabilitation-PT  
285.00-PS3 Enterprises Inc-toilet  
154.50-Whitney Randolph-mil  
52.75-Ron Alpen Ford, Inc-oil chg  
5940.27-Secondary Road Fund-fuel  
3.08-Emily Smith-mil  
376.40-Joselyn Snook-mil  
18632.00-Solutions, Inc-kofax  
122.49-Austin Sorgenfrey-meals  
3894.47-SpyGlass Group, LLC-cost recovery  
473.99-Sun News- legal  
55.95-Uniform Den Inc-uniform  
1970.68-US Cellular-phone  
579.00-Frank W. VanWaes-rent  
30.00-Veterans Information Service-book  
4367.47-VISA/Bankers Bank-tv  
280.50-Elizabeth Voss-mil  
44.88-Stefanie Wagaman-mil  
620.99-West Branch Times-legal  
504.33-West Branch Village-Rent  
22.08-Wex Bank-FUEL  
126.00-Stanford E. Woode-low American Rescue Plan Act Fund  
9605.50-MCM Consulting Group, Inc.-EMA Phase 1  
General Supplemental Fund  
676.20-Conservative Publishing-ballot info  
80.25-Mike Dauber-runner  
72.00-Dawson Hamdorf-runner  
67.05-Jodine Lovell-runner  
1239.46-Mail Services, LLC-print  
7901.00-Office of State Pub. Defender-Indigent Defense Fund  
462.30-Sun News-ballot  
676.20-West Branch Times-ballot  
75.30-John Wiese-runner  
Pioneer Cemetery  
1275.00-Leighton Becker-MOWING Rural Services Basic Fund  
41.09-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
24.95-Hermesen Automotive LLC-tire  
578.00-Iowa City Tire, Inc-tires  
185.00-Uniform Den Inc-uniform  
4570.59-Waste Management of Iowa-20 yd  
Secondary Road Fund  
10293.00-Advantage FS, Inc-GAS  
915.08-AIS All Integrated Solutions-CULVERT REPAIR  
189.33-Alliant Energy-UTIL  
661.66-Altorfer Inc-EQUIP/FILTERS  
45.84-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-PHONE  
74.89-Kyle Biddle-EQUIP

