

## Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	PAY DATE	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	8/22/2025	930.74
Washington National Ins Co.		167.26
Fidelity Investments		1,200.00
Phelps the Uniform Specialists		34.10
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co		457.64
IPERS		124,133.11
Cedar County Health Fund		173,208.13
Cedar County Treasurer		123.00
Nationwide Retirement Solution		140.00
Cedar County Treasurer		82,467.01
Cedar County Treasurer		10,938.70
Cedar County Treasurer		9,014.42
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Cedar County Treasurer		1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL		404,241.95
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## Legal Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE**  
Woodruff Construction plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities".  
The storm water discharge will be from the construction of a parking lot addition located in the SW ¼ of Section 08, Township 79 North, Range 4 West, in Cedar County. Storm water will be discharged from two point-sources and will be discharged to the West Branch Wapsinonoc Creek and an unnamed tributary to the West Branch Wapsinonoc Creek, a tributary of the Cedar River. 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.  
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Peterson Contractors Inc. plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities".  
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## Cedar county claim

8/14/2025  
General Basic Fund  
3974.76-Advanced Correctional-medical  
1339.57-Alliant Energy-elec  
2518.55-Amazon Capital Services-back-up  
20.00-Barry Anderson-mtg  
1115.67-AT&T Mobility-phone  
1270.21-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
666.94-Brown's West Branch-oil chg  
37385.25-Cedar County Disaster Service-assessment  
21500.00-Cedar County Fair Assoc-FY25/26  
532.00-Conservative Publishing-mins  
281.99-Copy Systems-copies  
688.96-Cove Equipment-cylinder  
310.00-Mike Dauber-ME  
218.35-Deana Drumbarger-mil  
662.66-Eastern IA Light&Power-elec  
200.97-Matthew A Fields-clothing  
2500.00-Fry Funeral Home-cremation  
746.37-Galls Inc-clothing  
700.00-Keenan Graves-well  
24.00-H & H Auto-tire rp  
135.45-Patricia Hamann-parking  
21.34-Ashley Hansen-mil  
700.00-Larry Hasselbusch-well plug  
2500.00-Henderson-Barker Funeral Home-cremation  
70.99-Hermens Automotive LLC-oil chg  
364.00-Jennifer Hubler-ME  
2047.00-Iowa Office of the State-autopsy  
71.30-Iowa Prison Industries-signs  
127.60-Thies Reporting, Inc.-depositions  
1109.27-Thiesen's-Lubricants  
100.00-Johnson County Sheriff-extraction  
385.00-Steve Kerchner-well  
40.00-Douglas Klein-mtg  
1408.80-KMDE, LLC-solar  
503.66-Linn County Auditor-ME fees  
938.56-Mail Services, LLC-print  
200.00-Dick Maske-mtg  
149.61-McKesson Medical - Surgical-medical  
15.27-Genuine Parts Company Inc NAPA-fuse  
54.56-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-paperclips  
89.84-Office Express-paper  
700.00-Ed Pelzer-well  
2353.17-Reserve Account-auditor  
1730.46-Progressive Rehabilitation-PT  
220.00-PS3 Enterprises Inc-rental  
22000.00-Senior Dining-FY25/26  
321.12-Sinclair Tractor-mower repair  
20.00-Dale Slach-mtg  
16.50-Joselyn Snook-mil  
986.50-State Hygienic Laboratory-testing  
177.00-T & M Clothing-hem  
700.00-Taylor Iowa Farms LLC-well plug  
59.00-Univ Hygienic Lab-testing  
280.13-US Cellular-phones  
151.26-Vestis-mats/mops  
3440.59-VISA/Bankers Bank-adobe  
134.20-Elizabeth Voss-mil  
34.00-Weland Clinical Lab, P.C.-labs  
532.00-West Branch Times-min  
65.50-Warren Wethington-fuel  
150.20-Wex Bank-fuel  
122.90-Windstream Auto-Pay-dsl  
30.00-Woodbury Sheriff's Office-subpoena  
General Supplemental Fund  
219.00-Cedar County Sheriff Trust Acc-transport  
82.67-Reserve Account-voter cards  
125.00-SEAT Treasurer-SEAT III  
4080.00-S.I.A.D.S.A. Lee/Lucas-detention  
Rural Services Basic Fund  
26.06-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-

