

News

Cedar County Agricultural Extension District

Published Report - Operating)7/01/2023 to 6/30/2024" Beginning Balance and Receipts Total Balance: July 1, 2023--\$280,200.64 Grant Revenue--\$21,190.01 nterest Revenue -- \$981.88 Other Revenue--\$45.10 Program Revenue--\$235.173.86 Property Tax Revenue--\$287 299 35 Rental Revenue--\$200.00 Resale Revenue--\$425.25 Total Receipts: --\$545.315.45 Total Beginning Balance and Receipts: -\$825.516.09

Marketing, Program Expense-\$1,305,37 Aatrix - E-File Expense-\$24.95

Access Systems - Equipment Expense-\$1,257,63 Advocate News - Program, Marketing Expense-\$458.85 AED Superstore - Equipment Aero Rental & Party Shoppe - Program se-\$812.67 AgVantage FS, Inc. - Facility Expense-\$388.00 PHC, Inc.

Albaugh Expense-\$453.00 Amazon.com - Equipment, Supplies Expense-\$10,441.69 American Farm Bureau - Program Expense-\$393.13

Apex Ink - Program Expense-\$637.72 Axline, Emma - Program Expense-\$1,360.00 Kaden Program Axline, Expense-\$2,000,00 Baird, Allan E. - Net Wages and

Balichek, Bravden - Program Expense-\$500.00 Program Balichek, Jace Expense-\$450.00 Barnhart's

Equipment Expense-\$4,000.00

Fravel-\$2,818.50

Barnyard Discoveries - Program Expense-\$750.00 Rehrens, Program Expense-\$900.00 Best Name Badges - Program Expense-\$58.74

Bierman, Greta A. - Net Wages and Fravel-\$5,243,76 Bierman, Rachel - Net Wages and Fravel-\$1,971.11 Boedeker - Program Expense-\$865.00

Boedeker, Justin - Program Expense-\$1,065.00 Bohlmann, Teresa A. - Net Wages and Fravel-\$34,157,44

Expense-\$579.97 Brown, Emily - Program Expense-\$50.00 Burke, Marsha - Program Program Expense-\$498.26 Burmeister.

Expense-\$109.06 Camp IO-DIS-E-CA - Program se-\$7,207.00 Canva - Program Expense-\$119.99

Casey's - Program Expense-\$204.18 Cedar County Fair Association Program Expense-\$14,645.04

Memberships Expense-\$45.00

Cedar County Farm Bureau Chapin, Program Expense-\$204.50 Chapman Program Expense-\$1,035.00 Chapman. Molly - Program Expense-\$1,000.00 Tipton - Facility City Of Expense-\$5,033,54 Clarence United Methodist Church Program Expense-\$300.00 Reagan Expense-\$1,150.00 Clemens Aiden Program e-\$500.00 Program Clemens, Expense-\$36.93 Program Expense-\$400.00 Coppess e-\$800.00 Elaine

Coppess, Program Tucker Expense-\$600.00 Copy Systems Inc. - Printing Expense-\$490.00 Costco - Program Expense-\$474.86 Cotterill, Oliver - Progra Program

Expense-\$727.05

Coppess, Jessica - Program

Expense-\$700.00 Creative Bliss - Program Expense-\$192.60 Cricut - Supplies Expense-\$10.59 Kennedy - Program Crist. Expense-\$1,508.50

Crist, Kristi - Program Expense-\$50.00

Bailey

- Program

Crock, Expense-\$800.00 Crock. Caleb Program Expense-\$800.00 Program Lee Expense-\$1,475,47 Logan Program Expense-\$1,600.00

- Program Crock, Luke Expense-\$2,254.50 Rylee - Program Crock, Expense-\$965.00 Daedlow, Dionne M. - Net Wages and Fravel-\$40.960.61 Daedlow, Expense-\$1,898.10 Payson - Program

Preston - Program Daedlow. Expense-\$106.59 Davidson, Colton - Program Expense-\$550.00 Addison - Program Expense-\$1,800.00

Dawson, Expense-\$5,392.50 Mason - Program Deluxe Business Checks and Solutions Supplies Expense-\$352.88

Delware County Extension - Program Expense-\$254.34 DeRosear, Amber L. - Net Wages and Fravel-\$3,271.55 Dittmer, William - Program Expense-\$70.00 General - Program Dollar e-\$23.01 Dollar Tree - Program Expense-\$23.85 Dubuque (Professional County Extension Development Expense-\$60.00 Edlewine, Jessica - Program

Expense-\$40.00 Ehler, Zane - Program Expense-\$900.00 Eiselstein, Logan - Prior Year Adjustment-(\$26.00) EMC National Life Insurance Company

Benefits Expense-\$261.00 Entwisle, Cody - Program Expense-\$204.50

Epsilon Sigma Phi - Professional Development Expense-\$85.00

Family Foods - Program Expense-\$4,570.86 Fair Entry - Program Expense-\$750.00 Farm Bureau Property & Casualty nsurance Expense-\$2,374.00