48175.80-Calhoun-Burns & Assoc-BRIDGE  
90.00-Cedar County Extension-PESTICIDE LICEN  
6.59-Cedar County Repair-BRUSH CUTTING SUP  
105.16-City of Bennett-TRANSFER OF JURISDIC  
73.95-City of Mechanicsville-UTIL  
948.41-City of Tipton-UTIL  
135.00-CJ Cooper & Assoc-TESTING  
36.25-Codeworks-COMPUTER SERV  
66.90-Conservative Publishing-PUB/HELP  
49.45-Copy Systems-MAINT  
68.16-Custom Hose & Supplies-EQUIP/PARTS  
38.05-Diamond Mowers-EQUIP/PARTS  
1500.00-Electronic Engineering Co Inc-EQUIP  
99.00-Fastenal Co-CULVERT SUP  
52.00-Gray Barn Industries-SIGNS  
81.81-Will Holland-EQUIP  
15276.60-Illowa Culvert & Supply-MAT  
78.89-Thiesen's-MISC. SUP  
99.60-Lawson Products Inc-EQUIP/BOLTS  
6396.00-Manatt's Inc-MAT  
52.99-Derek Meyer-EQUIP  
172628.94-Midwest Contractors, Inc-PATCH  
157.78-Motor Parts & Equipment Corp-EQUIP/FILTERS  
105.46-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-SUP  
1589.60-Rinker Materials-MAT  
4639.61-Sadler Power Train, Inc-EQUIP/PARTS  
149.20-Sinclair Tractor-EQUIP/FILTERS  
12.49-SJ Smith Co-WELD SUP  
21.28-Storm Steel-EQUIP/PARTS  
40.20-Sun News-PUB/HELP  
131.88-Truck Country of Iowa Inc-EQUIP/PARTS  
67.92-United Rentals, Inc-ENGINEER SUP  
157.28-US Cellular-PHONE  
2065.10-VISA/Bankers Bank-MISC. EXPENSES  
20643.37-Wendling Quarries Inc-SPOT ROCK  
66.90-West Branch Times-PUBL/HELP  
Transfer Station Fund  
967.75-Alliant Energy-elec  
540.03-Cintas Corporation-Uniforms  
58.80-CJ Cooper & Assoc-drug test  
5.00-Clarence Telephone Company-email  
2518.75-HLW Engineering Group-monitoring  
2068.28-Keystone Laboratories Inc-testing  
24596.48-Quad Cities Landfill-landfill  
224.24-Secondary Road Fund-rock  
91.85-Wex Bank-DEF  
Cedar Co Health Fund  
2267.25-Benefits, Inc-mthly  
4769.06-CEDAR COUNTY  
TREASURER-self funded med Conservation Trust Fund  
66.13-Thiesen's-clothing  
56.54-VISA/Bankers Bank-USB  
2021 Bond Projects SW/31  
5018.08-MCM Consulting Group, Inc-Consulting  
1341000.07-Racom Corporation-cond accept  
Early Childhood Ia-Cedar/Jones  
750.00-Bennett Comm. School-scholarship  
400.00-Durant Community Schools-scholarship  
2302.52-Genesis VNA-bright beginnings  
4025.68-Grant Wood AEA-CART  
473.06-Sherril R. Hunt-mil  
3794.17-Jones County Auditor-salary  
100.00-Little Friends Preschool-scholarship  
200.00-Little Lion Learning Center-Scholarship  
110.00-Mother Goose Preschool-scholarship  
200.00-North Cedar CSD-scholarship  
38.00-North Cedar CSD-scholarship  
580.00-Olin Community School-Scholarship  
560.00-Sacred Heart Preschool-Scholarship  
778.90-St. Patrick's Preschool-Scholarship  
4866.32-Young Parents Network-PAT-YPN  
Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund  
121.38-AT&T Mobility-phone  
24.20-Melinda Beekman-mil  
479.13-City of Tipton-util  
28.86-Jodi Freet-meal  
240.00-All Star Turf- lawn  
69.60-Hawkeye Fire & Safety-maint

57.60-US Cellular-phone  
7.02-Verizon- gauge  
1170.57-VISA/Bankers Bank-flight Recorder's Records Mgt.  
114.60-County Binders Inc-seal papers  
E911  
271.07-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-special circuit  
188.57-Clarence Telephone Company-data  
223.47-Eastern IA Light&Power-elec  
15.00-F&B Communications-data  
237.85-Linn County Rural Electric-ELEC  
24.22-CenturyLink Lumen-data  
253.00-Mechanicsville Telephone-data  
630.89-VISA/Bankers Bank-util  
1177.79-Windstream-data  
Assessor  
43.84-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
68.20-Cari Dauber-mil  
83.60-Linda Griggs-mil  
95.87-O'Rourke Motors Inc-oil chg  
31.00-Sun News-Subscrip  
72.01-VISA/Bankers Bank-Monitor  
1807638.54-Grand Total  
End of Report  
WBT 48

## Cedar county board

**BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE-WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA  
November 14, 2023  
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 14, 2023 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present.  
Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.  
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 11/10/23 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436971 for \$3,291.14-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.  
Ayes: All  
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Lonni Koch congratulated Board on EMS Service that passed and asked to be a part of next phase.  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of November 7, 2023.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #436800 - #436970 paid on 11/9/2023.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign letter of support for IDALS grant for Durant.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve new dental rates with a 2% increase.  
Single-\$41.28  
Two Person-\$82.14  
Family-\$127.78  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve allowed and disallowed Family Farm applications as presented by Assessor Dauber.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve Work Request form for Assessor Dauber to remove two walls to make office more customer friendly.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to allow General Assistance Director Tischuk to participate in food voucher program and giving tree for 2023.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bell to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Business Associate Agreement for Code Works Software Factory, Inc.  
Ayes: All  
At 9:30 a.m., Board of Supervisors, convened as a Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in City/School Elections of November 7, 2023. Auditor Wiese met with Board. Present were Supervisors: Gaul, Bixler, Barnhart, Kaufmann and Chairperson Bell. Thereupon results from several precincts were opened and examined with results duly entered in Official Canvass Book and attested to by Board and Cedar County Auditor.