phone  
23.10-Conservative Publishing-legal  
59.99-Matthew A Fields-clothing  
100.85-Reserve Account-EZ  
3432.88-Waste Management of Iowa-20yrd  
EMS-Essential Srv(Ambulance)  
63.23-Amazon Capital Services-key storage  
132.54-AT&T Mobility-phone  
146.55-Crist Electrical Serv-outlet  
548.70-VISA/Bankers Bank-speaker mic  
Transfer Station Fund  
488.87-Alliant Energy-elec  
696.50-Cintas Corporation-uniforms  
5.00-Clarence Telephone Company-email  
5705.39-Clinton County Waste Agency-waste  
1445.30-HLW Engineering Group-landfill  
769.90-Jim Hawk Truck Trailers-Dav-repairs  
142.59-Thiesen's-spray/DEF  
51.60-Reserve Account-Solid Waste  
22519.83-Quad Cities Landfill Millennium-landfill  
170.00-Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.-waste oil  
214.67-Secondary Road Fund-testing  
117.89-Wex Bank-DEF  
7347.05-CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER ACH MED-self funded med  
Conservation Trust Fund  
223.76-Family Foods-day camps  
PH/NS Memorial Trust Fund  
81.63-VISA/Bankers Bank-health fair  
Drug Forfeiture Fund  
193.64-VISA/Bankers Bank-education  
Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund  
203.51-AT&T Mobility-phone  
430.16-City of Tipton-uttl  
240.00-All Star Turf-mowing  
228.00-Thomas Heating & Air-AC repair  
7.47-Verizon-river gauge  
37.98-VISA/Bankers Bank-cards  
E911  
18.00-F&B Communications-data  
253.00-Mechanicsville Telephone-data  
1245.86-VISA/Bankers Bank-uttl Assessor  
22.99-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone  
850.00-ISA-Conf  
104.44-Office Express-tabs  
6.98-Reserve Account-Assessor  
174595.61--Grand Total  
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## Cedar county board

**BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE--WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV)  
TIPTON, IOWA  
August 19, 2025  
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. August 19, 2025 with following members present: Bixler, Gaul, and Chairperson Bell. Kaufmann and Barnhart were 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 8/15/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #443312 for \$3,453.31-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve agenda.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Barnhart, Kaufmann  
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. Conservation Director Dauber informed Board that Dutch Brothers completed roof repair on Rock Creek barn and is aware of Massillon Boat ramp needing repairs but need to wait for river levels to drop. Dauber also mentioned he will be retiring in December 2025.  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve Board Minutes of August 12, 2025.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Kaufmann, Barnhart  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #443312 - #443311 paid on 8/14/2025.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Kaufmann, Barnhart  
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to re-appoint Michael Male and Robin Housley to Veteran Affairs Commission for another term.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Barnhart, Kaufmann  
Auditor Welch updated Board with a control quote from TMI of \$6,194 but removing BACnet Gateway provided by Hometown Mechanical quote would be \$4,480. Discussion held. consensus of Board that Hometown Mechanical had lower bid, installation timeline faster and quote of six boilers versus two.  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Bell to approve quote of six boilers provided by Hometown Mechanical and use remaining \$59,000 LATCF funds towards quoted amount of \$123,278.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Kaufmann, Barnhart  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to authorize and approve final plans for bridge project BROS-C016(121)--

