

Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	PAY DATE	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	3/21/2025	890.74
Phelps the Uniform Specialists		33.88
Washington National Ins Co.		167.26
Fidelity Investments		1,200.00
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co		520.80
IPERS		107,811.62
Cedar County Health Fund		152,029.00
Nationwide Retirement Solution		140.00
Cedar County Treasurer		74,388.71
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COUNTY TOTAL		357,363.34

Cedar county claims

3/13/2025	3/13/2025
General Basic Fund	3083.47-Waste Management of Iowa-20yrd
4812.86-Advanced Correctional-medical	28.95-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone
2398.00-Ahlers-Cooney-Dorweiler-labor relations	280.80-Conservative Publishing-budget
154.25-Alliant Energy-util	210.00-ISAC-ISAC Spring
2450.00-Astorfer Inc-ESC	103.48-Office Express-toner
152.64-Amazon Capital Services-keyboard	25.54-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
1000.00-ASC Acquisition LLC-maint	191.70-Sun News-budget
1205.00-AT&T Mobility-phone	280.80-West Branch Times-budget
2199.41-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone	228630.30-Grand Total
538.11-Baker Paper-towels	5880.00-Cedar County COOP-Diesel
500.00-Bow Tie Automotive-repairs	598.96-Cedar County Health Fund-Insurance
30.50-Hannah Bower-grand juror	155.66-Cedar County Repair-Brush cutting
94.62-Brown's West Branch-oil change	516.60-Central Petroleum Equip
498.86-Capital One-building items	22059.86-Certified Power-New equipment
364.00-CE Solutions VGM Group Inc.-contract	2181.15-Laurence & Julie Christiansen-Land LFM-202502--7X-
80.00-Cedar County Fair Assoc-passes	4873.26-City of Tipton-Util
579.32-Cedar County Health Fund-ins	73.95-City of Mechanicsville-Util
12594.18-City of Tipton-Elec	4873.26-City of Tipton-Util
1600.99-Conservative Publishing-stamps	55.00-CJ Cooper & Assoc-Safety testing
10778.10-Consolidated Management Co-meals	1386.41-Cove Equipment -Parts
178.33-Copy Systems-copies	1684.82-Dirks Land Co-Land LFM-202502--7X-
31.50-Dale Coultas-grand juror	2760.00-Kody McCollam DMC Wear Parts-Blades
75.00-D&R Pest Control-spray	100.00-Ted Gaul-Safety Shoes
385.00-Mike Dauber-ME	805.00-Holm's Radiator LLC dba-Parts
224.40-Deana Drumbarger-mil	274.00-J.J. Nitching Company-Parts
1520.00-Dubuque County Auditor-ME fees	240.40-Thiesens-PAint
356.59-Eastern IA Light&Power-elec	25.32-Joshua Kessler-Aflac Refund
526.90-Fry Funeral Home-funeral	3920.00-Richard Kordick Kordick-Land LFM-202502--7X-
27.00-Hale Printing-decals	2253.73-AI Miller-Land LFM-202502--7X-
45.00-Clint Hampton-grand juror	212.93-Genuine Parts Company Inc-Parts
52.31-Ashley Hansen-mil	150.00-Niles Chiropractic, Inc-Safety testing
21.51-Carrie Harper-mil	85.00-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-Sundry
100.00-Allan Haynes-mtgs	34.89-Reserve Account-Postage
120.00-Barbara J Haynes-mtg	1682.28-R & D Dircks Land Co-Land LFM-202502--7X-
175.00-Heartland Shredding Inc-shred	48.00-Ron Alpen Ford, Inc-Parts
241.87-Hermesen Automotive LLC-oil chg	490.03-Sinclair Tractor-Filters
37.00-Steven Highly-grand juror	31.00-Snap-on Tools Baily Kemp-Shop tools
31.00-Lisa Horman-grand juror	85.99-T Mobile-Phone
48.70-Robin Housley-mil	1022.11-TELVENT DTN, LLC-Maint Agreeme
48.70-Shelly Howsare-mil	29.78-US Cellular-Phone
145.00-IA Health Care Assoc-Book	30.53-VISA/Bankers Bank-Servicing Equipment
100.00-Iowa Dept of Inspection and-inspection	Transfer Station Fund
269.21-Iowa Paper-maint	1187.41-Alliant Energy-elec
583.00-iPrint Technologies, Inc.-toner/fuser	510.29-Capital One-paper supplies
250.00-ISACA TREASURER-dues 2025	696.77-Cintas Corporation-uniforms
53.00-Steven Jacobs-grand juror	156.35-Conservative Publishing-legal