Declared duly elected in Cedar County were:  
Cedar County  
Board of Supervisors At-Large to Fill a Vacancy---Bruce Barnhart  
Public Measure DO passed.  
City of Bennett  
Joe Sparks---Mayor  
Steven Boedeker and John Hulick---Councilpersons At Large  
City of Clarence  
Larry Havel and David Doscher---Councilpersons At Large  
Brent Good--- Councilpersons At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)  
City of Lowden  
Derrick Lange---Mayor  
Cody Poppe, Kim M. Jones and Austin Lange ---Councilpersons At Large  
Nicholas Lange---Councilperson At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)  
City of Mechanicsville  
Brian H. Steele, Randy Brown and Tracy Miller ---Councilpersons At Large  
City of Stanwood  
Todd A. Sawyer---Mayor  
Ryan Deppe and Stephanie Rottman ---Councilpersons At Large  
David Siebels--- Councilperson At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)  
City of Tipton  
Tammi Goerd---Mayor  
George D. Welker---Councilperson-Ward 1  
Luke Johnston---Councilperson-Ward 3  
Jason Paustian---Councilperson At Large  
City of West Branch  
Public Measure DP passed.  
Tipton School  
Heidi Ann Shumaker, Matthew Lafrenz and Kirby J. Bierman---Director At Large  
A phone call placed to Carl Salmons, Attorney.  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to go into closed session at 10:32 a.m. for Communication with Attorney 21.5(1)a Attorney client privilege for ongoing litigation 622.10.  
Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Bixler, Kaufmann, Bell  
Bixler left at 11:09 a.m.  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to return to regular session at 11:21 a.m.  
Ayes: Gaul, Kaufmann, Bell, Barnhart  
No decisions were made in closed session and Board will have Kaufmann communicate with ADM and Wolf with Boards guidance as things progress.  
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:24 a.m., to November 21, 2023.  
Ayes: All  
Jon Bell, Chairperson  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor  
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The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)  
West Branch, Iowa; City Council; November 20, 2023  
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.  
Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Roll call: Council members present: Colton Miller, Jerry Sexton, Tom Dean, Jodee Stoolman and Nick Goodweiler. City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofode, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Finance Officer Heidi Van Aukun, Police Chief John Hanna, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, City Attorney Kevin Olson, City Engineer Dave Scheehnger. City Staff attending via Zoom: Officer Cathy Steen.  
APPROVE THE AGENDa  
Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve the agenda. Miller requested an amendment to agenda item 8P to reflect a corrected pay estimate amount to be considered as \$177,021.15. Goodweiler second Miller's motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA  
Approve Minutes from the October 30, 2023 Special City Council meeting.  
Approve Minutes from the November 6, 2023 City Council meeting.  
Approve a Class C Retail Alcohol (12-month) license with Outdoor Service privileges for The Down Under, 102 W. Main Street, West Branch.  
Approve the submission of the annual Street Finance Report for FY23  
Claims for 11/20/2023  
EXPENDITURES - 11/20/2023  
ADAM, JOHN & LISA-BLDG INCENTIVE PAYMENT-1,000.00  
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS-LIBRARY-227.33  
BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-673.18  
CAPITAL ONE-PROGRAM SNACKS-LIBRARY-76.71  
CEDAR COUNTY RECORDER-RECORDING FEES-100.00  
CEDAR COUNTY TRANSFER STATION-SHOP YARD CLEANUP-PW-51.00  
ELITE HOLDING CO.-WINTER UNIFORMS-PW-341.00  
HAWKINS INC.-CHEMICALS-2,941.92  
IMWCA-IMWCA FY24 INSTALLMENT 5-2,836.00  
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-20.00  
MENARDS-LIGHT BULBS-LIBRARY-79.99  
MOORE'S WELDING-LEAF VAC BOX REPAIR-85.00  
MOPPY MO'S-JANITORIAL SERVICES-857.50  
MPEC-VEHICLE MAINT, SUPPLIES-PW-78.85  
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY-RADIO READ TOWER-17,299.00  
OASIS ELECTRIC-DOWNTOWN ST LIGHT REPAIRS-549.65  
OLSON, KEVIN-LEGAL SERVICES-