8J-16 on Charles Avenue in Springdale Township.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Barnhart, Kaufmann  
Stephanie Lathrop, Carosh Compliance Solutions, HIPAA Security Officer Tischuk and Privacy Officer Conrad-Marion met with Board to review renewal and policy changes. Lathrop reviewed training statistics, completion rate, audit, cyber security program and indemnification program. Discussion held. Lathrop will draft a letter for departments explaining importance of completing training courses and how cost could reflect department's budgets if not completed.  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to authorize and approve HIPAA Select renewal in amount of \$13,625.00 and Cyber Security Program in amount of \$5,150.00 from Carosh Compliance Solutions.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Kaufmann, Barnhart  
Stephanie Lathrop, Carosh Compliance Solutions, HIPAA Security Officer Tischuk and Privacy Officer Conrad-Marion met with Board to review our policies. Discussion held on double locking server room and personal phone device.  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve changes on policies AS-155: Fax Transmittal of PHI, AS-195: Fraud, Waste and Abuse, AS-215: Protection from Malicious Software, AS-220: Log in Monitoring, AS-225: Data Back-up and Storage, AS-250: Applications and Data Criticality Analysis, PS-135: Workstation Security, PS-145: Workstation Security, PR-260: Use of Mobile Devices, PS-105: Disposal of ePHI and/or Hardware, PS-155: Contingency Operations, TS-105: Password Management, TS-115: Encryption and Decryption of Electronically Transmitted Data, TS-130: Audit Controls, TS-140: Emergency Access Procedure, TS-145: Person or Entity Authentication and PS-140: Access Control and Validation  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Barnhart, Kaufmann  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to adjourn at 10:06 a.m., to August 26, 2025.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Kaufmann, Barnhart  
Jon Bell, Chairperson  
Nicki Welch, Auditor  
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Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.  
Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.  
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 8/22/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #443313 for \$3,450.76-self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda.  
Ayes: All  
Rick Gritton presented with an award for 10 years of service.  
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none.  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Bell to approve Board Minutes of August 19, 2025.  
Ayes: All  
Abstain: Kaufmann, Barnhart  
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #202446-202599 for period ending 8/16/25 and to be paid on 8/22/25.  
Ayes: All  
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.  
Board discussed survey of secondary roads property. Assistant Engineer Anderson present. consensus of Board to have Jenkins meet with County Engineer to get fence relocated.  
Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with Board to set public hearing dates for following petition: Edgewood Land Company, 143 Buckleye Rd., West Branch, IA, (Owners) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property described as Lot 1, located in SW ¼, SE ¼, Section 30, T-79N, R-4W, in Springdale Township, consisting of 1.49 acres more or less.  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to set public hearing dated for Edgewood Land Company to 9:00 a.m. on September 9th and 16th.  
Ayes: All  
At 9:00 a.m. Sheri Childers, River Bend Transit introduced herself and provided a presentation on what River Bend Transit offers. Childers did mention that Cedar County ridership has been increasing and thanked Cedar County for ongoing support.  
Moved by Barnhart seconded by

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Kaufmann to approve right of way contracts for project BROS-C016(121)--8J-16.  
Ayes: All  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy on Eureka Avenue and waive \$100 fee.  
Ayes: All  
Security Officer Deputy Jackson and Judge Werling met with Board to discuss panic buttons for Clerk's Office. State's IT department won't approve putting software County uses on State-owned computers. Jackson said SimpliSafe quoted him \$152 for buttons and self-monitoring for up to 25 people as a one-time fee. Werling appreciates all help Cedar County has provided for Court system. Bell asked that if Court system has anything that will need purchased in future, they will need to come forward during budgeting time.  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve SimpliSafe quote of \$152 for buttons and self-monitoring as a one-time fee to be paid out of IT budget.  
Ayes: All  
Bixler said now that tax statements have been mailed out and many citizens have been upset about increases would it be possible to ask Conservation Board to hire within and hold off replacing Conservation Director Dauber once he retires in December to help cut back on budget. No discussion held.  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to adjourn at 9:46 a.m., to September 2, 2025.  
Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson  
Nicki Welch, Auditor  
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## West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)  
West Branch, Iowa; City Council; September 2, 2025  
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.  
Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.  
Roll call: Council members present: Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton and Jodee Stoolman(joined at 7:21pm).  
City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kolofed, City Clerk Alycia Horras, Police Chief Greg Hall, and City Engineer Dave Schechinger.

Attending via Zoom: Deputy Clerk Jessica Brown and, Library Director Jessie Schafer  
APPROVE THE AGENDa  
Request for a Motion to Amend the Agenda to remove the Public Hearing so that it can be rescheduled for October 6, 2025, to Table Resolution 2025-95 for the October 6, 2025 meeting and to add Resolution 2025-97 to reset the Public Hearing for the Potential Agreement with Parkside Partners made by City Clerk Horras.  
Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda by Miller, second by Sexton, with Dean and Stoolman Absent. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA  
Approve minutes from the August 18, 2025 City Council meeting.  
Approve minutes from the August 14, 2025 Special Work Session.  
Approve 5th Street Block Party  
Approve Claims for September 2, 2025.  
EXPENDITURES - 9/2/2025  
ADVANTAGE DEVELOPMENT-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-2,200.00  
AMAZON-BOOKS, STORY TIME - LIBRARY-299.63  
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC.- DUES GOODALE 8-1-25 TO 7-31-26-95.00  
BOOMERANG-CEDAR JOHNSON RD PAY EST 3-136,261.66  
BOWERS, RYAN & LAUREN-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-570.00  
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR-SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT FY26-15,555.32  
CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL - PW-801.63  
CEDAR COUNTY RECORDER-CASSABAUM PROP RECORDING-14.40  
COPELAND, ROBERT & LEZLEE-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1.00  
DYKSTRA, DEREK-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-2,110.00  
FOLEY, RYAN & SHEILA-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-310.00  
GARTZKE, DAVID & DIANE-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-260.00  
GOERDT INSPECTION -BLDG INSPECTIONS-1,974.00  
GREATER IOWA CITY-FY26 MEMBER DUES-2,500.00  
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-3,838.09  
HEICK, SANDRA-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-260.00  
HI-LINE-SHOP SUPPLIES - PW-305.46  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY-MPI FALL REG - JB, AH-464.00  
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-SHOP SUPPLIES & CLOTHING- PW-801.90  
KLM INVESTMENTS-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-2.00  
KOCH, ALEX-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-450.00

LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE- CITY OFFICE-396.00  
LEHMAN FAMILY LAND-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1,212.00  
LITE WINDOW & DOOR-QUAKER GLASS - FIRE-311.48  
MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICES -41.90  
MENARDS-CUBBY DOOR KEY PAD-P&R-300.99  
MENTE CONSTRUCTION-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1,020.00  
MILLER, RICHARD-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-820.00  
O'NEIL PATRICK & KATHARINE-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1,800.00  
PATRICK, BARBARA-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1,225.00  
SGA INC.-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1,300.00  
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-257.89  
STERICYCLE-SHREDDING SERVICES-96.23  
STULL, TIM & LISA-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-1.00  
VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-424.51  
WACHS, KRISTINA & MATTHEW-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-585.00  
WALKER, CURTIS & ERIN-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-740.00  
WASMUND, JOSEPH & LORI-CEDAR JOHNSON EASEMENTS-370.00  
TOTAL--179,976.09  
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 8/29/2025  
56,527.15  
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS  
ALLIANT ENERGY-MURAL PARK ELECTRICAL-8.90  
AMAZON-BOOKS, GAMES & DVDS - LIBRARY-179.53  
BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-188.38  
BOUND TREE MEDICAL-MEDICAL SUPPLIES - FIRE-1,184.98  
CAPITAL ONE-VARIOUS ITEMS - LIBRARY-124.80  
CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL-929.50  
CEDAR CO EMERGENCY MGMT-2025-2026 EMA ASSESSMENT-13,172.25  
CULLIGAN WATER-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-30.49  
FIELD FIRE EQUIPMENT-MISC SERVICES - FIRE-875.00  
IOWA CODIFICATION-JUNE 2025 SUPPLEMENT-1,775.00  
JJ NIGHTING COMPANY-DITCH MOWER SHIRT-182.42  
MENARDS-VARIOUS ITEMS-329.99  
MOPPY MO'S-JANITORIAL SERVICES - FIRE-17.50  
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES -

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### NEW LISTING



### 602 Orange St, Tipton, \$249,900

4 BR, 3 BA. This spacious zero-entry house has something for everyone. The house has a large living room and a main floor family room/sun room. The dining room is large enough for a family table. The main floor has 2 spacious bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The primary bedroom has a walk-in closet and private bath. In the Lower level there is a third NON-conforming bedroom, family room, full bath and LOTS of storage. The LL is stubbed for an additional kitchen or bath. Outside, the lot has plenty of shade for the hot summer days and a fenced yard. The property has a garden shed for outdoor storage. This property is sold in AS-IS condition.

### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 24 from 1-3 p.m.

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LOT 5 - \$54,000 • LOT 6 - \$55,000 • LOT 7 - \$55,000 LOT 8 - \$57,000 • LOT 9 - \$54,000



2 Lots E. 5th St., Tipton \$41,000



1007 PARKVIEW LN., TIPTON. \$50,000



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## Cedar County Extension

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<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/jobs>

## Democratic

From Page 3

ated the Higher Education Committee.

I was hopeful we'd finally see real solutions on how to reduce the rising cost of tuition.

Instead, Republican members on the committee spent the entire session chasing culture war battles at the will of special interests, and did nothing to reduce costs for the people of Iowa.

To counter this, Iowa House Democrats introduced legislation to lower tuition costs and give families more certainty.

The bill would lock in tuition and fees for all four years for Iowa freshmen at Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa, which will save students about \$2,500 for a degree.

It allows students and families to budget with certainty, instead of scrambling to cover unexpected tuition increases.

But Republican law-

makers keep ignoring these issues, and it's led to Iowa's economy being ranked dead last in the nation.

Investing in higher education is the key to building Iowa's economy while preventing young people from leaving the state.