50.90-Bruce Jeffries-Other	314.21-Thiesens-DEF/battery
54.97-Thiesens-fuel	37.02-Reserve Account-Solid Waste
316.55-Johnson Co. Medical Examiner-ME	14882.95-Quad Cities Landfill-landfill
42.00-Melody Kelley-Byrd-grand juror	3209.01-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
933.00-Kiesler's Police Supply Inc-gun	63.61-Sun News-mtg/min
704.40-KMDE, LLC-solar	2500.00-Weikert Iron-ewaste
52.00-Meredith Knobloch-grand juror	63.61-West Branch Times-mtg/min
44.00-Robert Krogmeier-grand juror	118.00-Wex Bank-DEF
40.00-Robert Langley-mtg	Cedar Co Health Fund
52.87-Language Line Services-interpreter	2089.25-Benefits, Inc-mthly
417.06-Lynch's Plumbing, Inc.-toilet	25930.36-CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER-self funded med
923.50-Mail Services, LLC-postage	Conservation Trust Fund
750.00-Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC-software	16.73-Capital One-program
49.80-Michael Male-mil	12.37-Family Foods-program
31.00-Daniel Mcelderry-grand juror	59.93-Menards-totes
19.69-Scott McLaughlin-storage	Early Childhood la-Cedar/Jones
290.78-Menards-mat/spreader	890.00-Bennett Comm. School-Scholarships
100.00-Mike Moes-mtg	400.00-Durant Community Schools-scholarships
36.02-O'Reilly Automotive, Inc-wipers	2489.97-Genesis VNA-Nurse Consultant
122.18-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-paper	4550.78-Grant Wood AEA-CART
158.99-Office Express-paper, envelope	6142.69-Hawkeye Area Community Action-Nurse Consultant
31.00-Jillian Paustian-grand juror	545.79-Sherri R. Hunt-mil
35.00-Zachary Pedersen-grand juror	770.00-Little Panther Preschool-Scholarships
2941.21-Reserve Account-postage	3125.31-Lutheran Services in Iowa-PAT-LSI
3729.06-Progressive Rehabilitation-PT	240.00-North Cedar CSD Lowden-scholarships
122.57-Ron Alpen Ford, Inc-brake maint	250.00-North Cedar CSD Mechanicsville-Scholarships
109.00-Sanofi Pasteur Inc-tubersol	120.00-Olin Community School-Scholarships
20.00-John Schott-mtg	1018.77-Sacred Heart Preschool-Scholarships
60.00-Bill Schwitzer-mtg	1198.31-St. Patrick's Preschool-Scholarships
812.00-Secondary Road Fund-fuel	5462.49-Young Parents Network-PAT-YPN
450.85-Joselyn Snook-mil	Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund
19.75-Spahn & Rose Lumber Co-wood	10.30-Amazon Capital Services-AED
212.50-State Hygienic Laboratory-sampling	227.00-Jamie L Kline Can Do Handman-tile repair
54.20-Michael Stigers-mil	140.00-Cedar County Fair Assoc-pass/vendor
246.40-Sarah Subbert-hotel	736.85-City of Tipton-util
1617.39-Summit Companies Summit Fire-duct	7.59-Reserve Account-Disaster
1251.94-Sun News-legal	E911
60.50-Uniform Den Inc-uniforms	188.57-Clerance Telephone Company-data
80.00-PAUL URMIE-mtg	18.00-F&B Communications-data
628.36-US Cellular-phone	253.00-Mechanicsville Telephone-data
235.23-Vestis-mats/mops	542.04-VISA/Bankers Bank-elec
1947.70-VISA/Bankers Bank-16-36 squad	
202.40-Elizabeth Voss-mil	
1421.54-West Branch Times-legal	
46.00-Warren Wethington-charger	
207.70-Wex Bank-fuel	
34.00-Larry Wiegmann-grand juror	
100.00-Devalyn Wilson-mtg	
General Supplemental Fund	
802.84-Conservative Publishing-legals	
76.00-Brian P. Donnelly P.C.-committal	
11.00-Megan Hamdorf-mil	
150.00-Tina Hanks-peo	
1765.00-Hartford Fire Insurance Co.-ins	
187.00-Pam Hartwig-peo	
140.55-Thomas Keteleser-peo	
66.50-Jodine Lovell-runner	
150.00-Tina Moore-peo	
150.00-Marlene Perkins-peo	
52.44-Reserve Account-election	
218.35-Deborah Pruess-peo	
140.55-Stacey Rubner-peo	
65.00-SEAT Treasurer-SEAT CE	
174.20-Jody Yutesler-peo	
Rural Services Basic Fund	
26.80-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone	
23.94-Conservative Publishing-legal	
40.82-Copy Systems-copies	
67.06-Reserve Account-EZ	
3932.14-Secondary Road Fund-fuel	
23.94-Sun News-legal	
29.21-US Cellular-phone	

