

Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	875.74
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	33.88
Washington National Ins Co.	167.26
Fidelity Investments	1,200.00
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co	514.13
IPERS	108,408.83
Cedar County Health Fund	154,060.06
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	140.00
Cedar County Treasurer	73,987.52
Cedar County Treasurer	9,919.46
Cedar County Treasurer	9,096.56
Cedar County Treasurer	464.51
Cedar County Treasurer	641.99
COUNTY TOTAL	359,509.94
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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
January 28, 2025
The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 28, 2025 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler was absent. Members of the public were also present. The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/24/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441263 for \$1,074.28-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the agenda. Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler
Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Community Services Director Tschuk provided and update to the Board on funding proposal for Behavior Health. Jerry Goldsmith asked the Board what the status is on the resolution on eminent domain. The Board read County Attorney Blank's response regarding the resolution. Goldsmith expressed to the Board his feelings of the importance to set ordinances while no pipeline is currently in cedar county.

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to approve the Board Minutes of January 21, 2025.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #200223-200369 for the period ending 1/18/25 and to be paid on 1/24/25.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
The Board reported on Outreach/ Committee Meetings they attended. EMA Director Freet met with the Board to review EMS Director candidate county schedule. The schedule was filled. Auditor Welch met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review for the Auditor and GIS budgets. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review. Fangmann provided a handout detailing expenditures and revenues for FY26. No decisions were made.

Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review. No decisions were made.

Head Custodian Gritton met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review. No decisions were made.

Finance Director Dauber met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review for the Non-departmental, Human Resources and 911 Coordinator. No decisions were made.

Phil Waniorek, Benefits, Inc. met with the Board to discuss FY25/26 health plan, rates and administration. Cedar County's Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal increase is 7.15% with no changes made to our plan. Discussion was held on our fund for partial self-funded decreasing. Waniorek suggested a flat 10% increase to our plan to help increase our partial self-funded balance. Discussion was held. No decisions were made on our health rates.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Administrative Services Proposal. Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler
Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Resolution awarding contract for bridge replacement project BROS-C016(118)—8J-16.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to have IT Director Pierce set up EMS website on our main website due to MCM letting the URL expire for the EMS website.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign a contract with Jody Freet for the HSGP Grant.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve \$10,000 using LATCF funds to the Hoover Presidential Foundation.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:55 a.m., to February 4, 2025.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler

Jon Bell, Chairperson
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 3, 2025
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, Mike Horihan, Tom Dean, Jerry Sexton and Jodee Stoolman.

City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofod, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Police Chief Greg Hall, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, and Park & Recreation Director Erin Laughlin.

Attending via Zoom: Library Director Jessie Schafer and City Engineer Dave Schechinger.

APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Approve minutes from the January 21, 2025 City Council meeting.

Approve minutes from the January 21, 2025 City Council Work Session.