Our state needs more nurses, teachers, and skilled workers to fill critical shortages, but too many students are priced out of the degrees and training programs.

By keeping the cost of higher education affordable and supporting our trades, community colleges, and universities, we can prepare the next generation of Iowans for high-demand jobs right here at home.

And when graduates aren't buried in debt, they're able to buy homes, raise families, and spend money in their communities, and that in turn, strengthens Iowa's towns, main streets, and overall economy.

It's time to tackle the real problems Iowans face at their kitchen tables, because these culture war issues don't pay the bills.

Branch store, in August 2023.

In early June 2025, the City of West Branch approved changes to the store's alcohol and cigarette license to the new company name.

According to Cedar County assessor records, the land includes 1.54 acres and the deed is held by Cole Kg West Branch Ia LLC, 1459 Grand Ave., Des Moines. The newest sale of the property has not been recorded.

Its previous sale for \$1.1 million took place on Feb. 19, 2010, when Cole Kg purchased the property from Kum & Go.

The previous sale recorded on the assessor's website shows JD Carpenter Companies Inc FKA Home Oil Stations selling on Dec. 28, 2009, to Kum & Go LC, for \$829,500.

Prior to that, an unnamed owner transferred the deed to Carpenter for \$841,400 on Sept. 11, 1998.

who don't count on these programs to survive.

It's time every candidate for office, including incumbents, answers to us. That's what will happen at the Eastern Iowa Rural Revival Sept. 28th at the Cedar County Fairgrounds. Sign up now to guarantee a seat and the right to ask your question. No stump speeches allowed. All statewide and federal candidates have been invited.

Let's come together as Americans to demand more from our elected leaders.

Go to mobilize.us and search for Tipton revival to reserve your seat.

**Suzan Erem  
Gower Township**

## Republican

From Page 3

State of Iowa's appropriations to our regent universities topped over half a billion.

The legislature continues to support higher education in Iowa, but trying to address the cost of higher education by throwing more money at the system is like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

Even as appropriations increase, the universities continue to drive up spending.

For decades now, students in Iowa and across the country have seen sustained tuition increases, causing students to further weigh the costs and benefits of seeking higher education.

One of our solutions this year, House File 440, the College Affordability Act, was introduced and signed into law by the Governor just a few months ago.

The legislation requires tuition rates for each academic year to be set before most students start enrolling, and directs each university to offer at least one Work-Study program where a student can earn

their degree while working part-time and getting their tuition paid by the employer.

This policy will not only save students money, but will also ensure the student is better prepared to step right into their new career after graduation.

The College Affordability Act also directs each university to offer at least one three-year bachelor's degree, saving students a year of time and lost wages.

In addition, the bill mandates the Board of Regents conduct a feasibility study and report back to the legislature on establishing a tuition guarantee, where a student pays the same tuition rate through all four years of school.

It's not just the Legislature that sees the issues facing higher education today.

Through negotiations with the Board of Regents, the board agreed to adopt a policy capping annual tuition increases at a three-year rolling average of the higher education price index.

This change is a significant departure from current policy, ensuring predictability for students throughout their four years

of education, and slowing long-term tuition growth for years to come.

In addition, the Board of Regents has agreed to review all academic programs across the three regent universities before the next legislative session to ensure they align with the state's workforce needs.

This will help ensure we are prioritizing a student's employment prospects after graduation, and that Iowa taxpayers are not subsidizing academic programs that don't lead to gainful employment.

However, you don't have to attend one of our state's regent universities to pursue higher education in our state.

Not every student wants to be, can be, or has the time to be on campus in Ames, Iowa City, or Cedar Falls.

Iowa's Community Colleges meet students where they are, in every corner of the state — no matter how rural.

We hear of students who want to stick close to home and save money while they're starting their education or seeking a new path to jumpstart their career.

A reform that would benefit Iowans seeking

higher education closer to home would be to expand the current offerings at our community colleges by allowing these institutions to offer a limited number of bachelor's degrees for our state's most high-demand fields.

Earlier this year, I charged our community colleges to conduct a feasibility study and report back to my committee before the next legislative session on what this may look like at our various campuses.

In five of the 15 community college districts in Iowa, there is no nearby four-year college or university.

Today, 24 other states allow community colleges to offer a limited number of bachelor's degrees — next year, Iowa could be number 25.

In the first year of the House Higher Education Committee, we identified solutions that work for Iowa students, not just the university bureaucracy.