Fidelity Bank & Trust - Bank Charges Expense-\$30.00 First Advantage Background - Background Checks Expense-\$2,258.16

Fitzgerald, Alexa - Program Expense-\$2,100.00 Fitzgerald, Dylan - Program Expense-\$3,808.10 Hallie - Program Fitzgerald,

Francis L Dean & Asoc. - Program Expense-\$133.90 Frauenholt. Barb - Program Fuhrmann, Kristin - Program

Expense-\$1,100.00

Expense-\$72.52 Ella Adjustment-(\$2.25) Glick. Expense-\$1,294.56 Great Iowa Treasure Hunt - Program Expense-\$204.00 Great Western

Program Expense-\$725.55 Program . Haiek Chase Expense-\$700.00 Hamann. Grace Program Expense-\$35.00 Program Keri Hamann, Expense-\$170.11 Program

Expense-\$900.00 Hansen. Cadence Program Expense-\$904.50 Hansen, Reid Program Expense-\$700.00

Kyle Program Harold, Expense-\$1.400.00 Hathaway, Kristyn Program Expense-\$299.43 Hawkeve Fire & Safety - Equipment Expense-\$107.50

Heartland Shredding, Inc - Equipment

Expense-\$315.00 Expense-\$750.00 Shelby Program Expense-\$900.00 Henninas Tara Program

Expense-\$1,000.00 Program Hennings Trevor Expense-\$1,054,50 Expense-\$25.00 Hinderaker. Rebecca - Net Wages and

Holstee - Program Expense-\$234.00 Horman, Jen - Program Expense-\$52.37 Horman, Megan - Program Expense-\$114.11 Samantha Horman. - Program Expense-\$900.00

Brenna

- Program se-\$1,000.00 Colton - Program Husmann, Expense-\$1,250.00 Cailyn Program Expense-\$1,000.00 Hy-Vee - Program Expense-\$16.33 lowa 4-H Foundation - Program

Hormann

Expense-\$458.00 Iowa Extension Council Association Memberships, Benefits Expense-\$555.00 Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman Advertising Expense-\$280.00

Iowa Inspections and Appeals Program Expense-\$52.75 Iowa State University - Shared Support, Benefits, Materials-\$33,908.90 IPERS - Retirement Plan-\$23,062.47

James, Cashton - Prior Year Adjustment-(\$5.00) - Program Caitlin Jensen, Expense-\$204.50 Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Store - Program Expense-\$194.99 John Deere Financial - Facility,

Supplies Expense-\$411.66 Johnson, Karen - Net Wages and Travel-\$680.20 Kabela, Cindy - Program -\$9,686.75

Kahl, Owen Program Expense-\$1,100,00 Kalinowski, Tobi Expense-\$25.00 Program Kash, McKinley Expense-\$1,400.00 Keeler, Lauren - Program Expense-\$900.00

Koch Office Group Expense-\$790.50 Kofron Builders Inc. - Facility Expense-\$35.00 Koth. Kasen - Prior Year ent-(\$4.00) Kruse, Kai - Program Expense-\$835.00 Kruse. Oakley Program

Expense-\$2,984.80 - Program Langley, Addison Expense-\$3,900.00 Program Langley, Expense-\$1,200.00 Kiley Langley, Expense-\$1,100.00 LEAF Equipment -\$1,547.23 Program Lester. Audrey

\$50.00

Lewis, Kacie - Program Expense-\$67.98 Lindemann, Shawna - Program Expense-\$900.00 Lindsey, Finn - Prior Year Adjustment-(\$2.25) Linn County Extension - Marketing, Program Expense-\$159.99 Litscher, Bryson - Program Expense-\$1,050.00

Litscher, Carson - Program Expense-\$900.00 Daisy - Net Wages and Travel-\$714.35 Maxwell - Program Lodge, M Martin Bros. Distributing Co. - Program Expense-\$1,924.77

McCleary, Megan - Program Expense-\$650.00 Meinert, Savannah - Program Expense-\$4,414.40 Mente, Todd - Program Expense-\$25.00 Michaels - Program Expense-\$218.72 Miller, Katie - Program Expense-\$120.00

Miller, Lori J. - Net Wages and Travel-\$5,376.80 MinnTex Citrus, Inc. - Program Expense-\$5,866.00 Moes, Drew - Program Expense-\$3.673.60 Moes, Expense-\$566.54 Kirstin - Program Moes. Nolan - Program Expense-\$4,182.00

Mosier, Garrett - Program Expense-\$204.50 Jaydon - Program Expense-\$1,450.00 NAE4HYPD - Professional Development Expense-\$500.00

Neal's Water Conditioning - Supplies Expense-\$169.50 Neuberger, Wesley - Program Expense-\$1,600.00 New Harbinger - Program Expense-\$1.764.54 Niemann, Lanna - Program Expense-\$120.00 Office of Auditor of State - Audit Expense-\$1,590.00 Olsen's Appliance & Hardware -

