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Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	TOTAL	VENDOR
Benefits Inc.	1,035.82	
Washington National Ins Co.	167.26	
Fidelity Investments	1,200.00	
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	34.10	
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co	453.28	
IPERS	125,690.31	
Cedar County Health Fund	170,260.69	
Cedar County Treasurer	452.00	
Nationwide Retirement Solution	140.00	
Cedar County Treasurer	77,706.76	
Cedar County Treasurer	10,203.87	
Cedar County Treasurer	9,089.39	
Cedar County Treasurer	361.82	
Cedar County Treasurer	1,016.42	
COUNTY TOTAL	397,811.72	

Medical Director.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler, Bell
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to adjourn at 10:44 a.m., to February 3, 2026.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell, Bixler
Jeff Kaufmann, Chairperson Pro-Tem
Nicki Welch, Auditor
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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. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)
West Branch, Iowa; City Council; February 2, 2026
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 5:30 p.m.
Mayor Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Roll call: Council members present; Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, Chanry Noel and Tom Dean. City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofoed, City Clerk Alycia Friis, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Police Chief Greg Hall, Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Library Director Jessie Shaffer, Parks and Rec Director Erin Laughlin
APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Miller, 2nd by Noel. Motion carried on a voice vote.
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Approve Minutes from the January 20, 2025 City Council meeting.
Approve WBFD New Membership
Approve December Financials
Approve Claims for February 2, 2026.
EXPENDITURES - 2/2/2026
ACTION SEWER & SEPTIC-CLEAN SEWER LINE-683.50
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS - LIBRARY, P & R-524.81
ASCAP-MUSIC LICENSE FEE-458.00
BOOMERANG-CEDAR JOHNSON RD PAY EST 8--264,095.77
GOERDT INSPECTION -BLDG INSPECTIONS-1,344.00
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-2,705.05
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS-POLICE BODY CAMERA BUNDLES-28,361.20
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-265.62
STERICYCLE-SHREDDING SERVICES-98.98
UNIV OF IOWA SCHOOL-STRATEGIS PLAN SRVS 2ND INST-12,500.00
WHITE CAP-SNOW FENCE - PW-87.55
TOTAL--311,124.48
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 2/2/2026
67,890.58
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS
ACTION SEWER & SEPTIC-CLEAN SEWER LINES-474.00
AERO RENTAL-BOOM LIFT RENTAL - LIGHTS-597.50
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS- PD, LIBRARY-511.68
APPARATUS TESTING SERVICE-PUMP TESTING - FIRE-837.50
BARNHART'S CUSTOM SERVICES-SAND FOR DEICING-437.50
BEAN & BEAN-GRAVE OPENINGS-2,600.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL-MEDICAL SUPPLIES - FIRE-239.80
CHOPPERS GRINDING SERVICE-BRUSH PILE GRINDING & HAULING-8,000.00
CORRIDOR ENERGY COOP-STREET LIGHTS-332.38
CULLIGAN WATER-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-31.49
E O JOHNSON-COPIER MAINTENANCE - LIB -193.17
EMPATHY STUDIOS-ONLINE TRAINING - LIBRARY-764.10
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-2,811.36
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT-FIRE EXTINGUISHER - FIRE-120.00
HI-LINE-VEHICLE REPAIR PARTS - PW-271.17
HOTSYS CLEANING SYSTEMS-FILTER & PARTS - FIRE-43.68
IMWCA - IMWCA FY26
INSTALLMENT 7--3,768.00
IOWA ASSN. MUN. UTILITIES-QUARTLY SAFETY TRAINING DUES-1,027.00
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-28.00
LRS HOLDINGS-TRASH & RECYCLING NOV 2025-39,839.00
LYNCH'S EXCAVATING-WATER MAIN SERVICE REPAIR - PW-4,451.00
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS-APC BATTERY BACKUP- PD-255.00
MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICES -41.90
MISCELLANEOUS VENDOR-GLENDA COOK-CANCELLED EVENT-50.00
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES -

JANUARY 2026-1,500.00
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-520.49
PARKSIDE SERVICE-TIRE INSTALLATION & RIM - PW-30.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-1,046.50
TOTAL WATER TREATMENT-WATER TREATMENT TANKS- FIRE-423.50
USA BLUE BOOK-WATER TESTING SUPPLIES-170.17
WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS & PW JOB AD-1,586.50
WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-1,254.33
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 1-26-2026--4.91
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 1-20-2026--14.25
METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-2,387.38
SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -17,614.09
DONAHUES CARPET & UPHOLSTERY-CARPET CLEANING - CITY-384.90
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY-TRAINING - PD-50.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS-S GALLONS PREMIUM FLUID - PW-156.89
US BANK-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES -1,767.39
VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-424.81
TOTAL--97,060.34
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--476,075.40
FUND TOTALS

