

Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 4/04/2025		
VENDOR		VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.		890.74
Phelps the Uniform Specialists		33.88
Cedar County Treasurer	78,891.84	
Cedar County Treasurer	10,469.01	
Cedar County Treasurer	464.51	
Cedar County Treasurer	641.99	
COUNTY TOTAL	91,391.97	
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Legal Notice

Public Notice of Storm Water Discharge
Boomerang Corp. Plans to Submit a
Notice of Intent to the
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
to be covered under the NPDES General
Permit

Storm Water Discharge Associated
with West Branch Cedar Johnson Road
Reconstruction
The storm water discharge will be from:
Site Grading and Storm Sewer Installation
Located in: NW 1/4 Sec. 6 T79N R04W,
SW 1/4 SEC. 6 T79N R04W, NE 1/4 Sec. 1
T79N R05W, SE 1/4 Sec. 1 T79N R05W.
Storm water will be discharged from 1
source(s) and will be discharged to the
following streams: West Branch
Wapsinonoc Creek
Comments may be submitted to the
Storm Water Discharge Coordinator,
Iowa Department of Natural Resources,
Environmental Protection Division, 502
E 9th Street Des Moines, IA 50319-0034.
The public may review the Notice of Intent
from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through
Friday, at the above address after it has
been received by the department.

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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
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TIPTON, IOWA

April 8, 2025

Cedar County Board of Supervisors met
in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 8,
2025 with following members present:
Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and
Chairperson Bell. 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 4/4/2025 to
Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits,
Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441884
for \$5,368.81-self funded medical claims.
Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann
to approve agenda.

Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed public for
comments. There were none.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to
approve Board Minutes of April 1, 2025.

Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to
approve Payroll Disbursements #200947-
201088 for period ending 3/29/25 and to
be paid on 4/4/25, this includes a payout
for Christine Wiebel.

Ayes: All

Board reported on Outreach/Committee
Meetings they attended.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann
to approve and authorize Chairperson
Bell to sign FY2024 Cost Allocation Plan.

Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to
appoint EMS Director Dinsch as a repre-
sentative on Radio Governance Board.

Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to
approve and authorize Chairperson Bell
to sign Schumacher Elevator Contract.

Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart
to approve utility permit for Eastern Iowa
Light & Power on 320th Street and \$100
fee applies.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Bixler
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler
to approve utility permit for Clarence
Communications on 120th Street and waive
\$100 fee.

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 third hearing of three. Those
in attendance were EMS Director
Dinsch, Treasurer Delaney, Recorder
Bahnsen, Auditor Welch, Public Health
Director Wagaman, Velma Huebner,
Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue,
Steve Agne and Deputy Sheriff Jackson.
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to
approve and adopt Ordinance #67, An
Ordinance to Adopt a Moratorium on
Development and Construction of Carbon
Dioxide (CO2) Pipelines in Cedar County,
Iowa.

Ayes: All

Bell asked Board about thoughts of
Cedar County Economic Development
Commission (CEDCO). Gaul said he
thinks we should skip a year. Bell said
we can't just let this rest, we could
possibly continue with a partner or
shut it down completely. City of Tipton
and Mechanicsville also are a part of
CEDCO. Kaufmann said we could
invest in local but then rural would be
left out. Discussion held. Bell will contact
ECIA to get on agenda to see if this is
something they could assist with.
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler
to adjourn at 9:51 a.m., to April 15, 2025.

Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson
Nicki Welch, Auditor
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**West Branch
school bills**

West Branch Community School District
BILLS FOR APPROVAL
04/10/2025 01:25 PM
Vendor Name-Detail Description-Amount

Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 10
GENERAL FUND
AGVANTAGE FS-GAS-9,066.89
AHLERS AND COONEY-
SERVICE-841.00
ALLIANT UTILITIES-
UTILITIES-21,094.44
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS EASTERN
IOWA, LLC-PASTS-84.10
AUDITOR,STATE OF IOWA-FILING
FEE-625.00
BACK COUNTRY TREE CARE-
SERVICE-175.00
BASEPOINT BUILDINGAUTOMATIONS-
SERVICE-359.90
BIG COUNTRY SEEDS-
SUPPLIES-453.75
BMO-SUPPLIES-8,810.89
BUDREAU, AMY-TRAVEL-46.20
CAMBIUM ASSESSMENTS, INC-
SUPPLIES-42.00
CEC-REPAIRS-420.00
CHEMSEARCH-SUPPLIES-375.45
CITY OF WEST BRANCH-SRO-5,000.06
CLAIMAID-SERVICE-1,316.24
COVENANT WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS,
LLC-SERVICE-468.75
D&R PEST CONTROL-SERVICE-510.00
DECKER EQUIPMENT-SUPPLIES-81.24
DICK BLYCK ART MATERIALS-
SUPPLIES-57.83
EXPERTS EDGE ATHLETICS &
CONSTRUCTION-REPAIRS-459.00
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC-
BOOKS-171.44
FRED'S FEED AND SUPPLY-
SUPPLIES-143.53
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, THE-
SERVICE-130.00
GONGORA, LAURA-SUPPLIES-19.98
GONZALEZ, CINDY-
INTERPRETER-200.00
GOOD GUYS AUTOCARE-
REPAIRS-907.13
GRAY ALICIA-SUPPLIES-26.98
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS-
SUPPLIES-2,402.18
HAWKEYE WASTE-SERVICE-3,393.00
HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC-
SHREDDING-70.00
HUMRICHOUSE, GREGORY-
PHYSICAL-140.00
INTEGRATED REGISTER SYSTEM-
ANNUAL SERVICE PS-139.20
J W PEPPER-SUPPLIES-35.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-
SUPPLIES-102.95
KAY L CHAPMAN CPA
PC-AUDIT-4,350.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-
INSURANCE-40.00
LENOCH & CILEK HARDWARE-
SUPPLIES-22.67
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/
INTERNET-3,162.27
LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-266.97
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-SERVICE-410.00
MACKIN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES-
SUPPLIES-886.28
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC-
SUPPLIES-436.96
MATHESON TRIGAS-SUPPLIES-195.72
MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-327.96
MENARDS-SUPPLIES-21.43
NICHOLS CONTROLS & SUPPLY, LLC
-SUPPLIES-189.90
OASIS ELECTRIC-SERVICE-205.00
PARKSIDE SERVICE-SERVICE-104.62
PHELPS-SERVICE-43.64
PSC DISTRIBUTION, INC.-
SUPPLIES-29.63
PYRAMID SERVICES INC-
SUPPLIES-92.83
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.-
POSTAGE-239.76
SCHOOL BUS SALES-PARTS-1,096.08
STAPLES-SUPPLIES-128.76
WEST BRANCH TIMES-
ADVERTISING-677.84
WEST MUSIC COMPANY-
SUPPLIES-390.73
WILLIAM MACGILL AND
CO-SUPPLIES-213.92
Fund Number 10
71,702.60
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 22
MANAGEMENT FUND
WREDE, JEFF-SERVICE FEE-100.00
Fund Number 22
100.00
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 33
CAPITAL PROJECTS
LIBERTY DOORS INC-
REPAIRS-1,270.00
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-
SERVICE-3,550.00
OPN ARCHITECTS-SERVICE-6,930.00
RUSHTON SHEET METAL INC-
REPAIRS-900.00
SHIVE HATTERY-SERVICE-2,000.00
Fund Number 33
14,650.00
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 36
PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT
BMO-DONOVAN GROUP-5,616.11
BURGIN DRAPERY WORKROOM, INC.-
REPAIRS-615.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY
SOLUTIONS-SECURITY-18,037.03
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/
INTERNET-2,253.80
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-
SERVICE-2,600.00
MARCO-COPIER-1,339.11
STAR FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT-
REPAIRS-997.00
Fund Number 36
31,458.05
Checking Account ID 1
117,910.65
Checking Account ID 2
Fund Number 61
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
CO-SUPPLIES-3,457.78
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES-
SUPPLIES-135.08
MARTIN BROTHERS-
SUPPLIES-13,834.53
RAPIDS-MIXER-922.76
STAR FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT-
REPAIR-511.84
Fund Number 61
18,861.99
Checking Account ID 2
18,861.99
Checking Account ID 3
Fund Number 21
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY

CO-SUPPLIES-140.00
B R SPORTS LTD-SUPPLIES-1,224.00
BANKERS ADVERTISING COMPANY-
SUPPLIES-865.46
BANKS, ELIZABETH-
ACCOMPANIST-2,210.00
BAUMGARTNER, CHLOE-
OFFICIAL-124.00
BIG COUNTRY SEEDS-
SUPPLIES-3,528.00
BMO-STATE WRESTLING-27,780.73
COE COLLEGE JAZZ SUMMIT-
SUMMIT-150.00
CREATIVE BLISS-SUPPLIES-234.40
DECKER SPORTS-SUPPLIES-68.00
DRISCOLL, BRIAN-SUPPLIES-570.00
ELITE SPORTS-PLAQUES-1,652.84
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC-
BOOKS-318.38
FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL-
CONFERENCE-180.00
HARKER, JOHN-OFFICIAL-100.00
HOLEVAS, JOHN-SUPPLIES-33.28
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN-
STATE WRESTLING-264.00
IOWA WOMENS JAZZ ORCHESTRA
SEXTET-HS BAND-599.00
KABELA, COOPER-HUDL, STAT-
1,500.00
KERN, JASON-TRAVEL-170.80
LINDSEYS STITCHINS
-SHIRTS-162.00
MACKIN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES-
SUPPLIES-16.95
MARTIN BROTHERS-SUPPLIES-85.27
MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-401.29
MID-PRAIRIE CSD-ENTRY FEE-60.00
MILLER, JASON-SUPPLIES-312.28
MT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-
TRACK ENTRY FEE-125.00
OLSON, JENNIFER-SUPPLIES-39.99
PIP PRINTING AND MARKETING
SERVICES-BANNERS-1,467.25
R I D D E L L - R E P L A C E M E N T
HELMETS-1,280.46
SCHUTTE, TRACY-BANNERS-720.00
SEXTON, RANDY-SUPPLIES-29.60
SKILLS USA IOWA-LODGING-1,900.00
SOLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-
ENTRY FEE GOLF-125.00
SOLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-
SOCCER ENTRY FEE-125.00
ST AMBROSE UNIVERSITY-TRACK
ENTRY FEE-100.00
STEVE COOK SOUND PRODUCTION-
TRIVIA-6,000.00
TANJEVIC, MIRKO-OFFICIAL-100.00
TIPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-GOLF
ENTRY FEE-140.00
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA DANCE
MARATHON-DONATION-5,271.82
VAN GINKEL, JOAN-SUPPLIES-68.85
WEST BRANCH TIMES-
PRINTING-1,500.00
WEST MUSIC COMPANY-
SUPPLIES-6,359.13
WILCOX, BARBARA-BACKPACK
PROGRAM-215.29
WILDWOOD-HS BAND-570.00
Fund Number 21
68,888.07
Checking Account ID 3
Fund Number 91
CUSTODIAL FUND-STUDENT
ASSISTANCE
BMO-STUDENT ASSIST-1,148.00
FAIT, KATHY-BACKPACK
SUPPLIES-611.26
RUSHTON, AMANDA-BACKPACK
SUPPLIES-134.02
Fund Number 91
1,893.28
Checking Account ID 3
70,781.35
Checking Account ID 4
Fund Number 62
ELC
ALLIANT UTILITIES-UTILITIES-1,185.37
BARNHART'S CUSTOM SERVICES-
SERVICE-455.00
BMO-SUPPLIES-4,395.96
CINTAS CORP-SERVICE-652.26
CITY OF WEST BRANCH-
UTILITIES-972.99
CLEAR LIVE LLC-SERVICE-118.82
CULLIGAN WATER TECHNOLOGIES-
SERVICE-106.73
JOHNSON CO REFUSE
-SERVICE-538.17
MOORE, LISA-SUPPLIES/
TRAVEL-278.41
PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-
SUPPLIES-3,662.97
TRUGREEN-SERVICE-122.59
WEST BRANCH LIONS CLUB-
SUPPLIES-40.00
Fund Number 62
12,529.27
Checking Account ID 4
12,529.27
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**West Branch school
board**