In the next session of the general assembly, my colleagues and I look forward to building on the progress we've already made and continuing to deliver for Iowa taxpayers and students.

## Switch

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porary closure include one in Tipton: 2050 Iowa Highway 38 (Oct. 25-29); two in Iowa City: 2303 Muscatine Ave (Oct. 20-24) and 731 South Riverside Dr. (Oct. 26-30); and two in Coralville: 2600 Holiday Road (Oct. 24-28) and 205 2nd Street (Oct. 25-29).

"We're remodeling your store to bring you the full Maverik experience," reads the company's website. "From exclusive deals to fuel savings, now's the perfect time to explore what Maverik has to offer. Thanks for your patience as we work to upgrade your store."

The timeline includes 44 stores in Iowa. The rebranding effort will also include locations in Arkansas, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Maverik purchased dozens of Kum & Go locations, including the West

Branch store, in August 2023.

In early June 2025, the City of West Branch approved changes to the store's alcohol and cigarette license to the new company name.

According to Cedar County assessor records, the land includes 1.54 acres and the deed is held by Cole Kg West Branch Ia LLC, 1459 Grand Ave., Des Moines. The newest sale of the property has not been recorded.

Its previous sale for \$1.1 million took place on Feb. 19, 2010, when Cole Kg purchased the property from Kum & Go.

The previous sale recorded on the assessor's website shows JD Carpenter Companies Inc FKA Home Oil Stations selling on Dec. 28, 2009, to Kum & Go LC, for \$829,500.

Prior to that, an unnamed owner transferred the deed to Carpenter for \$841,400 on Sept. 11, 1998.

who don't count on these programs to survive.

It's time every candidate for office, including incumbents, answers to us. That's what will happen at the Eastern Iowa Rural Revival Sept. 28th at the Cedar County Fairgrounds. Sign up now to guarantee a seat and the right to ask your question. No stump speeches allowed. All statewide and federal candidates have been invited.

Let's come together as Americans to demand more from our elected leaders.

Go to mobilize.us and search for Tipton revival to reserve your seat.

**Suzan Erem  
Gower Township**

## Hamann

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Dubuque Hempstead 237 11. North Scott 303 12. Davenport Central 331.

City High results (top five plus WB): 6. Lucy Sherburne 20:51; 14. Martha Willard 22:14; 17. Katiya Ellermeier 22:29; 22. Ella Romero 22:54; 30. Willow Schultz 23:30; 51. Cassie Swisher 24:55; 71. Caitlyn Harrison 26:35; 90. Maria Monfort Felip 28:42

Fresh/soph team scores: 1. Pleasant Valley 49 2. Naperville North (Ill.)

62 3. Iowa City High 81 4. Johnston 135 5. Edina (Minn.) 177 6. Cedar Rapids Prairie 178 7. Dubuque Senior 183 8. Moline (Ill.) 194 9. Rock Island (Ill.) 220 10. Iowa City Liberty 256 11. Dubuque Hempstead 272 12. Iowa City West 312 13. Muscatine 355 14. Bettendorf 368.

City High results (top five plus WB): 5. Charlotte Doran 21:23; 14. Nadia LeClair 22:00; 17. Lucia Galluzzo 22:13; 21. Maeve Nordlund 22:30; 24. Camille Leman 22:51; 100. Sydney Nash 26:13; 115. Clancy Trepanier 27:27;

**79. Lynden MacGillivray 20:39.**

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## Crow Creek

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20. Emmett Palmberg 16:31; 27. Jasper McRoberts 16:37; 28. Jack Leman 16:39; 36. David Randall 16:50; 40. Jarris Prottzman 16:58; 44. Will Carey 17:02.

Junior varsity team scores: 1. Johnston 52 2. Iowa City High 78 3. Iowa City West 108 4. Cedar Rapids Prairie 139 5. Wheaton North (Ill.) 147 (sixth runner tiebreaker) 6. Dubuque Hempstead 147 7. Edina (Minn.) 154 8. Pleasant Valley 172 9. Dubuque Senior 181 10. North Scott 286 11. Bettendorf 297 12. Davenport Central 349 13. Iowa City Liberty 354.

City High results (top five plus WB): 1. Malcolm Arnold 17:24; 2. Henry Vande Berg 17:26; 3. Maxwell McDowell 17:32; 29. Silas Gollnick 18:42; 50. Silas Suchomel 19:26;

121. Olivia Becker 27:54

## First place in Hillcrest race

City High's girls cross country took first place Sept. 2 at Hillcrest Academy.