NOV 2023-1,500.00  
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-244.99  
PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS-BACKGROUND CHECKS-27.00  
PUTNAM MUSEUM-LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP-80.00  
PYRAMID SERVICES-PARTS FOR FIELD GROOMER-110.32  
QUILL-RUBBER BANDS-LIBRARY-11.72  
ROOF, GERDES, ERLBACHER, PLC-AUDIT FY23 - 1ST PAYMENT-9,000.00  
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE-JOB AD - POLICE-111.50  
VAN SCOYOC, KRISTEN-PRESCHOOL BB JERSEY REFUND-20.00  
WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-487.24  
TOTAL--38,809.90  
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS--11/10/2023  
50,598.15  
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS VARIOUS VENDORS-UB REFUNDS-92.40  
LYNCH'S EXCAVATING-EAST SIDE WATER PAY ESTIMATE 5-188,436.37  
ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-11,558.09  
APPARATUS TESTING SERVICE-FIRE PUMP CERT TESTING-655.25  
AT&T MOBILITY-WIRELESS SERVICE-314.96  
BROWN'S WB FORD-SERVICE & PARTS-234.25  
CULLIGAN WATER TECH-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-43.97  
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT-HALLIGAN STYLE FORCIBLE ENTRY-474.41  
LINN COUNTY REC-STREET LIGHTS-304.37  
LRS HOLDINGS-TRASH & RECYCLING-SEPT. OCT-28,503.00  
PAPAS TRUCH & TRAILER REPAIR-TRUCK SERVICE-FIRE-930.54  
QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES-CITY-79.98  
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-43.50  
WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-1,198.10  
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 11/13/2023-72.43  
GLOBAL PAYMENTS-SEPTEMBER CREDIT CARD FEES-1,044.35  
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 11/6/2023-27.51  
TOTAL--234,013.48  
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--323,421.53  
FUND TOTALS  
001 GENERAL FUND-71,881.40  
022 CIVIC CENTER-434.37  
031 LIBRARY-8,206.25  
036 TORT LIABILITY-2,673.62  
110 ROAD USE TAX-5,456.88  
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-6,951.17  
329 EASTSIDE WATER MAIN PH 1-188,436.37  
600 WATER FUND-31,348.92  
610 SEWER FUND-7,599.82  
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-432.73

## West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org.

SEE LEGALS, P7

## 68 Acres m/l - Muscatine County, IA



64.15 tillable acres - 84.1 CSR2  
\$14,000/ acre - Wilton Township  
<https://peoplescompany.com/listings/land-muscatine-county-iowa-68-acres-listing-number-17236>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN LOCAL USDA OFFICE

The Cedar County USDA Farm Service Agency(FSA) office located in Tipton, IA is now accepting applications to fill a Program Technician position.

The individual selected will be responsible for providing support and assistance to Farm Loan officials by processing new loan applications, preparing loan closing documents, tracking loan payments, monitoring reports, and servicing existing loans.

This position has a starting salary range of \$33,693-\$46,696 depending on education and past experience. Other benefits include health, dental, vision, and life insurance, along with a retirement package and vacation/sick leave.

The individual selected will be required to pass background investigation and fingerprint check.

A full vacancy announcement for the position with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) and by searching the vacancy announcement number as follows:  
**FSA-24-12206446-DE-IA-GNB.**

This vacancy has an opening date of 11/27/23 and closing date of 12/11/23. To be considered for the job you must submit the application online.