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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
March 25, 2025
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in session at 8:15 a.m. March 25, 2025 with following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler absent. Deputy Auditor Hamdorf recorded minutes. Kaufmann entered Boardroom at 8:19 a.m. Chairperson Bell read public hearing notice for FY25/26 Proposed Property Tax Levy. Finance Director Dauber reviewed legal notice and tax rates. Discussion held on assessments, distribution of taxes and budget cuts. Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to end public hearing for FY25/26 Proposed Property Tax Levy at 8:58 a.m.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:58 a.m. March 25, 2025 with following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler absent. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.
Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 3/21/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441793 for \$12,535.78-self funded medical claims. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve agenda.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Board Minutes of March 18, 2025.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #200799-200946 for period ending 3/15/25 and to be paid on 3/21/25 and to approve Claim Disbursements #441612 - #441791 paid on 3/13/2025.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Samantha Tuttle and Kristie Fortmann-Doser met with Board to request Board pass a Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month for Domestic Violence Intervention Program.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Proclamation for April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to set public hearing date for FY 25/26 County Budget to 9:30 a.m. on April 15, 2025.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa Fiscal Agent Agreement with Cedar County.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Discussion held on a member of Commission to Assess Damages/Eminent Domain Commission. Commission needs another banker. Consensus to reach out to Kent Stout.
Engineer Fangmann met with Board to discuss 2025 Rock Resurfacing Program; he also provided a map. Fangmann informed Board they will be purchasing 112,000 ton of rock with each district getting 11,200 ton. quotes will be due on April 10, 2025.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve 2025 Rock Resurfacing Program as presented.
Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve continued full time seasonal employment for Danny Meyer at \$19.00/ hour effective 6/2/2025
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve a new 8-month Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor service and living quarters for Barn at Bunker Hill.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve a new 8-month Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor service and living quarters for Cedar River Campground.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to renew a 12month Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor service for Wahkonsa County Club.
Ayes: All
At 9:30 a.m. a Public Hearing on Ordinance #67, An Ordinance to Adopt A Moratorium On Development And Construction Of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Pipelines In Cedar County, Iowa held. This first hearing of three. Carl Salmons explained moratorium. Jerry Goldsmith expressed a need for an Ordinance to setback distances.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to set maximum credit limit at \$10,000 with a per purchase limit set by Department Head recommendation.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Discussion held on Notice of Voluntary Resignation submitted by Head Custodian Alicia Gritton effective 3/26/2025. Auditor Welch called into Boardroom. Discussion held. Consensus of Board to have Custodian position report to Auditor and ask retiree John Barnum if he would come back as in interim Custodian.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve a handwritten warrant #441882 in amount of \$1,000 to Lucas Pearce for Home Base Iowa application.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., to April 1, 2025.
Ayes: All