Equipment Expense-\$4,146.96 OnePak, Inc - Equipment PEPSI-COLA - Program Expense-\$2,486.48 Morgan - Program Expense-\$800.00 Petersen, Expense-\$559.10 Wendy - Program Philips, Pruess. Carrie

Brian - Program Expense-\$300.00 PinSeekers - Program Expense-\$589.29 - Program Expense-\$441.42 Emily - Program Pruess, Expense-\$2,700.50 Pruess, Levi - Program Expense-\$2,740.40 Pruess, Samantha Jo. - Net Wages and

Travel-\$1,798.03 Quadient - Equipment Expense-\$2,960.09

Quill Corporation - Program Expense-\$2,008,62 Red Wheel Fundraising - Program Expense-\$3,247.20

Regalia Manufacturing Co. - Program Reif, Makenna - Program Expense-\$800.00 Dalton - Program Expense-\$871.50

Rock. Jada - Prior Year Adjustment-(\$7.00) Rogers, Jimmy - Prior Year nent-(\$2.25) Rouse, Lacey - Program Expense-\$1,154,50 Order Expense-\$985.62 Program Schiele. -\$3,933.00

Schiele, Hannah Program Expense-\$4,260.50 Expense-\$228.22 Schneiders - Program Expense-\$218.35

Schott, - Program Jaxson Expense-\$5,316,50 Adjustment-(\$4.50)

Shop 4-H Marketing Program Expense-\$744.82 Skriver, Sylvia Prior Year Adjustment-(\$45.00) Sorgenfrey, Expense-\$30.00

& Spahn Expense-\$212.97 Spangler. - Program Expense-\$1,500.98 Staats - Program Expense-\$3,534.08

Stahle, Marita Evelyn - Facility Expense-\$31,734.00 Strecker, Expense-\$3,967.20 Stutsman - Program Expense-\$199.45

Subway - Program Expense-\$877.13 Sugar Bottom Bakery - Program Expense-\$3,380.00 Sweet Carolines - Employee Meals Clothing - Marketing Expense-\$614.51 Group

Expense-\$445.23

Development Expense-\$75.00

Program Theisen's Expense-\$236.67 Thimmes. Ethan Expense-\$2.100.00 Program Tom Thimmes, Expense-\$1 074 38 - Program Expense-\$1,300.00 Tatum - Program Timmerman Expense-\$1,400.00

Tipton Community School District -Program Expense-\$405.00
Tipton Conservative Expense-\$1,264.76 TJ's - Program Expense-\$198.18

Treasurer, State Of Iowa - Payroll Taxes-\$4,295,00 Tygrett, Expense-\$1,200.00 Tygrett, Charlie Expense-\$1,200.00 - Program Tygrett, Maddie Expense-\$1,250.00 US Department Of The Treasury Payroll Taxes-\$29,392.95

US Postal Service Expense-\$1,266.70 US Cellular Equipment Expense-\$380.98 Valley Vet Supply - Equipment Expense-\$1,399.00 Van Den Berghe, Kyle

Expense-\$5,026.00 Vernon Company Expense-\$679.55 Vincent, Caedance - Program Expense-\$1,600.00 Vincent, Grace Prior Year

Adjustment-(\$4.50) Von Muenster, Maggie Expense-\$204.50 Von Muenster. Kendra Expense-\$1,001.44 Voss, Ashlyn Program Expense-\$1.550.00

Program Expense-\$1,500.00 Voss, Expense-\$4.28 Vanessa WalMart Supplies. Program Expense-\$3,907.24 Prior Year Waters, Jordan

Adjustment-(\$17.75) Weibe, Expense-\$200.00 Ashley Wellmark BlueCross BlueShield -

Benefits Expense-\$11,394.17 Hatchery Weln Expense-\$514.25 Wenndt Ava - Prior Year nt-(\$22.00) West Branch Food Mart - Program West Branch Times - Advertising

Expense-\$329.56 Whitfield & Eddy - Professional Services Expense-\$1.527.50 Wiese, Brenda - Program Expense-\$6.94 Wiese, Jacv M. - Net Wages and Travel-\$1,456.04 Travel-\$26,396,59 Wilkins, Brenna

Wiese, Macy L. - Net Wages and Program Expense-\$2,400.00 Williams. Kiera - Program Williams, Logan - Program Expense-\$1.000.00 Windstream Iowa Communications -

Telecommunications Expense-\$7.832.89 Worrell, McKenna - Program Expense-\$1,200.00 Wright Lawn Care - Facility Expense-\$885.00

Wyndham Grand - Travel Eynense-\$385.32 Total Disbursements:-(\$548,424.30) Net Balance: June 30, 2024--\$277,091.79 STATE OF IOWA - Cedar County
I, Alan Beyer, Chair, and I, Michael Boyle. Treasurer of the Cedar County sworn on oath, state to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the items included in the foregoing Financial Report are true and correct statement of receipts

Signed - Alan Beyer, Chair Signed - Michael Boyle, Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to before me on day of . 2024. Notary Public'

and expenditures of the Cedar County

Agricultural Extension Fund.