Any questions regarding this position can be directed to:  
**Carrie Clevenger, FLM at (563) 886-6061 ext. 2**  
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**NEW LISTINGS**

**202 SAND TRAP CIRCLE, TIPTON**  
**\$405,000**

**206 SUNRISE DR, TIPTON**  
**\$367,000**

**1005 SYCAMORE ST, TIPTON**  
**\$199,999**

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**FEATURED PROPERTIES**

**305 E ELM ST, LONE TREE**  
**\$148,400**

**416 E 4TH ST, TIPTON**  
**\$74,900**

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**SUBDIVISIONS, LOTS, ACREAGES & COMMERCIAL**

**1394 210TH ST, TIPTON, \$937,500**  
35 ACRES +/-

**LOT 11 260TH ST, \$54,900**

**1007 PARKVIEW LN., TIPTON, \$83,000**

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**2 Lots E. 5th St., Tipton \$43,000**

**103 DAWSON LOT 2, WEST BRANCH, \$79,900**  
GREAT LOCATION IN THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW SUBDIVISION FOR A BUSINESS/ RESIDENTIAL BUILD.

**105 DAWSON LOT 3, WEST BRANCH, \$79,900**  
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LOT 1 - \$57,000  
LOT 3 - \$58,000  
LOT 5 - \$58,000  
LOT 7 - \$59,900  
LOT 9 - \$58,000

**ACREAGE ALERT!! WEST BRANCH'S NEWEST SUBDIVISION JUST EAST OF WEST BRANCH WITH LOTS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 2.40-3.25 ACRES. CREEK ON EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY. CHARLES AVE ADJACENT TO LOTS WILL BE SEAL COATED IN SPRING. LOTS 7 & 8 SHARE DRIVEWAY. LOTS 508 SHARE COMMUNITY WELL, 1 OUTBUILDING, 1 GAZEBO & SWIMMING POOL PERMITTED BEHIND HOME. .**

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## Deadline Dec. 4 for football coach candidates

West Branch High School set a deadline of Dec. 4 for applications for Bears head football coach.

Activities Director Jake Stenberg, who will oversee the selection process, said that a selection committee should be formed by mid-December.

“I plan to do individual interviews with each applicant and then have finalists interview with a committee with the hopes to have an offer out sometime in the first two weeks of January,” he said on Monday.

Butch Pedersen served

as the head football coach for 40 years before dying in April.

To honor Pedersen and his legacy, the school continued to let him hold the title of head football coach during the 2023 season.

Offensive Coordinator John Hierseman,

Defensive Coordinator Tyler Bailey, and Special Teams Coach Kevin Braddock shared the title of co-head coach during that time. When the season ended, the trio asked the school district to advertise for a new head coach.

## Police

From Page 1

• The “Certified low” refers to officers who recently finished certification to become a police officer or deputy. The list shows those officers earning between \$61,000 to \$81,000. West Branch currently pays about \$52,500. The proposal would increase that to about \$66,600, an increase of about \$14,000.

• The “Certified high” refers to officers with more years of experience.

Hanna said the council would decide who falls into this category.

“Not every entity offers their top dollar to a certified officer when they come in, but they bring them in about the midpoint of their (salary) scale,” the chief said.

The list shows other cities and counties paying between \$75,500 to \$96,500. West Branch currently pays about \$66,600. The proposal increases that to about \$74,900, and increase of about \$8,300.

• Senior officers typically draw between \$78,600 and \$96,500 from these law enforcement agencies. West Branch pays about \$66,600 and the proposal bumps that up to about \$83,800, or \$17,000 more.

• Department heads, which is usually a police chief or sheriff, get paid

between \$136,900 and \$178,300. West Branch pays its chief about \$82,400. The proposal would increase that to about \$93,600, an increase of about \$11,000.

Hanna noted that police departments also tend to agree to pay officers for experience. He said this “100-percent lateral transfer” happens at North Liberty.

“If an officer comes to them with 12 years, they pay them at their 12-year rate,” he said.

Coralville, however, does not, and an officer with 12 years of experience would be brought in as a two-year officer.

“The trend now has been for agencies to go to an exact lateral transfers,” Hanna said.

“It looks like we’re lower than everybody else,” Mayor Roger Laughlin said.

The police chief noted that there is some “arbitration” in those figures since West Branch is not as big as those other communities.