Claims for February 3, 2025
EXPEDITURES - 2/3/2025

ACTION SEWER & SEPTIC-CLEAN SEWER LINE-350.00

AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS-LIBRARY, P&R-215.52

BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-388.44

BROWN, MANDA-TOWN HALL REFUND-260.00
E O JOHNSON BUSINESS-COPIER MAINTENANCE-CITY-167.43
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-2,761.10
IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-30.60
MENARDS-LAGOON SUPPLIES, FRIDGE, STOOL-665.49
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-243.80
PARKSIDE SERVICE-TIRES FOR PW TRUCKS-3,833.28
QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES-CITY-132.91
STERICYCLE-SHREDDING SERVICES-91.04
THE HOME DEPOT PRO-TP CLEANER-TH-108.19
VEENSTRA & KIMM-VARIOUS PROJECTS-16,066.50
TOTAL--25,314.30
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 1/31/2025
55,378.22
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-UNIFORMS, SUPPLIES, TOOLS-1,089.92
MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICE-51.90
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-257.89
VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-454.71
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 1/21/2025-67.41
METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-2,391.22
SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -18,674.70
4IMPINT-POLOS FOR COUNCIL, STAFF-299.47
AERO RENTAL-BOOM LIFT RENTAL-LIGHTS-632.28
ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-20,771.17
BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-125.96
CAPITAL ONE-PROGRAM SUPPLIES-LIB-38.62
E O JOHNSON BUSINESS TECH-COPIER MAINTENANCE-LIB-137.38
LINN COUNTY R.E.C.-STREET LIGHTS-313.08
MOORE'S WELDING-STREET SIGN SUPPLIES-89.47
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-385.67
PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER-REPLENISH POSTAGE-LIBRARY-100.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-87.00
US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-4,363.26
TOTAL--50,331.11
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--131,023.63
FUND TOTALS
001 GENERAL FUND-38,920.49
022 CIVIC CENTER-997.69
031 LIBRARY-7,149.11
110 ROAD USE TAX-10,709.13
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-21,697.98
330 EASTSIDE WATER MAINS PH2-865.00
331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECON-15,201.50
600 WATER FUND-18,495.39
610 SEWER FUND-16,408.18
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-579.16
GRAND FUND TOTAL--131,023.63

Miller questioned if the City receives rebates on Menards purchases. Brick responded that rebates are received and used by all departments for future purchases and that the rebates are held by the Finance Officer until needed.

Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Stoolman, Sexton, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum
Shelly Mott, Hoover Presidential Foundation Executive Director of Development – presentation on the Community Attraction Tourism (CAT) Grant. Mott said the Foundation was nearing their fundraising campaign for the \$20.3 million-dollar renovation project of the Herbert Hoover Library Museum which commenced at the end of January. Mott said the last renovation of the library was more than 30 years ago and the project includes an addition and total revamp of the museum. The library is scheduled to re-open in 2026. Mott said the Foundation is applying for the CAT Grant and needs to secure support from the County and City in which the library is located as a requirement of the grant. Mott said the Cedar County Board of Supervisors has committed \$10,000 toward the project and Mott said the Foundation is asking the City to commit \$5,000. Mott said the Foundation understands budget constraints, but asked the Council to consider the request. By pledging support to the Foundation, the \$400,000 CAT Grant will help them reach their remaining \$1 million-dollar fundraising goal. Councilperson Miller suggested that the City match the County's support and pledge \$10,000 as well and said Hotel/ Motel funds could be used since this would be considered economic development. The other Council members were agreeable to Miller's suggestion.

John Fuller, 911 W. Main St., and Chairperson of the West Branch Planning & Zoning Commission addressed the Council on the matter of agenda item 8e. Fuller said the P&Z commission supports the initiative to update the West Branch Comprehensive Plan that was revised and adopted in June of 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA
Second Reading Ordinance 822 - Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, Iowa, by adding a new section pertaining to debts subject to the Setoff Program. Move to action. Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve the second reading of Ordinance 822. AYES: Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-08 – Approving a 28E Agreement with Johnson County regarding the Cedar-Johnson Road Improvements. / Move to action.
Olson said that when he first met with officials from Johnson County, we (the City) had proposed Johnson County conveying the right-of-way to the City of West Branch so that the City could use TIF monies to pay for a part of the project. After review by the Johnson County attorney, Johnson County decided to keep the right-of-way. However, Johnson County consented to the area needed for the Cedar-Johnson Road project to be included the City of West Branch's "area of operation," which allows the City of West Branch to use TIF monies even though the property being used is not part of the project will be located in unincorporated Johnson County.

Motion by Sexton, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2025-08. AYES: Sexton, Dean, Horihan, Stoolman, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-09 – Establishing a new Capital Fund. / Move to action.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-09. AYES: Dean, Miller, Horihan, Sexton, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-10 - Approving an Agreement with Hoover Presidential Foundation regarding Hoover-Ball. / Move to action.
Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-10. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Horihan, Stoolman, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-11 - Authorizing a Partnership with the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC), a program of the University of Iowa. / Move to action.
Miller asked if the \$50,000 cost was for a completed Comprehensive Plan and if there will be any additional costs.