Legal Notice

CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,150,000
(GENERAL OBLIGATION)
The City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa (the "City"), will meet on April 21, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, 110 N. Poplar Street, West Branch, Iowa, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,150,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of (a) constructing street, water system, sidewalk, sanitary sewer system and storm water drainage improvements; and (b) acquiring and installing street lighting, signage and signalization improvements.
The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and will constitute a general obligation of the City.
It is estimated the annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from the City entering into the Loan Agreement will be \$70.69, however the City Council may determine for any fiscal year while the Loan Agreement is outstanding to budget other available revenues to the payment of some or all of the debt service coming due thereunder.
At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.
By order of the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa.
Leslie Brick
City Clerk
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Council Chambers; Special Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll call: Council members present; Colton Miller, Jerry Sexton and Jodee Stoolman.
Via Zoom: Tom Dean and Mike Horihan.
City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Koloeed and City Clerk Leslie Brick.
Attending via Zoom: City Engineer Dave Schechinger.
APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum - none
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 2025-34 - Accepting bids and awarding the construction contract for the Cedar-Johnson Road Reconstruction Project. / Move to action.
(This item was tabled at the March 17, 2025 City Council meeting.)
The city received eleven (11) bids at the March 13, 2025 bid opening for the Cedar-Johnson Road Reconstruction Project. The apparent low bid came from Boomerang Corp. of Anamosa, Iowa in the amount of \$2,127,723.71.
Schechinger urged the Council to accept the bid and award the contract so that the project could start. He reminded them that the contract is a "completion day" contract and that delaying the contract could affect the "good" weather days on the front end of the project as compared to the "bad" weather days at the end of the contract. The Council had no comments.
Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2025-34. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Dean, Stoolman, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - No report
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - Absent
CITY ENGINEER REPORT - None
STAFF REPORTS
Brick reminded the Council of the special City Council meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. where the council will hold a public hearing for the proposed maximum levy. The regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.
COMMENTS from mayor and council members - None
adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to renew a 12month Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor service for Wahkonsa County Club.
Ayes: All
At 9:30 a.m. a Public Hearing on Ordinance #67, An Ordinance to Adopt A Moratorium On Development And Construction Of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Pipelines In Cedar County, Iowa held. This first hearing of three. Carl Salmons explained moratorium. Jerry Goldsmith expressed a need for an Ordinance to setback distances.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to set maximum credit limit at \$10,000 with a per purchase limit set by Department Head recommendation.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Discussion held on Notice of Voluntary Resignation submitted by Head Custodian Alicia Gritton effective 3/26/2025. Auditor Welch called into Boardroom. Discussion held. Consensus of Board to have Custodian position report to Auditor and ask retiree John Barnum if he would come back as in interim Custodian.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve a handwritten warrant #441882 in amount of \$1,000 to Lucas Pearce for Home Base Iowa application.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by

SCHOOL MENUS

School menus for April 10 through 16 through 9 at West Branch Community Schools. Student breakfast price is \$1.75; lunch is \$2.85 EK-8, \$3.00 9-12.

Elementary schools

Thursday, April 10 – B: Omelet and hash brown or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Nachos or chicken strips & roll, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, refried beans, fruit.
Friday, April 11 – B: Long John or Pop Tarts, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Pepperoni pizza or chicken patty on whole grain bun, green beans, cucumber slices, fruit.
Monday, April 14 – B: Breakfast burrito or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Fish sticks or chicken strips & breadstick, mashed potatoes, grape tomatoes, fruit.
Tuesday, April 15 – B: Pancakes, sausage & cheese or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Mac and cheese or hotdog on whole grain bun, cucumbers, carrots, fruit.
Wednesday, April 16 – B: Breakfast cookie or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Meatball sub or rib patty on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery, fruit.