“My gut is that if you can get it close and eliminate the best you can some of those barriers to working here, I think the city will be in good shape,” Hanna said. “At least you’ll be putting your best foot forward. ... This is your direct competition.”

In other business, the council:

• voted to approve the third reading on an ordinance to change the date to July 1 for increasing water rates. The council in June approved five years of water rate increases to begin on Aug. 1 of each year, but moved it to July 1 to align with the city’s budget calendar.

The next rate increase begins July 1, 2024, and rises to \$9.93 per 1,000 gallons with a 1,700-gallon minimum.

Future rate increases are \$10.13 per 1,000 gallons on July 1, 2025; \$10.33 starting on July 1, 2026; and \$10.54 starting on July 1, 2027.

• voted to approve the third reading on an ordinance to change the dates for an annual 2-percent sewer rate increase to July 1 of each year.

In June 2022, the council approved the rate increases to take place on Jan. 1, but chose to move it to July 1 to align with the city’s budget calendar.

Residents currently pay \$17.65 for 1,000 gallons of treated sewage with a 1,700-gallon minimum.

The rate will increase to \$18 per 1,000 from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Subsequent increases will be \$18.36, \$18.73, \$19.10, and \$19.49.

• voted against rebating a portion of Tax Increment Financing revenues for Acciona Windpower North America, now known as

Nordex.

• approved paying Boomerang Corp. \$518,000 for the 13th installment on the wastewater treatment facility project.

To date, the city has paid Boomerang about \$6.84 million toward the \$8.837 million project.

• approved donating \$10,000 to Hoover’s Hometown Days 2024.

The city had been overseeing the annual festival but is phasing itself out and giving the event to a group of volunteers. As part of that handoff the city agreed to give the Hoover’s Hometown Days Committee \$10,000 as startup funding.

• approved the fourth change order for the eastside water main improvement project. This change order adds \$23,000 to the cost tied to lowering the water main line near Mercy Clinic to get it below the frost line, and various smaller projects for work around 328 and 329 South First Street.

• approved the sixth payment to Lynch’s Excavating Inc. for the eastside water main replacement project for \$178,000. This brings the total payout to date to nearly \$1.09 million. The city initially approved a bid of \$1.08 million but has since approved change orders that added to the cost.

## LEGALS

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GRAND FUND TOTAL—323,421.53

There were no comments. Motion by Dean, second by Goodweiler to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Miller, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum Norm Bickford, 5732 350th St., West Branch addressed the Council regarding his property at 212 W. Main Street. Bickford said that the city’s strict storm water requirements forced him to abandon his project for moving the Hoover Foundation house (currently located on Parkside Drive) to the property on West Main Street. Bickford said he was hopeful to save the house from demolition. Chris Kofeod, 202 Ridge View Drive asked the Council to be mindful of their comments and communication (in public meetings) as people are watching. Kofeod asked the Council to help protect the town and reputation of West Branch.

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA Third Reading Ordinance 810 – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, as previously amended, by Changing Water Rates. / Move to action.

ORDINANCE 810 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY CHANGING WATER RATES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch had heretofore deemed it necessary to raise water rates in preparation of water infrastructure projects.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, CEDAR COUNTY, IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 92.02(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, Iowa is hereby amended by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following: Rate effective July 1, 2024: \$9.93 per 1000 gallons with 1,700 gallon minimum. Rate effective July 1, 2025: \$10.13 per 1000 gallons with 1,700 gallon minimum. Rate effective July 1, 2026: \$10.33 per 1000 gallons with 1,700 gallon minimum. Rate effective July 1, 2027: \$10.54 per 1000 gallons with 1,700 gallon minimum.”

Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Adjudication. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law. Passed and approved this 20th day of November, 2023. First Reading: October 16, 2023 Second Reading: November 6, 2023 Third Reading: November 20, 2023

Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk No comments. Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve third reading of Ordinance 810. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Third Reading Ordinance 811 – Amending the Code of Ordinance of

the City of West Branch, as previously amended, by Changing Sewer Rates. / Move to action.