Kofod indicated that there would be no additional costs. Sexton asked when the project starts. John Fuller said, if the City of West Branch is selected by IISC, the project would start in August 2025 and be completed by the end of the school year of 2026.

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2025-11. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-12 – Setting a date for a Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative for the provision of providing for the distribution, transmission and sale of electricity within the City of West Branch, Iowa; and allowing for the Petition for an Election. / Move to action.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-12. AYES: Dean, Miller, Stoolman, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-13 – Setting a date for a Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Alliant Energy for the provision of providing for the distribution, transmission and sale of electricity within the City of West Branch, Iowa; and allowing for the Petition for an Election. / Move to action.
Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-13. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Horihan, Stoolman, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-14 – Setting a date for a Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Alliant Energy for the provision of providing for the distribution, transmission and sale of natural gas within the City of West Branch, Iowa; and allowing for the Petition for an Election. / Move to action.
Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2025-14. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman, Dean, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion – Request to Hire for Grading of South Water Tower Site
Goodale said the City owns a 4-acre parcel where the south water tower is and has been the dumping ground for the past several years for left over concrete from various street projects, dirt, contractors needing to get rid of extra material and most recently used as a temporary brush pile. The area is need of clean-up and the City does not have the equipment or staff that can handle such a large clean-up. Barnhart Custom Services has approached Goodale with an offer to remove the excess material and grade the site as part of a project with Nordex. Barnhart estimates the clean-up will cost approximately \$30,000. Goodale said he feels that Barnhart is giving the City a fair deal, but does not have money in his budgets for this unexpected project. Sexton said he observed the area and noted that some of the dumped materials have encroached onto Nordex's property and that the City should remedy the issue as soon as possible. Miller was concerned that the heavy equipment would cause damage to the roadway used to access the water tower, but Goodale reminded him that Nordex owns the right-of-way that the City uses as the access to the water tower. Olson said should the City decide to approve an agreement with Barnhart, he could add language about repairing the right-of-way access. In response to Goodale's dilemma on how to pay for the clean-up, Kofod suggested using general fund dollars.

Discussion – LMI Housing Programs
Kofod introduced the Council to some ideas for LMI programs and gave a brief overview on other cities programs. Kofod asked the Council to review the information and said he would survey them at the next meeting to discuss the Council's ideas for implementing the new program.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Kofod thanked Van Auken for her many hours of work on the budget.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report
CITY ENGINEER REPORT
Schechinger said he has been working with IDOT on tracking down reimbursements from the I-80 project that Van Auken alerted him of. He also reported that he will be meeting with FEMA next week on the Wapsi Creek project to keep that moving forward.

STAFF REPORTS
Schafer said the library will host an author visit on Wednesday. H.M. Bouwman author of Scattergood will be at the library at 5:00 p.m.

COMMENTS from mayor and council members – No comments
adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Trader Ads

Cookbook – The Wooden Spoon Cookbook: Authentic Amish Cooking. From Ohio, pub. 2000. \$8. Call 563-886-3405, leave message. #7

Cookbook – Jo Beers Pie Contest & Auction: The First 10 Years. All recipes have name and town of person entering. From 2016. \$8. Call 563-886-3405, leave message. #6

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Roger Laughlin, Mayor
ATTEST:
Leslie Brick, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Assessing Jurisdiction: CEDAR COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: (entered upon publish) Meeting Time: (entered upon publish) Meeting Location: (entered upon publish)
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 Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: (entered upon publish) Contact Telephone Number: (entered upon publish)

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount to be Raised By Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	619,767	672,398	529,784		1,196,502	1,167,476	13,013	0	545,797
2. FICA				0	0	0	0	0	0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. TOTAL	619,767	672,398	529,784	0	1,196,502	1,167,476	13,013	0	545,797

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.34586
Virtual Meeting Information:
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