Middle-high schools

Thursday, April 10 – B: Sausage snack'n waffle or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Nachos or chicken strips & roll, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, refried beans, fruit.
Friday, April 11 – B: Long John or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Pepperoni pizza or bean & cheese empanada, green beans, cucumber slices, fruit.
Monday, April 14 – B: Breakfast burrito or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Fish sticks or chicken strips & breadstick, mashed potatoes, grape tomatoes, fruit.
Tuesday, April 15 – B: Breakfast sandwich or yogurt and granola, cereal/bar, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Mac and cheese or hotdog on whole grain bun, celery, carrots, fruit.
Wednesday, April 16 – B: Breakfast cookie or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Meatball sub or rib patty on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery, fruit.



West Branch's Brooklyn Nash stands next to piles of donations which will benefit veterans through the Liberty Center and the Veterans Administration hospital, both in Iowa City. Photo courtesy of Kerri Nash

Piles of donations collected for DAV

By Gregory R. Norfleet
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About 30 people donated piles of items to the benefit of disabled veterans on Saturday, pleasing the organizer of the drive.

West Branch's Brooklyn Nash hosted the drive for the Disabled American Veterans organization. The donations will go to the Veterans Liberty Center and the Veterans Administration hospital,

both in Iowa City. Nash said it felt "really good" to collect the donations.

"It was a lot more than I expected it to be," she said. Nash said she used to volunteer with the VA hospital, but as a senior at West Branch High School, it took up too much of her time. So, she agreed to take assignments from the DAV, and this donation drive was her first.

Posting about it on social

media, she asked residents to drop off items at Town Hall on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents brought bed frames, bed sheets, toiletries, food, clothing, and more. The newer items will go to the VA hospital.

"The VA is a little picky about what they take," she said.

Those who missed Saturday's drive may still donate. Nash said they

may send her an email at wbnash297@gmail.com and she will drive by and pick items up. She said that, depending on the donor, some prefer to meet her halfway, which also works.

According to their Facebook page, the Veterans Liberty Center, 2116 South Riverside Drive in Iowa City, "is a place for people to socialize and get Veterans services. We provide information on getting Veterans help if needed."

C-J Road

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weather and concrete and other things that come into play, they could say that by delaying the award in the beginning, it put them into bad weather conditions to do the work at the end."

The council initially planned to award the contract on March 17, more than two weeks earlier.

"The longer we wait for this, the further back it

pushes them," Schechinger said.

The contractor will only close sections of the road, allowing families to access their driveways during construction, likely by pouring gravel for a makeshift road in people's front yards.

Gould said Boomerang will begin with the south end, by the roundabout, and reach to the first home on the west side of the road (the home is about half the distance to Prairie View Drive). This stretch

runs past Meadows Place, an undeveloped court, and where West Orange Street will eventually punch through to connect.

The second phase runs north of there almost to Serenity Circle. Most of the homes on Cedar-Johnson are within the second phase and sit on the east side of the road.

The third phase involves the intersection of Serenity Circle and Cedar-Johnson Road. Here, the contractors will break the third phase

into five parts, working on only a piece of the intersection at a time so that traffic can continue to get through.

At a March 17 public hearing on the project, the information states that the 0.44-mile section of road will span 31 feet wide and install curb and gutter and storm sewer lines.

The city recently hired Boomerang Corp. to construct its new wastewater treatment plant, which it substantially finished last

year. At the March 17 meeting, the council approved a contract to remove trees along Cedar-Johnson Road in anticipation of the reconstruction work.

Neuzil & Son's Inc. of Oxford won the contract with a low bid of \$8,100, beating two other bids that ranged up to \$21,500.

"Wow. Why the big discrepancy?" Council member Colton Miller asked. "They're all bidding on the same project."

Gould said he talked to Neuzil to make sure they understood the project.