ORDINANCE 811 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY CHANGING SANITARY SEWER RATES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch had heretofore deemed it necessary to raise sewer rates to keep up with inflation to ensure that the sewer system can be maintained in a good and working order.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, CEDAR COUNTY, IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 99.01(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, Iowa is hereby amended by deleting adding the following after the line “\$17.65 per 1000 gallons, with a 1,700- gallon minimum, payable monthly effective July 1, 2023,” which reads as follows:

“The sanitary sewer rate per 1000 gallons shall increase annually effective July 1, 2024, and for each July 1st thereafter by two percent (2%).”

Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Adjudication. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

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Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk No comments. Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve second reading of Ordinance 811. AYES: Sexton, Goodweiler, Dean, Miller, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-115 – Approving a Subdivider’s Agreement with Advantage Development, Inc. for The Meadows Subdivision Part Three, West Branch, Iowa. / Move to action. Sexton asked if a sidewalk was required for the West Main Street portion of the property. Developer, Chad Kuene reminded the Council that the City purchased an easement along the south end of the property for the turn lane and that the sidewalk is designed to cross at the roundabout and run along the south side of West Main Street to hook in with the future trail.

Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-115. AYES: Sexton, Goodweiler, Miller, Stoolman, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-116 – Approving the Final Plat of the Meadows Subdivision, Part Three, West Branch, Iowa. / Move to action.

There were no comments. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2023-116. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Goodweiler, Miller, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-117 – Approving the submission of the City of West Branch FY23 Annual Urban Renewal Report. / Move to action. Van Auken reminded the Council that the annual report is due to the Iowa Department of Management by

December 1st of each year and reports how the city uses their Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues. Van Auken said items to note that TIF revenues are used for are: Developer rebate agreements, capital projects and debt obligations of the city. Van Auken informed the Council that two debts have been recently paid off (Water Tower #2 and the judgement to Acciona). Sexton asked how the City would use the money budgeted for the two paid-off debts and Van Auken responded that now those dollars would now be used for other internal loans of the city for new projects.

Motion by Goodweiler, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2023-117. AYES: Goodweiler, Miller, Stoolman, Dean, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-118 – Approving the submission of the City of West Branch FY23 Annual Financial Report to the State Auditor’s Office. / Move to action. Van Auken reminded the Council this annual report due to the State Auditor’s Office reports how the City uses its special revenue, general fund and TIF dollars. Van Auken noted that the most of the money is spent on capital projects which totaled more than eleven million dollars for FY23. The Council had no comments or questions.

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2023-118. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Stoolman, Goodweiler, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-119 – Considering the issue of whether Acciona Windpower North America, LLC. should be rebated a portion of Tax Increment Revenues. / Move to action. No discussion.

Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to consider Resolution 2023-119. AYES: None. NAYS: Sexton, Goodweiler, Dean, Stoolman, Miller. Motion failed. Resolution 2023-120 - Approve Certain Annual Appropriation Payments Pursuant to various Development Agreements. / Move to action.

There were no comments. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2023-120. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Miller, Stoolman, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-121 - Directing the Finance Officer to Certify Tax Increment Financing Debt to the Cedar County Auditor. / Move to action. Van Auken reminded the Council that the City is required to certify any new debt to the Cedar County Auditor by December 1st of each year. Van Auken explained that new debt for FY25 totaled one million, eight hundred and two thousand dollars (\$1,802,000). That debt is comprised of a new interfund loan for one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to pay Johnson County for the Roundabout Project, rebate agreement for Advantage Rentals in an amount of nine thousand, five hundred dollars (\$9,500) and a portion of the 2023 GO Corporate Purpose Bond for the cost of the Roundabout Project in an amount of one million, six hundred forty-two thousand, five hundred (\$1,642,500). The Council had no comments.

Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2023-121. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Stoolman, Miller, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-122 – Establishing a new Capital Fund. / Move to action. No discussion. Motion by Goodweiler, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2023-122. AYES: Goodweiler, Sexton, Stoolman, Miller, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-123 - Approving Pay Estimate Number 13 in the amount of \$517,877.30 to Boomerang Corp. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project. / Move to action. Schechinger said the project was approximately seventy-six percent (76%) complete and that Boomerang is expect-

ed to wrap up the project in the spring. Motion by Dean, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-123. AYES: Dean, Goodweiler, Miller, Stoolman, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-124 – Pledging Financial Support of Hoover’s Hometown Days 2024 in the amount of \$10,000. / Move to action.