Team scores: 1. Iowa City High 20 2. Albia 57 3. English Valleys 63 4. Cedar Rapids Jefferson 5. Lone Tree 129.

City High results: 2. Abigail Burns 19:46; 3. Grace Hamann 20:14; 4. Eliza Doster 20:20; 5. Naomi Downing-Sherer 21:13; 6. Calissa Fruin

City High results (top five plus WB): 5. Zach Howard 17:27; 8. Soren Miller 17:42; 9. Drew

21:21; 7. Madeline Fischer 21:27; 11. Claire Locher 21:49.

Junior varsity team scores: 1. Iowa City High 15 2. Cedar Rapids Washington 53 3. Cedar Rapids Jefferson 72.

City High results (top five plus WB): 1. Lucy Sherburne 22:15; 2. Charlotte Doran 22:21; 3. Camille Leman 22:26; 4. Nadia LeClair 22:46; 5. Martha Willard 23:12; 20. Cassie Swisher 26:01; 32. Sydney Nash 27:24; 38. Olivia Becker 29:06; 40. Maria Monfort Felip 30:06.

Hamilton 17:42; 17. Ben Elwell 18:17; 18. Sam Elliott 18:20; **217. Julien Trepanier 24:42.**

## Letters

From Page 3

Development reported in the *Tipton Conservative*.

Why? We're deporting immigrants. Corporations enjoy huge tax cuts. We've relaxed regulations. Tariffs are making our country rich. We're eliminating waste and fraud.

Our politicians told us this formula was the answer to our problems. And still, more than 16,000 of us were completely out of work in July.

The rest of us are wondering how we'll get by with the lowest minimum wage in the country plus cuts in Medicaid and SNAP voted for by people

who don't count on these programs to survive.

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### FROM P6

AUGUST 2025-1,500.00  
PARKSIDE SERVICE-TRACTOR TIRE REPAIR - PW-97.22  
SCHNOEBELE-DITCH MOWER REPAIRS-1,594.90  
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-1,233.50  
THOMAS HEATING & AIR-CLEANED AC DRAINS - FIRE-95.00  
US BANK CARD-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES-3,461.74  
WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-FUSES - FIRE-86.35  
WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-685.30  
WHITE CAP-SAFETY HARNESS - PW-69.59  
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 8-18-2025-8.32  
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 8-25-2025-124.44  
METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-2,359.74  
SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -15,519.48  
TOTAL-45,834.32  
GRAND TOTAL  
EXPENDITURES--282,337.56  
FUND TOTALS  
001 GENERAL FUND-73,975.63  
031 LIBRARY-5,341.88  
110 ROAD USE TAX-7,973.48  
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-19,921.77  
321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-43.40  
331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD-151,497.66  
600 WATER FUND-13,736.12  
610 SEWER FUND-9,258.48  
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-589.14  
GRAND FUND TOTAL--282,337.56  
Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Horihan, NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dean and Stoolman. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum -  
Kim Gaskill - Thank you to Jodee, Kevin and Adam on working with he 20 acres of Gaskill land that are listed as Agricultural land and do not fall under the category of slum and blight. This area is to be removed from the slum and blight designation map and Kim asked when that would be presented. It was stated that that work is being done to create a Resolution and updated map of the area to be presented at the 9/15/25 meeting.  
Ed Stack - Presented his request for administrative review due to a water leak that was found after receiving the excessive usage notice from the City. He shared what happened, what he discovered with the area and how it was fixed. He is asking the city for a reduction of the overall sewer charge that was accumulated due to this leak. The process for this kind of request was shared and Ed was able to state his case for the reduction. City Administration will review the information and bring a recommendation to the next council meeting for final review.  
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA  
Public Hearing - Potential Agreement with Parkside Partners - Agenda amended to remove this item and reschedule per Resolution 2025-97 Removed from Agenda per Agenda Amendment.  
Resolution 2025-92 Setting a Public Hearing for Audit RFPs/ Move to Action. Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2025-92. AYES: Miller, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dean and Stoolman. Motion carried.  
Resolution 2025-93 Approval of Purchase of LPR(s) for West Branch PD/ Move to Action.