"There shouldn't be any change orders," he said. "He understands the traffic control, the tree cutting-down and (removal) is on him."

The contractor needed to cut down the trees prior to April 1 "due to the timing of the bat migration," according to a memo to the council.

Council member Jodee Stoolman said she would like to see the trees replaced.

Wrestling

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Yet youth wrestlers are getting started early, building up their endurance, persistence and toughness over the years. A few weeks ago, we ran a story about nine youth who excelled in AAU action at the Girls' State Wrestling Tournament at the Alliant Energy Powerhouse in Cedar Rapids and the boys' Super Peewee State Tournament at the Young Arena in Waterloo.

The youth wrestling culture is strong in this area, and tournaments pack the high school parking lot. No doubt Bear and Iowa Hawkeye success fuels a lot of that.

Girls' Head Coach Brian Driscoll gave Hartz wise advice when a first-round

loss moved her to the consolation round:

"Wrestle now like it's the last six minutes of your career."

Of course, Hartz heard that before. That's how she made it to state three years

in a row. No doubt the boys heard something very similar.

Boys' Head Coach Jake Slocum, who last year took a school record nine athletes to state, also knows how to get a lot out of his

crew.

Good coaches – and assistant coaches – are there to remind their athletes what separates the winners from those content with participation trophies.

The boys lose only one wrestler, Frantz, to graduation. That's why Slocum called his returning crew "scary good."

So here's a special hat-tip to Hartz and Frantz for their impres-

sive wrestling careers at West Branch.

And here's a congratulations to the returning crew of tough guys and gals who only want to get tougher.

Way to go, Bears.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: WEST BRANCH

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Council Chambers at City Office 110 N Poplar Street West Branch, IA 52358
Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets 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-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property				12.82383
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is				3.00375
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (319) 643-5888				City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Adam Kofeod
	Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	2,601,043	2,485,744	2,147,164
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	2,601,043	2,485,744	2,147,164
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	644,630	679,609	645,988
Other City Taxes	6	437,569	358,280	381,793
Licenses & Permits	7	65,000	76,500	120,229
Use of Money and Property	8	30,800	31,770	59,514
Intergovernmental	9	1,364,086	663,026	1,106,449
Charges for Fees & Service	10	2,558,313	2,344,753	2,195,140
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	21,400	10,000	77,269
Other Financing Sources	13	5,285,755	117,957	7,160,733
Transfers In	14	2,052,795	1,861,555	921,286
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	15,061,391	8,629,194	14,815,565
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	1,322,583	1,099,668	686,157
Public Works	17	869,732	755,393	617,852
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	837,862	628,050	551,687
Community and Economic Development	20	307,279	269,461	233,180
General Government	21	360,338	303,392	246,724
Debt Service	22	789,653	1,326,991	1,073,507
Capital Projects	23	5,114,827	1,354,500	6,858,148
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	9,602,274	5,737,455	10,267,255
Business Type / Enterprises	25	3,068,755	2,020,375	1,292,251
Total ALL Expenditures	26	12,671,029	7,757,830	11,559,506
Transfers Out	27	2,052,795	1,861,555	921,286
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	14,723,824	9,619,385	12,480,792
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	337,567	-990,191	2,334,773
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	6,560,222	7,550,413	5,215,640
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	6,897,789	6,560,222	7,550,413

Solon

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to Mid-Prairie on Monday and defeated their hosts, 163-175.

Team scores: 1. West Branch 163 2. Mid-Prairie 175.

West Branch results: 1. Bryce Anderson 36 (medalist) 2. McGavin Smith (runner-up medalist) T-3 3. Sawyer Jeffries 42 T-7. Gavin Oxley 45 T-9. Paxton Tisinger 46 T-9. Ethan Miller 46.

Mid-Prairie results: T-3. Denver Nelson 42 T-5. Ace Peck 44 T-5. Clayton Davidson 44 T-7. Grayson Gingerich 45 T-9. Hudson Ehrenfelt 46 12. Bryce Henry 49.