Cedar county payroll
PAY DATE 7/26/2024
VENDOR VENDOR TOTAL

Benefits Inc Phelps the Uniform Specialists 33.88 Washington National Ins Co. 167.26 Fidelity Investments Cincinnati Life Insurance Co 580.56 **IPERS** 109.399.52 160,823.19 Nationwide Retirement Solution 140.00 Cedar County Treasure 77.729.75 Cedar County Treasure Cedar County Treasurer 8,879.18 Cedar County Treasurer 484.49 586.23 Cedar County Treasurer COUNTYTOTAL 373.317.73

Cedar county board

BOARD PROCEEDINGS BOARD PROCEEDINGS
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INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE-WWW. CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA

Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. July 30, 2024 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from vari-

Manure Management Annual Updates noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 7/26/2024 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #439524 for \$4,259.01-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to

Aves: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to

Abstain: Kaufmann Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #198295-

Ayes: All

198456 for period ending 7/20/24 and to be paid on 7/26/24. Aves: All At 8:40 a.m. Safety Coordinator Tischuk

IT Director Pierce and Office Manager Boots met with Board to discuss safety manual updates. updates include add ing IT to committee and SDS (safedata sheets) will be maintained by Maintenance unless a department orders a hazardous chemical, they must maintain their own SDS.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve safety manual updates as Ayes: All

Safety Coordinator Tischuk, IT Director Pierce and Office Manager Boots informed Board of three different computer alert systems they had investigated Pierce is working with Wright County that has available license for Cedar County to purchase at \$13/computer. Discussion held. These licenses will be on Cedar County computers and not State-owned

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to purchase 2 or 3 licenses to test out before proceeding with more licenses for Courthouse excluding State owned computers.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by

Barnhart to approve a new 12-month Class E Retail License for Zinnia Gas & Grub LLC DBA TJ's Gas & Grub effective

At 9:00 a.m. Joselyn Snook, Home Health Manager gave Board a presentation on Home Health Aide training. Currently Public Health has one Homemaker and four Home Health Aides. Office staff is having to go out and fill in when needed so they will be training homemaker to become a Home Health Aide

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve training of Home Health Aides Ayes: All

At 9:15 a.m. Matt Specht, ECIA met with Board to discuss HUD Lead Paint Grant. We currently matched a 4-year Grant with ECIA, and they are wanting to file an additional 4-year grant. Discussion held on ARPA and LATCF funds. Consensus of Board to check with Finance Director Dauber and place on agenda next week. At 9:30 a.m. Board met to review/consider/action on East Wapsi First Addition Minor Subdivision. Petitioner: Michael & Diane Poduska Location: A portion of NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 10, T. 82 N., R. 4 W.. of 5th P.M., Cedar County, Iowa. No Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler

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to approve East Wapsi First Addition-

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve cancellation of Treasurer's unclaimed fees.

Aves: All Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve Treasurer Investment Report ending 6/30/2024.

Ayes: All Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler

Engineer Fangmann informed Board with Highway 30 going to a Super 2 safety audit showed an excessive amount of railroad crossings near Mechanicsville. Railroad and Federal grants would provide up to \$200,000 per crossing if closed. Discussion held. EMA Director Freet reached out to Mechanicsville Fire Department, and they are opposed to closing any crossing due to safety concerns and negative impact. Fangmann recommended keeping them all open. Kaufmann said we should give them what they gave us when we asked for a 4 lane. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to reject request of closing any crossings along Highway 30 near Mechanicsville.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy south of Mechanicsville and \$100 fee applies.

Aves: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve a utility permit for Mechanicsville Telephone on Old Lincoln Highway Adams Avenue and 115th Street and \$100 fee applies

Ayes: All Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to adjourn at 10:10 a.m., to August 6, 2024.

Jon Bell, Chairperson Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CEDAR COUNTY IN THE ESTATE OF HAROLD W. MCELDERRY,

Case No. ESPR 019796 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS, HEIRS AND BENEFICIARIES

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold W. McElderry, Deceased, who died on or about June 27

2024: You are hereby notified that on July 23, 2024, KimberLee D. Kleinmeyer was appointed Administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenti-cated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated July 23, 2024 KimberLee D. Kleinmeyer, Administrator Ryan J. Prahm, ICIS PIN No: AT0012848 Attorney for Administrator Pugh Hagan Prahm PLC 425 F. Oakdale Blvd. Suite 201 Coralville, IA 52241 P: (319) 351-2028

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Playground push

West Branch School's Parent-Teacher Organization volunteers, from left, Kristin McElhinney, Tammy Bass, and Allison Fuhrmeister serve customers on Sunday morning during the third Pancakes for Playgrounds fundraiser. Co-Organizer Monica Tylee said the multi-year fundraising event is pushing along. "Playgrounds are very expensive," she said. "But this event and the one with the (West Branch Community Schools) Foundation are making progress." The breakfast took place the day after Hoover's Hometown Days and organizers pushed back the start to 8 a.m. because that better aligned with the morning rush, Hoover Elementary Principal Dave Hlas said. The fundraiser took place in the elementary school's multi-purpose room and the meal included coffee, eggs, juice, water, pancakes, sausage, and yogurt. Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times

Shops

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and mentioned new housing construction.