Regular Board Meeting
04/14/2025 06:00 PM
Hoover Elementary Library
148 N. Oliphant St.
West Branch, IA 52358
MEETING MINUTES
Attendees
Voting Members
Mr. Greg Hetrick, Board President
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board Vice
President
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member
Ms. Lindsay Shultz, Board Member
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent
Mrs. Sara Oswald, High School Principal
Mr. Brian Walthart, Middle School
Principal
Mr. Dave Hlas, Elementary School
Principal
Mrs. Angie Klinkkammer, School
Business Official/Board Secretary
Gregory Norfleet
1. Call to Order/Budget
Hearing FY2026
Board President Hetrick called the meet-
ing to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Vision, Mission &
Destination Statements
Board Member Sexton read the state-
ments.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
A. Presentation of Budget

FY2026
Dr. Jimmerson presented the FY2026
budget.
B. Public/Board Comments
There were no public comments.
C. 2025-2026 Certified Budget
Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget
as presented.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
D. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting: Unanimously Approved
4. Call to Order/Public Forum
(Regular Board Meeting)
Board President Hetrick called the meet-
ing to order at 6:12 p.m.
5. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
6. Honors, Commendations
and Success Stories
Several success stories were shared.
7. Consent Items
Motion to approve the consent items
consisting of March meeting minutes,
financial reports and monthly bills.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
8. Administrative Reports
The Administrators shared their respec-
tive reports. Dr. Jimmerson updated the
Board on the HVAC project taking place
at the elementary over the summer, mov-
ing summer school to the middle school
and central office to 225 N. Maple St.
9. Personnel Items
A. Resignations
Motion to approve the resignation(s) as
presented, Bridget Stover, HS Softball
Coach, Martha Terhune, Nutrition Director
and Amber Bridge, MS Science Teacher.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
B. Contracts
Motion to approve the contracts as pre-
sented, Trenton Mack, 7th/8th grade
Math/Algebra 1 Teacher and Jamie
Flanagan- 9-12 Instrumental Music
Teacher.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
C. Letters of Assignment
Motion to approve the letters of assign-
ment as presented, Ruben Galvan, HS
Head JV/Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer
Coach, Lexus Crist, HS Assistant Varsity
Softball Coach, Danielle Laughlin, HS
Assistant Varsity/Head JV Softball Coach,
Matt Hughes, HS Head Varsity Football
Coach, Jenny Becker, Elementary
Paraeducator and Madeline Eulloqui,
childcare provider.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
10. 2025-2026 Board Meeting

Dates
Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Board
of Education Meeting dates as presented.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
11. Ahlers and Cooney
Engagement Letter
Motion to approve the Ahlers and Cooney
Engagement Letter as presented.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
12. Resolution Fixing the Date
of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding
Procedures and Approving Official
Statement
Motion to approve the Resolution Fixing
the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic
Bidding Procedures and Approving
Official Statement.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved

13. Board Policy Review
Motion to approve the first and final read-
ings of Policies (no changes), 603.12,
603.13, 603.14, 603.15, 603.16, 603.16A,
603.16B, 603.16C, 603.17, 603.17R1,
603.18, 603.19, 603.20, 604.01, 604.02,
604.02R1, 604.03, 605.01, 605.02,
605.03, 605.03A, 605.05.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting: Unanimously Approved
Motion to approve the first readings of
Policies, 603.16 and 605.04.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
14. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher
Voting: Unanimously Approved
Chairperson

Secretary
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winking at your
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You know what you're
doing, but nobody
else does

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Kaufmann

From Page 3

want to address three important pieces of legislation that passed the Ways and Means Committee this week.

It is the time of year where my committee meets weekly and passes many bills that are impactful for people back home.

Adoption Tax Credit

Adoptions are time-consuming, wonderful, and expensive.

This bill is simple and designed to make adoption more affordable for families willing to adopt.

Currently the adoption tax credit is \$5,000. That is not even close to enough for families that are grappling with affordability issues.

The bill I passed out of committee would quadruple the adoption tax credit from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Exemption of Tips from Income Tax

This is another simple

bill with a high level of importance.

So many of our friends, family, and neighbors work in the service industry.

The bill that passed the Ways and Means Committee unanimously would exempt tips from incomes taxation.

This is a rare issue where Republicans, Democrats, and President Trump all agree.

Exemption on Overtime Pay from Income Tax

This bill is also self-explanatory but very important.

Too many times, wage earners have to spend time away from their families working overtime to make ends meet.

This bill will reward that work by exempting overtime income from the Iowa income tax.

This bill also passed the Ways and Means Committee unanimously.

You may contact Rep. Kaufmann at Bobby. Kaufmann@legis.iowa.gov, 563-260-3355 or 1527 330th St. Wilton, IA, 52778



College commitments

West Branch High School seniors, from left, Alyssa Pierce, Madelynn Falco, Timmy Hosier, and Ian Nelson pose Saturday morning during the annual Signing Day for athletes planning to continue sports careers in college. Pierce signed a letter of intent to run track for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; Nelson will play baseball for Northeast Iowa Community College; Falco will play volleyball for Cornell College; and Hosier will play soccer for Simpson College. Photo courtesy of Jake Stenberg/West Branch High School

SCHOOL MENUS

School menus for April 24 through 30 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 24 – B: Mini pancakes or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Taco or chicken nuggets & roll, refried beans, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, fruit.

Friday, April 25 – B: Whole grain donut holes or Pop Tarts, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Pepperoni pizza or chicken patty on whole grain bun, cucumber, grape tomatoes, fruit.

Monday, April 28 – B: Mini French toast or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken strips & roll or hamburger on whole grain bun, french fries, broccoli, fruit.

Tuesday, April 29 – B: Yogurt and granola or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Corndog or rib patty on whole grain bun, cauliflower, carrots, fruit.

Local man selected for Honor Flight

On Tuesday, April 29, the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight will launch Flight #54, sponsored by Quaker Oats.

The flight is scheduled to take 87 veterans, including Gary Suchomel of West Branch.

Since beginning operations in 2009, the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight has transported thousands of veterans and their guardians to Washington, D.C.

This trip will include visits to the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials, as well as Arlington National Cemetery for a special wreath dedication.

“We invite the entire community to help us welcome our heroes home,” Eastern Iowa Honor Flight President Lynette Voss said in a statement. “Attending the ‘Welcome Home’ celebration is a meaningful way to honor these veterans. Your support will show our deep gratitude for their service and sacrifices. Help us give them the welcome they deserve!”

Veterans will begin reporting to the Eastern Iowa Airport at 5:30 a.m. on flight day.

Wednesday, April 30 – B: French toast sticks or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken nuggets & roll or hotdog on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery, fruit.

Middle-high schools

Thursday, April 24 – B: Pancake sausage sticks or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Taco or chicken nuggets & roll, refried beans, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, fruit.