Laughlin said he supports the city giving financial support to continue the event for 2024. Kofeod said the city had budgeted money for the event when it was city lead, so the money will come from the general fund as it has in the past. Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2023-124. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Stoolman, Miller, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-125 - Appointing Zachary Murdoch as a Part-Time Officer and setting the salary for FY24. / Move to action. There was no discussion. Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-125. AYES: Sexton, Goodweiler, Miller, Dean. NAYS: None. Abstain: Stoolman. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-126 – Approving a Salary Adjustment for certain appointed officers. / Move to action. Hanna said the proposed pay increase was discussed at the special City Council meeting on October 30, 2023. The Council had no comments.

Motion by Dean, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-126. AYES: Dean, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Miller, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-127 - Approving Change Order Number 4 in the amount of \$23,492.43 for the Eastside Water Main Improvement Project. / Move to action. Sexton questioned the erosion control needed for East Main Street and asked why that was not included in the original bid. Schechinger said it was included and determined later. He also said the contractor uncovered many “surprises” while working on South First Street and issues were addressed as they were encountered to keep the project moving forward. Sexton expressed his thanks to Lynch Excavating for a job well done, noting that they worked efficiently and met the city’s expectations. Sexton added that he wished they could do all of the city’s jobs. The other council members nodded in agreement.

Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2023-127. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-128 - Approve Pay Estimate Number 6 in the amount of \$177,021.15 to Lynch Excavating Inc. for the Eastside Water Main Replacement Project. / Move to action. Schechinger said the project is complete but that the contractor will need to return in the spring and address and seeding that was not able to be completed this fall. Schechinger said there will a couple of pay estimates remaining to close out the project.

Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2023-128. AYES: Sexton, Goodweiler, Dean Miller, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Kofeod asked the Council to review a police officer pay scale that he and Chief Hanna prepared and provide a verbal approval. Kofeod said he would have a formal resolution for council consideration for the next meeting so recruitment efforts could start again. Kofeod also said he has been working with Forrest Brown of Brown’s West Branch on their expansion plans. He also reminded the Council that the FY25 budget process is changing and additional steps and meetings will be required.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report CITY ENGINEER REPORT

## BRIEFS

### West Branch woman wins \$30,000

CLIVE, Iowa – An eastern Iowa woman said her \$30,000 lottery win brought with it an unexpected side effect.

“I had a hard time sleeping last night,” Sandra Stepanek said with a laugh.

Stepanek, of West Branch, won the 35th top prize in the Iowa Lottery’s “\$30,000 Crossword” scratch game.

She bought her winning ticket at Kum & Go, 1310 S. Gilbert St. in Iowa City, and scratched it at home.

“I was having my hubby count how many words I had,” she said of her husband, Dwyane. “I thought I had eight, but I had 10. And then I about flipped. So then we drove to Tipton to check my ticket and make sure I wasn’t hallucinating.”

Stepanek said she plans to use her winnings to pay off a loan and bolster her savings account.

“I’ll be pretty much debt-free except for my car,” she said.

The \$30,000 Crossword game is a \$3 scratch game that features 151 top prizes of \$30,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.52. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ialottery.com.

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Schechinger said he had discussions with Newport Fab & Machine on their business expansion and that they are wanting to do some fall/winter grading in preparation of the expansion. He said a site plan would come in 2024.

STAFF REPORTS – No reports COMMENTS from mayor and council members Dean said he would like the council to reconsider eliminating council pay (that was discussed at the special City Council meeting on October 30th). Dean said he reasons for reconsidering is because that while on a recent vacation, he received several calls and emails from residents on various topics. He said if council members are available during their personal time, they should be compensated. Miller agreed with Dean and said that often, Council members are asked to participate in other meetings including employee interviews which sometimes takes them away from working hours.

adjourment Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk WBT 48

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