"There's now more businesses inquiring about properties in or near the downtown or across from the high school, which remain, basically, Main Street," the city administrator said. "Some of them are perfect matches. Some of them are not, either by its use or by maybe how they would build a building or sign a building that would not match very well with our downtown."

Kofoed said he received 10 to 15 business inquiries "almost on a weekly basis."

Laughlin said the temporary overlay would be put in place until the city could conduct a survey to evaluate the town's wants and needs.

Kofoed said the temporary overlay regulations are "all this is all sample" and suggestions, he said.

"It's just to give you an idea," he said. "It would encourage certain businesses to look downtown

... and other parts of town. We're giving developers a road map of where we want certain types of commercial (business).

Main Street West Branch Executive Director Jessi Simon said such guidelines are common "for downtown revitalization and development."

"Having the right ordinances in place to try to encourage the types of development you want to see and potentially deter the type of things you would rather not see in your historic district, in your downtown district, and down past that," she

Kofoed said that if the council wants to prioritize new zoning regulations, he will need to put other projects "on the back burner," like nuisances, the certified local government or historic preservation." "Or you could wait two

years and not do anything at the risk of a business moving in or a building that is not ideal," he said.

Councilmember Tom Dean supported the idea of moving forward now.

"I think we need to defend our downtown," he said.

Councilmember Mike Horihan agreed.

"We have to maintain the integrity of the downtown," he said. "We don't want things to get out of control."

Sexton said he does not see many areas for growth in the downtown as most of the storefronts are full and there are few open lots.

"But, yeah, preserve what's there," he said.

Dean said many small towns are "dead," but not

"They're shuttered up. The walls are caving in," he said. "Then you turn around and drive through West Branch, I don't think people understand how lucky we are to have such a vibrant downtown. ... Let's keep the momentum going."

Laughlin pointed to a section called "Marijuana Growing and Sales" that allows such businesses in a heavy industrial district and no closer than 1,000 feet from residential districts, churches, schools, daycares, parks, and bars.

"Is the marijuana thing going to be included in this? Why?" he asked.

Kofoed said he included it "as just a sample of other ordinances."

"(It's there) as a sample of what you could or could not do," the city administrator said.

Kofoed said two towns in Hancock County, including Garner, where he used to work, considered whether to allow CBD after the Iowa legislature approved medical

"One town wanted that kind of store downtown. The other one didn't want it at all," he said.

"I don't think we want it in our downtown," Laughlin responded. "One of these said '1,000 feet of a residential (district).' That excludes the whole town."

Councilmember Mike Horihan said "It's always easier to enforce something that is already in place."

"People who would be tempted to come in here should know the guidelines and what is important to this community," he said.

Hoover

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life, but also positive comments. Hoover at the time joked about how politics made him hope more people would remember the friendly remarks.

"On a more serious note, Hoover concluded, The mightiest assurances of our future are the intangible, spiritual and intellectual forces in our people, which we express not by the words "the United States," but by the word, "America," Schwartz read. "The word, "America," carries meanings which lie deep in the soul of our people. It reaches beyond the size of cities and factories. It springs from our religious faith, and our ideas of individual freedom and equal opportunity, which have come in the centuries since we landed on these shores. It rises from our pride and the great accomplishments of our nation and from the sacrifices and devotion of those who have passed on. It lifts us above the ugliness of the day. It has guided us through even greater crises and our past. And from these forces, solutions will come again."

Schwartz said the Hoovers believed in the importance of children to preserving America's future, and he hoped that the museum renovation would help provide a safe, nurturing environment for them.

Historic mark

Foundation President and CEO Mundy McCarty thanked the crowd for "coming together for this really special milestone."

"(Hoover) has served this country and, arguably, the highest public office of service," she said. "Herbert Hoover had considerable achievements beyond his presidency. ... As a noble humanitarian, the tasks that he unselfishly undertook really outshined his time even in the Oval Office."

From saving people from starvation to engaging in

charitable work for children, "his uncommon life of benevolent leadership is really why we're gathered here today."

McCarty said that U.S. Sens. Joni Ernst and Charles Grassley both sent remarks in place of their attendance.

Ernst's message stated that Hoover "left a historic mark" on America.

"(Through this eventual) renovation, we can continue to share President Hoover's extraordinary legacy and Iowa's proud connection to American history," McCarty

Grassley's comments said Iowans can take pride in their native son, the first born west of the Mississippi. The congressman visited the site in March and was glad to see West Branch gathered to mark Hoover's birthday.