Friday, April 25 – B: Whole grain donut holes or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Pepperoni pizza or chicken patty on whole grain bun, cucumber, grape tomatoes, fruit.

Monday, April 28 – B: Mini cinnis or yogurt

and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken strips & roll or hamburger on whole grain bun, french fries, broccoli, fruit.

Tuesday, April 29 – B: Sausage gravy & biscuit or yogurt and granola, cereal/bar, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Corndog or rib patty on whole grain

bun, cauliflower, carrots, fruit.

Wednesday, April 30 – B: French toast sticks or yogurt and granola, cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken nuggets & roll or hotdog on whole grain bun, baked beans, celery, fruit.

Students must take three

components, one must be a fruit or vegetable. Students have choice of 1% white, skim white

or chocolate skim milk. High school choices include fruit and vegetable bar.



American Legion Fish Fry

Friday, April 25 • 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Town Hall

Free will donations

WEST BRANCH

GARAGE SALES

Saturday, April 26, 2025

1 - West Branch United Methodist Church - Saturday, Apr. 26 from 8 a.m. to Noon. Multiple families contribute to this sale which brings a variety of items! All proceeds are used for Missions. Don't miss this one!

2 - 2310 Baker Ave. (Downey) - Friday 4 - 7 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mini refrigerators, jogger stroller, Craftsman snowblower, salon chair and massage table, women and toddler clothes 24 mo. - 5%, toys, bumper pool table and much more! CASH ONLY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of WEST BRANCH				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of WEST BRANCH will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/5/2025 07:00 PM		Contact: Heidi Van Auken		Phone: (319) 643-5888
Meeting Location: Council Chambers at City Office 110 N. Poplar Street West Branch, IA 52358				
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 .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	2,485,744	0	2,485,744
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	2,485,744	0	2,485,744
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	679,609	0	679,609
Other City Taxes	6	361,855	0	361,855
Licenses & Permits	7	76,500	0	76,500
Use of Money & Property	8	20,570	0	20,570
Intergovernmental	9	1,366,026	0	1,366,026
Charges for Service	10	2,342,586	0	2,342,586
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	7,000	0	7,000
Other Financing Sources	13	2,300,000	0	2,300,000
Transfers In	14	1,861,555	67,767	1,929,322
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	11,501,445	67,767	11,569,212
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	1,344,437	35,500	1,379,937
Public Works	17	790,671	30,000	820,671
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	701,614	9,200	710,814
Community and Economic Development	20	215,387	69,074	284,461
General Government	21	307,798	0	307,798
Debt Service	22	1,326,991	0	1,326,991
Capital Projects	23	2,014,827	500,000	2,514,827
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	6,701,725	643,774	7,345,499
Business Type/Enterprise	25	2,824,843	223,000	3,047,843
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	9,526,568	866,774	10,393,342
Transfers Out	27	1,861,555	67,767	1,929,322
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	11,388,123	934,541	12,322,664
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	113,322	-866,774	-753,452
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	1,287,138	0	1,287,138
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	1,400,460	-866,774	533,686
Explanation of Changes: The transfers in and out is to account for the SRF loan payment for East Side Mains Phase 2. The increase in expenses for Public Safety and Culture & Recreation includes unexpected increases in liability insurance premiums and higher self-funded insurance claims. The increase for Public Works is to pay for tree trimming expenses and concrete repairs. For Community & Economic Development, we will amend to pay for two TIF rebate payments in arrears and a pending contract payment. The Council approved the Cedar Johnson Road Reconstruction project in the middle of the fiscal year, therefore, we need to amend for FY25 expenses. Under the enterprise funds, we need to increase expenses for wages, inflation, storm water projects, water meter tower costs, and increase in utility amounts due to the new wastewater facility. Also, we need to amend the water fund to include the FY25 SRF loan payment for East Side Mains Phase 2.				