001 GENERAL FUND-131,051.36
031 LIBRARY-7,543.84
110 ROAD USE TAX-7,703.38
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-34,583.40
324 WW TREATM FAC IMP 2021-262,895.39
331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECONS-1,200.38
600 WATER FUND-19,074.54
610 SEWER FUND-11,439.57
740 STORM WATER UTILITY -583.54
GRAND FUND TOTAL--476,075.40
REVENUE-FISCAL YEAR 2025 FUND-DECEMBER
001 GENERAL FUND-84,767.60
022 CIVIC CENTER-500.00
026 SIGNS ACCIONA DONATION-80.48
031 LIBRARY-3,211.20
036 TORT LIABILITY-1,688.14
110 ROAD USE TAX-27,841.74
112 TRUST & AGENCY-8,511.54
121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX-52,891.04
125 TIF-26,425.41
126 TIF LMI MEADOWS PT 4-(17,517.74)
226 DEBT SERVICE-4,925.40
300 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE-1,917.80
501 KROUTH PRINCIPAL FUND-593.47
502 KROUTH INTEREST FUND-277.25
600 WATER FUND-71,008.87
610 SEWER FUND-90,650.12
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-6,034.50
TOTAL--363,806.82
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum - None
Discussion/Move to Action - FY27 Budget Discussion - Kofoed shared a general overview of the use of the General Funds. Each department head shared any changes within their budget with the Mayor and Council. Cemetery work- with 1/3 of the roads worked on last year, again this year there will be another 1/3 of the roads worked on with next year being the completion of this project. Roads, Streets, Lights - tree trimming will continue and funds set aside for vehicles to replace the Osh Kosh next year. Police - A small salary increase is planned along with DARA training that will be hosted here in West Branch. Fire - The main change for this fund will be the salary for a fulltime fire chief. Parks and Rec - Changing the lawn care provider along with adding back in swimming with the reopening of the Tipton pool. Cameras will be added to Beranek Park in FY27, mulch will be added to the playgrounds, laser level of the fields at Cubby Park and Laughlin and Friis are working on grants for the trail to connect the Johnson County trail and to run in front of the High School. Town Hall - Laughlin is working with MSWB on matching grant funds to be able to do some work to the town hall building. Library - Standard inflation has added a slight increase to the operating funds for the Library along with looking to replace the oldest furnace and one of the remote doors to the building. Clerk/Administration - slight increase in the budget for a new auditing firm and expenses, contract labor and a new website, while overall salaries and election items will be lower this FY. Garbage & Recycle - This is a break even account, so there should be no change this year to this one.

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE NO. 834
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 69 - NO PARKING ZONES BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa: 1. Amendment. Section 69.08 (15)(c), is hereby amended by deleting item number 2 in its entirety: 69.08 NO PARKING ZONES. 15. Streets beginning with "N" with no parking zones. A. North Fifth Street. The west side of North Fifth Street. B. North First Street. The east side of North First Street that lies north of East Green Street. C. North Fourth Street. The east side of North Fourth Street from East Main Street to the north City limits, and on the west side of North Fourth Street except in the following instances: (1) The west side of North Fourth Street from the north curb line of East Main Street to a point north approximately 120 140 feet. (2) The west side of North Fourth Street from a point 115 feet to the north of the north curb line of the intersection of East College Street and North Fourth Street to the intersection of North Fourth Street and East Orange Street. 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. 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. 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 on the 5nd day of February, 2026.
First Reading: January 5, 2026

Second Reading: January 20, 2026
Third Reading: February 2, 2026
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve and adopt Ordinance 834 Amending Chapter 69. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026 - 07 Setting Public Hearings on proposed amendments to the West Branch zoning code regarding accessory dwelling units and permitted obstructions in required yards./ Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Noel to approve Resolution 2026-07. AYES: Miller, Noel, Horihan, Sexton, Dean. NAYS: Motion carried.
Resolution 2026 - 08 Approving the Building Plan for the proposed remodel of the Honey Den and Main Street Sweets./ Move to Action.
Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-08. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Dean, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026 - 09 Setting a date for Consultation and a date for a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment No. 9 to the Amended and Restated West Branch Urban Renewal Plan./ Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-09. AYES: Miller, Dean, Sexton, Noel, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026-12 Approving an Agreement with Hoover's Hometown Days regarding Hoover-Ball./ Move to Action.
Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-09. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Horihan, Noel, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Next Monday, February 9th, will be the 2nd work session at 5:30pm and there will be a more in depth discussion on the various areas of the FY27 proposed budget. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - Follow up on the nuisance citation for the house on Main Street, is that there is a current contract to sell the home. Lawyer Olson provided a list of the items that would