"Members of the community and guests from near and far have benefitted and will continue to benefit from their experience for decades to come," McCarty

As part of the ceremony, Brig. Gen. William McClintock, deputy adjutant general for the Iowa National Guard, presented a red, white, and blue wreath to mark the 31st president's birthday.

Swisher noted that the tradition began during the Lyndon B. Johnson administration in 1967.

The site superintendent noted that Ohio Eagle Scout Brock Huebner also placed a similarly colored wreath at the Hoover gravesite at 10 a.m.

"I thought that was a nice touch," Swisher said.

Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover impersonators Brian "Fox" Ellis and Jane Fellows led the group in singing, "Happy Birthday" to the couple.

Swisher noted that the birthday cake served followed the same recipe used when Hoover visited for his 80th birthday in 1954.

LEGALS

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

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; August 5. 2024

Council Chambers; Regular Meeting: Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to

order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Council members Tom Dean Mike Horihan, Jodee Stoolman, Nick Goodweiler and Jerry Sexton were

City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofoed, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Parks & Recreation Director Erin Laughlin, Library Director Jessie Shaffer, Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman and City Attorney Kevin Olson APPROVE THE AGENDA Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to

approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Approve minutes from the July 15, 2024 City Council meeting. Approve a Special Event Permit for the West Branch Dog Fair at Beranek Park on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Approve a Special Event Permit for the West Branch Highschool Homecoming

Parade on Wednesday, September 25 2024 starting at 6:30 p.m.
Approve a Class C Retail Alcohol license for ELDR Bar LLC dba The Lively, 3 Ember Lane, Suite 1, West Branch, Iowa. - Pending fire inspection Approve Claims for August 5, 2024. EXPENDITURES - 8/5/2024 AMAZON.COM-SUMMER PROG PRIZES-LIBRARY-281.54 BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-274.17 BIBLIONIX-CIRCULATION/CATALOG CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL-

MOWERS PW-1,646.60 DIAMOND VOGEL-TOWN HALL PAINT-DIRK WIENEKE-LAWN CARE SERVICE-CUBBY-1,870.00 E O JOHNSON BUSINESS-COPIER MAINTENANCE - CITY-157.60 GRIEBAHN INDUSTRIES-NAME PLATES-VARIOUS DEPTS IOWA ASSN. MUN. UTILITIES-

QUARTERLY SAFETY TRAINING DUES-950.00 IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES-FY25 WATER SUPPLY FEE-275.28 MENARDS-PAINT SUPPLIES-

PARKSIDE SERVICE-CHARGER TIRES-POLICE-1,208.52 PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL-PEST CONTROL - TH, LIB, CITY-160.14 SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION-ANNUAL FIRE EXT SERVICE-719.80 UNIFORM DEN-UNIFORM-POLICE-681.18 US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY-STREAM

GAGE MAINT & OPERATION-9,740.00 VEENSTRA & KIMM-VARIOUS PROJECTS-27,221.92 WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-OIL -POLICE-17.00 TOTAL--48,109.58 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE

BENEFITS - 7/19/2024 & 8/2/2024

PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 7/30/24-BOOMERANG-WW TREATMENT PAY EST 20-68,266.92 IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-155.70 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-UNIFORM, SAFETY, & GEN SUPPLIES-491.51

STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICAL S-250 38 METLIFE-INSURANCE-2,191.50 SISCO-INSURANCE-12,579.23 SISCO-FLEX CLAIMS 7/8/24-1,287.75 ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-14,164.92 ALATORRE-WINDOW CLEANING-

CITY-81.00

LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE-LIBRARY-142.02 QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES-119.27 WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-1.166.71 AMAZON.COM-BOOKS-64.64 AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC-DUES GOODALE 5-1-24 TO 4-30-25-

BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-349.52 PATROL RESERVES-4,445.00 CEDAR CO TRANSFER STATION-TRASH DISPOSAL-34.00 CROELL-DAVE WELD CONCRETE REPLACE-780.00
CULLIGAN WATER TECH-WATER

SOFTENER SERVICE-30.49 DINGES FIRE COMPANY-SERVICE PUMPS-FIRE-1,216.25 EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY-CUBBY, WAPSI MULCH-

IOWA CO ATTORNEYS ASSOC-IA ACTS OF INTEREST REG-150.00 A LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY-MMPI-TRANSFER AGENCY-20.00 LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT-OXYGEN REGILL TANKS-FIRE-70.44 MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICE-41.90 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY-WATER METERS & RADIOS-5,999.03 OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-902.16 PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE

POWER-REPLENISH POSTAGE-LIBRARY-144.52 PYRAMID SERVICES-MOWER PARTS-PW-1,030.38 QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES-LAB ANALYSIS-802.00 SHIELD TECHNOLOGY-SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE-2,265,50 STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-87.00