Chief Hall shared that when there are license plates that have been reported in a crime or are suspect and placed in the data base, the Flock system will send an alert to the officer's phones and then camera footage will be pulled for that specific timeframe to aid in investigations. The officers can also add stolen property such as trailers, cars, etc. to the data base to allow any area utilizing the Flock camera system to be alerted when one of those items license plates is detected through their cameras. There will be a policy in place for proper use of the camera system and when footage is to be viewed. The cameras are leased and will be under a 5-year contract. If any are damaged, stolen or faulty, they would be replaced by Flock per the lease agreement.  
\*\*Council Person Stoolman entered the meeting during this item at 7:21pm\*\*  
Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2025-93. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Miller, Stoolman. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dean. Motion carried.  
Resolution 2025-94 Approval of Proposed Plan to add a water meter to the West Branch Village's new development area. / Move to Action.  
Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2025-94. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Stoolman. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dean. Motion carried.  
Resolution 2025-95 Approval of Agreement with Parkside Partners/ Move to Action.  
Tabled for October 6, 2025 Meeting per Agenda Amendment.  
First Reading - Ordinance 830 Amending Chapter 92  
It was stated that the Council would like to combine the 2nd and 3rd readings of this Ordinance at the next

Council Meeting, as well as initiating a Resolution to update the Schedule of Fees.  
Motion by Miller, second by Stoolman to approve the first reading of Ordinance 830. AYES: Miller, Stoolman, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dean. Motion carried.  
Resolution 2025-96 Approval of Final Plat - Meadows Part 6/ Move to Action.  
City Engineer Schechinger shared a few updates that are taking place. Lots 1 and 2 have been combined to make 1 lot. Note #7 with the out-lot responsibility is in question as to whether it is the city or HOA responsibility. Out lot B boundaries changed to make a more streamline placement. We will need a new Resolution to approve the new legal description with these line changes. The decision was to table this item in order to allow both the developer and the city attorney to review the developer's agreement to see if there are any changes or revisions needed to this.  
Motion to table by Sexton, second by Miller. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Stoolman, Horihan. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dean. Motion carried.  
Resolution 2025-97 Reseting a Public Hearing for potential Agreement with Parkside Partners. / Move to Action.  
Motion to strike to remove from Amended Agenda by Miller, 2nd by Horihan. Motion carried on voice vote with Dean Absent.  
Discussion -  
Change to our Current Shut Off/ Reconnect Procedure for our Utility Services.  
The process to collect utility payments and the late notice process is that bills are due by the 20th of each month. On the 25th late notices are generated for any resident that has not made their payment to date with a message

that if the bill is not paid by the 2nd Wednesday of the following month, the water will be disconnected. Currently there is a process for the reconnect of utilities that states that we offer after hours reconnection. Staff is proposing that we remove this option. If the water has been shut off and a resident makes their payment during regular business hours, their water will be turned back on the same day. If a payment is made after the normal business hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm, their water will be reconnected the next business day, after payment has been verified. If it falls that a payment falls on a Friday after 4:00pm, the water will be turned back on either Monday or Tuesday if a holiday falls on that Monday. Staff will no longer respond to calls for public works to come back and reconnect water services after hours as they cannot verify that payment has in fact been made. Council members and Mayor agree that it makes sense to move forward with this change and directed the Clerk to start the process to change the Ordinance in order to remove the after-hours call-in procedure for utility reconnection.  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT -  
The Brown's final plat is being readied for approval. There is some discussion about the previous agreement to give a 25% tax break, on the new development, over 10 years. This needs to be revisited before moving forward. September 19th students from the U of I will be here for the Kick off of their housing assessment. Administrator Kofod asked that any Council member that is available that day, to stop by and meet the team and thank them for the work that they will be doing within the city.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - None  
CITY ENGINEER REPORT -  
Boomerang will be working on cutting down the South side of Serenity and Greenview Lane starting the end of this week. They will work on the North side of this area immediately following. This area will be down to 1 lane traffic during this work. They are looking to finish up the paving work by October. Dave is working to finish up with the easement agreements for the creek widening project to be able to move forward with that.  
STAFF REPORTS -None  
COMMENTS from mayor and council members -  
Mayor Laughlin will be meeting with Jessi and the Main Street Iowa team in the coming weeks for discussions. It was stated that council would like to see what the plan is for the current Brown's building that is located on Main Street, once the new building is completed and things are moved out to that location. Mayor Laughlin stated that there are 2 council spots and mayor re-elections coming up. Anyone that is interested in running for either position, can pick up the paperwork at City Hall and once completed, return this paperwork to the City Clerk by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 18, 2025.  
adjournment  
Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.  
Roger Laughlin, Mayor  
ATTYEST:  
Alycia Horras, City Clerk  
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