need to be corrected following the sell of the home in order to provide the buyer with the expectation from the city before purchasing the property. CITY ENGINEER REPORT - None
STAFF REPORTS- None
COMMENTS from mayor and council members - Discussion about the potential for the old Mexico Lindo building. The Mayor and Administrator will reach out to the owner and discuss options. The question of where we are at with resurfacing Main Street and it was shared that V&K was working on a plan/projection. The question of a manually operated street light to put in place of the temporary stop signs at the High School entrance. There will be more work done to see about this option and the funding. A question of on the water break on Greenview that keeps happening and where we are at on it. This has been listed as a priority for project work and will be looked at, adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor
Alycia Friis, City Clerk
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Card of Thanks

The family of Sandy Willert would like to thank everyone for all the phone calls, food, flowers and memorials.

Jon & Teri Willert and family
Kristi & Steve Stafford and family
Carly Willert and family

Thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls and verbal greetings for my 90th birthday. Thanks to family for making my day special.

Unice Boedeker

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED WEST BRANCH URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. PLEASE BE ALSO ADVISED that a public hearing on said proposed Amendment No. 9 to the Amended and Restated West Branch Urban Renewal Plan will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 N. Poplar Street, West Branch, Iowa 52358. At that time, the City Council will receive comments for or against said Amendment. Said Amendment No. 9 will add Lot 1, Pedersen Valley, Part One, West Branch, Iowa to the West Branch Urban Renewal Area. In addition, written comments can be forwarded to the City Clerk.

Alycia Friis, City Clerk
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Cedar county board

(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITORS' OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE--WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA
January 28, 2026
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 28, 2026 with following members present: Barnhart, Gaul and Chairperson Pro-Tem Kaufmann. Absent were Bixler and Bell. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present.
Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 1/23/2026 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444766 for \$11,215.82-self funded medical claims.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell, Bixler
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve Board Minutes of January 20, 2026.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler, Bell
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #204081-204228 for period ending 1/17/26 and to be paid on 1/23/26.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell, Bixler
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to authorize Opioid Task Force to spend up to \$5,000 before needing Board approval.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler, Bell
Conservation Director Petersen met with Board for FY26/27 budget review. No decisions were made.
Auditor Welch met with Board for FY26/27 budget review. Welch also reviewed GIS and Human Resources budgets. No decisions were made.
Engineer Fangmann met with Board for FY26/27 budget review. Fangmann provided a handout detailing expenditures and revenues for FY27. No decisions were made.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to authorize Chairperson Pro-Tem Kaufmann to sign 2026 Maintenance Policy for Application of Dust Control.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell, Bixler
Finance Director Dauber met with Board for FY26/27 budget review for Non-departmental and 911 Coordinator. No decisions were made.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to authorize Pro-Tem Kaufmann to sign Business Associate Agreement for

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

Cedar County Emergency Management Commission
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The Cedar County Emergency Management Commission will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

Meeting Date/Time: 2/24/2026 08:20 AM	Contact: Dwayne Brown Jr.	Phone: (563) 886-3355
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Meeting Location: Small Basement Meeting Room, Cedar County Courthouse, 400 Cedar Street, Tipton - OR-via phone at (571) 317-3122, Access Code 794 650 117

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals>.

EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Administration and Operations	237,625	38,500	276,125	Hazard Mitigation Plan
Capital Outlays	15,500	0	15,500	
Total	253,125	38,500	291,625	

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JOHNSON CO. - 39.50 Acres, just N of Iowa City, along Hwy 1. Includes a house, outbuildings, and historic barn. 21.41 crop acres w/66.80 CSR2. **\$29,500/acre.**

MUSCATINE CO. - 80.15 Acres located 6 miles NE of Muscatine, off US-61. Well-maintained pasture ideal for cow/calf or cattle operation. **\$7,500/acre.**

SCOTT CO. - 55.18 Acres in Davenport along I-280. 45.09 crop acres with an 80.20 CSR2. **\$19,500/acre.**

DEVELOPMENT LAND

CEDAR CO. - 5.44 Acres in city limits on hard-surfaced roads, SE side of Lowden. A timbered lot near access to utilities with existing garage. **\$239,000.00**

JOHNSON CO. - 115.21 Acres, just north of Iowa City on Hwy 1. 86.80 Crop acres with 59.10 CSR2. Zoned for residential development. **\$29,500/acre.**

RESIDENTIAL LOT FOR SALE

CEDAR CO. - A 1.49-acre lot located 3 miles south of West Branch, close to the Village of Downey.
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