STOREY KENWORTHY-PRINT LASER CHECKS-267.13 TENNIS SUBFACES OF IOWA-BERANEK PICKBALL COURT PAINT-3.880.00 UNIFORM DEN-UNIFORMS-DORSEY-1,390.74 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH-PHYSICALS, DRUG TEST-PD,

PW-488.00 US BANK CORPORATE CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-5,562.98 VEENSTRA & KIMM-CHANNEL WIDENING LOMC APP-37,056.72 VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-467.58 WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-HEAD LIGHT/BATTERY-FIRE-634.55 TOTAL--173,971.18 GRAND TOTAL XPENDITURES--348,321.90

001 GENERAL FUND-84,720.11

FUND TOTALS

022 CIVIC CENTER-1,586.09 LIBRARY-13,779.15 ROAD USE TAX-12.957.08 TRUST AND AGENCY-38,615.16 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-324 WW TREATMENT FACILITY-80,203.76
330 EASTSIDE WATER MAIN PH2-12.497.02 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECON-31,103.08 600 WATER FUND-28 886 04 610 SEWER FUND-25,219.67 740 STORM WATER GRAND FUND TOTAL--348,321.90 Sexton questioned the payments to USGS for stream gauge monitoring and Cedar County Sheriff's office. Brick reminded the Council that they approved the stream gauge monitoring for 2024 in December of 2023 and said billing is delayed and paid at the start of each fiscal year. Kofoed said the Sheriff's office will continue with some coverage through mid-September while the Officer Dorsey completes the academy and gets acclimated with the City. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion car-

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum Main Street Executive Director Jessi Simon gave a brief run-down of this years Hoover's Hometown Days event that is scheduled for this weekend City stepping aside to along volunteers to take over the event, many community members have stepped up for the challenge. Simon thanked the Public Works Department for their continued contributions to the event. Simon also encouraged everyone to visit the Hooverdays. org website for the full event schedule and see the photos of the 2024 Hoover's Hometown Days committee and be sure to "thank" them for their efforts.

Resolution 2024-80 - Accepting the resignation of Councilperson Nicholas Goodweiler from the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa. / Move

PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT

The Mayor and Council reluctantly accepted Goodweiler's resignation from the City Council. The Council members individually offered their thanks to Goodweiler for his contributions to the Council and said they had learned a lot from him during his tenure. Goodweiler will be moving from West Branch to be closer to his work. Mayor Laughlin said the City Council will appoint Goodweiler's replacement at the August 19th City Council meeting. Motion by Sexton, second by Stoolman to approve Resolution 2024-80. AYES: Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan. NAYS: Dean. Abstain: Goodweiler. Motion Resolution 2024-81 - Approving a

Liability Insurance Proposal with Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). / Move to action This is the City's annual liability insur ance policy which is effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-81. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler, Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2024-82 - Approving the

Workers' Compensation (Revised) Proposal with Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA) for Fiscal Year 2025. / Move to action.

This item was previously approved via Resolution 2024-66. But after additional review, an error was caught on an omission of a loss experience credit that was not given to the City on the original renewal notice. This new proposal corrects the error by the insurance carrier Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-82. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Goodweiler, Stoolman Resolution 2024-83 - Approving the West Branch Fire Department to solicit bids for the sale of a 2000 Freightliner Fire Truck. / Move to action

Fire Chief Stoolman said the new tanker pumper fire truck the department ordered and purchased in 2022 will be delivered in the next few months. Stoolman would like to sell the 2000 Freightliner (#192) prior to its arrival. Dean said he would like to set a minimum bid for the truck when selling and asked if Stoolman had an estimate. Stoolman said he had the truck appraised last year to be approximately \$90-\$110 thousand dollars. Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2024-83. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Stoolman, Goodweiler, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2024-84 – Approving the City of West Branch (Revised) Fiscal Management Policies date July 2024. /

Move to action. Brick reminded the Council that the City's financial policies are to be reviewed annually for any modifications needed. Brick noted the highlights. The Council briefly discussed but had no

Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-84. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion

Resolution 2024-85 – Approving the West Branch Parks & Recreation Master Plan. / Move to action. Kofoed explained the master plan was a three-year long project that crossed three directors and commission member changes. Kofoed said a public survey was conducted in 2022 and the results were showing that residents are very supportive of park and recreation programs including large scale projects such as a rec center and public swimming pool. Stoolman thanked the Lions Club and Eagle Scouts who have donated their time and amenities to the

Motion by Dean, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2024-85. AYES: Dean, Goodweiler, Stoolman, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2024-86 – Approving the West Branch Parks & Recreation Grievance Policy. / Move to action. Kofoed stated that policies are best created when there are no issues and that it is now time to establish a policy to address a grievance within the Park & Recreation department. Kofoed said the policy is drafted similar to a policy in Garner. lowa. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to

Dean, Sexton, Stoolman, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Motion Resolution 2024-87 – Approving the West Branch Parks & Recreation Rules

of Behavior Policy. / Move to action.

approve Resolution 2024-86. AYES:

Horihan asked if the City Attorney had reviewed the policy and if he had any issues with it. Olson said the policy was basic in nature and that he had no issues with it. Sexton said he was in support of the policy and stated there should be zero tolerance for bad behavior. Kofoed said the policy is very similar to that of the West Branch Public Library and said that their policy had been suc cessful. Sexton asked if signage could be posted at the city's parks regarding some of the most basic behavior issues so that violators will be warned of consequences. The other members were agreeable with Sexton's suggestion. Motion by Dean, second by Stoolman to approve Resolution 2024-87. AYES: Dean, Stoolman, Horihan, Goodweiler, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2024-88 – Approving Change Order Number 4 in the amount of (\$24,761.26) for the Wastewate Treatment Facility Improvements Project / Move to action This change order decreases the project

cost by \$24,761.26. Motion by Sexton, second by Stoolman to approve Resolution 2024-88. AYES: Sexton, Stoolman, Goodweiler, Dean, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried Resolution 2024-89 - Approving Pay Estimate Number 3 in the amount of \$82,852.75 to Midwest Underground Contractors Inc. for the Phase 2 Eastside Water Main Replacement Project. / Move to action Stoolman asked N. 4th Street would

be open for Hoover's Hometown Days and if the contractor would be sweeping the street of the dirt and mud remaining at the project site. Kofoed responded that the street will not be open and that he had asked the contractor to take a brief break from the project so as to not interfere with Hoover's Hometown Days. When asked if the project was on-time, Kofoed said that the project is two-we behind and that a meeting with the city's engineer, contractor and staff has been scheduled for after the weekends event to address concerns over the project. Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2024-89. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler Stoolman. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Discussion - Consider adding a traffic stop the intersection of West Orange and Greenview Drive

Kofoed said this topic comes from Councilperson Stoolman who asked that the suggestion for a stop sign on West Orange Street near the intersection of Greenview Drive. Stoolman has observed vehicular traffic speeding along this stretch and feels a stop sign would help slow people down. Sexton said he is opposed to adding a stop sign because there are already six stops signs along this street. Sexton feels that adding another stop will just make people drive faster to the next one to make up time. Horihan suggested that the police department monitor the street for offenders and offer suggestions to improve safety.

Discussion – Consider handicap parking

on the 100 block of North Downey Stree Kofoed stated that he has received several requests from downtown businesses for better handicap parking. Kofoed said that there is a marked spot on the 100 block of North Downey Street at the end of the Opera Block House, but it is not "signed". Horihan gave a brief history of a similar request a few years ago when he was Chief and said that one space in front of the physical therapy office was

'signed" to allow patience better access for services although the curb doesn't allow for wheelchair access. The Council was not opposed to an additional parking spot being added.

Discussion – Provide City Administrator direction regarding recent requests to implement smart growth Kofoed stated that he is several inquiries from prospective businesses expressing interest in coming to West Branch. With interest in coming to West Branch. West Branch's recent growth, the City is becoming more attractive to potential new business growth as well and that now is the time to consider discussing what types of businesses the City wants to see as well as where they would like to see them. Kofoed said that many businesses reach out to him and Main Street's Executive Director Jessi Simon and both are interested and invested in preserving the downtown district as well as going business offerings but with thought. Kofoed and Simon suggest the Council strongly consider an overlay district that will preserve and protect the downtown area while encouraging businesses to come to West Branch. Kofoed said to accomplish this will take time and passing new ordinances. All members of the Council expressed their support in this initiative. Kofoed also brought up the topic of updating the City's Code of Ordinance to address marijuana growing and sales within the city limits. Kofoed provided a sample ordinance from the City of Garner, Iowa as an example. Horihan said he would support an ordinance regarding marijuana. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Kofoed thanked Laughlin for the professional job on the office remodel that was completed earlier in the day. Kofoed said the new office space meet staff's expectations. Kofoed also thanked city staff members who painted Town Hall over the past few weeks and those who helped clean-up the downtown area in preparation for Hoover's Hometown Days.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – Nothing

to report CITY ENGINEER REPORT - Absent STAFF REPORTS – Library Director Jessie Shaffer announced that there is a parttime programming opening at the library and that applications are being accepted. COMments from mayor and council members

Councilperson Dean expressed his unhappiness regarding interstate continuing to come through West Branch when an accident happens. Dean wants the City to bill the person who caused the accidents insurance company and/or IDOT for street damage and police salaries for each incident. Dean also thanked city staff for there time in painting Town Hall on top of their full schedules. Horihan said he is looking forward to Hoover's Hometown Days this weekend and invited everyone to visit the Herbert Hoover Library & Museum before it closes in 2025 for a major remodel. Horihan said the museum is free to visit during Hoover's Hometown Days. Laughlin thanked Main Street Director Simon for her efforts in leading the Hoover's Hometown Days event for 2024.

adiournment Motion to adjourn by Dean, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST: Leslie Brick, City Clerk

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