



Saluting youth

Hills Bank recognized 11 West Branch High School seniors at its annual Youth Salute, which honors students who display leadership qualities. The program works with the National Council on Youth Leadership. This year's honorees include, from left: Harper Driscoll, Ava Burnett, Grace Hamann, Olivia Schlitz, Eli Farmer, Shay Kinsinger, Grace Vincent, Cassie Swisher, Lyla Popkes, Emma Wolf. Not pictured but participated: Tori Vikel. The ceremony took place at Hancher Auditorium in Iowa City.

Photo provided by Ruth Farmer/West Branch High School

Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	PAY DATE	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	9/04/2026	945.82
Phelps the Uniform Specialists		34.10
Cedar County Treasurer		78,183.90
Cedar County Treasurer		10,477.91
Cedar County Treasurer		361.82
Cedar County Treasurer		445.84
COUNTY TOTAL		90,449.39
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Cedar county board

(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

September 8, 2026
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. September 8, 2026 with following members present: Bixler, Gaul, Kaufmann (via phone) and Chairperson Bell. Barnhart 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 9/4/2026 to Cedar County Treasurer for Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #446781 for \$8,179.02 self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none. Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve Board Minutes of September 1, 2026. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Moved by seconded by to approve Payroll Disbursements #206606-206611 for period ending 8/29/26 and to be paid on 9/4/26. Ayes:

Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. No update on Professional Design Services for Countywide Ambulance Facility.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to have Civil Service Commission meet to hire a Deputy due to upcoming retirements. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve plans on BRS-4555(606)—60-16, a bridge replacement project on Hoover Hwy (Y14) in Section 2 of Springfield Township. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve plans on FM-TSF-C016(125)—5B-16, a reconstruction of Highway 927 (F58) from Muscatine County Line east to Durant. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Mae Hingten, ECIA Executive Director provided an update on ECIA HR & Program Development, Community/Economic Development, Housing and Transportation for Cedar County. Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve a utility for Alliant Energy on Rose Avenue and \$100 fee applies. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Moved by Gaul seconded by Bell to approve a utility for Alliant Energy on Red Oak Road and \$100 fee applies. Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 9:53 a.m., to September 15, 2026. Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson
Nicki Welch, Auditor
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Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
CEDAR COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BENJAMIN LEE OLER,
Deceased.

CASE NO. ESPR 020003
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATOR AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BENJAMIN LEE OLER, Deceased, who died on or about August 17, 2026: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of September, 2026, the undersigned, RANDY G. OLER, 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 authenticated, 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 this 10th day of September, 2026.

RANDY G. OLER
Administrator of Estate
6741 Little Cabin Road
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

Thomas E. Shie, Attorney ICIS#: AT0007167
Attorney for Administrator
Shie Law Office, P.C.
5333 Belle Avenue
Davenport, Iowa 52807
Date of second publication:
September 24, 2026
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West Branch Community School District

BILLS FOR APPROVAL
09/09/2026 08:13 AM
Vendor Name-Detail Description-Amount
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 10
GENERAL FUND
ADAMS MULTI MEDIA OF IOWA
SERVICE WEB HOSTING-65.00
AGVANTAGE FS-GAS-814.55
AHLERS AND COONEY-LEGAL
SERVICE-1,040.00
ALLIANT UTILITIES-
UTILITIES-39,432.66
AT&T MOBILITY-HOT SPOTS-171.08
BARNHOUSE, MONET-TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT-331.25
BMO-SUBSCRIPTION-14,518.31
BYRD, JODI-TRAVEL-66.13
CEC-SERVICE-254.00
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT &
LEADERSHIP, INC.-LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM-500.00
CITY OF WEST BRANCH-
UTILITIES-10,959.27
COOPER, DEB-TRAVEL-38.72
COVENANT WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS,
LLC-SERVICE-491.25
D&R PEST CONTROL-SERVICE-302.40
DANS OVERHEAD DOORS AND
MORE-REPAIRS-391.74
DECKER EQUIPMENT-
SUPPLIES-551.46
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES-ANNUAL ADMIN FEE-
650.00
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-
INSPECTION FEE-650.00
DIAMOND DOCTORS OF IOWA LLC-
TRAINING-4,150.00
EDPUZZLE-SUBSCRIPTION-2,960.00
FRED'S FEED AND SUPPLY-
SUPPLIES-455.94
GONGORA, LAURA-SUPPLIES-189.69
GOOD GUYS AUTOCARE-
REPAIRS-215.39
GOPHER SPORT-SUPPLIES-408.28
GRAINGER-SUPPLIES-1,155.73
GRANT WOOD AEA-DIGITAL
RESOURCE-6,075.30
GRAPHIC PRINTING AND DESIGNS-
BUSINESS CARDS-1,050.00
GRAY BARN INDUSTRIES-
SIGNAGE-501.67
GREDELL, JOAN-TRAVEL-295.57
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEMS-
SUPPLIES-9,223.25
HAWKEYE WASTE-SERVICE-1,567.16
HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC-
SHREDDING-140.00
IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-
OPEN ENROLLMENT-114,819.74
ISBGA-MEMBERSHIP-300.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS-
SUPPLIES-422.38
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-
SUPPLIES-331.21
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY-
SUPPLIES-426.11
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-
PROF DEV-3,557.00
KRAFFKA LAWN-SERVICE-1,155.00
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/
INTERNET-3,960.52
LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-320.86
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-SERVICE-456.50
MARTIN BROTHERS-PTO
BREAKFAST-412.97
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES-
REGISTRATION-225.00
MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-770.91
MENARDS-SUPPLIES-72.31
MOORE'S WELDING-SERVICE-
-135.00
NICHOLS CONTROLS & SUPPLY, LLC-
SUPPLIES-257.30
NORTON CONSULTING SERVICES
LLC-CONSULTING-300.00
OSWALD, SARA-TRAVEL-208.50
PAPER CORPORATION, THE-
PAPER-2,759.20
PARKSIDE SERVICE-REPAIRS-28.04
PHELPS-SERVICE-49.86
PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL
PRESS-BOOK BOXES-112.42
PLUMBERS SUPPLY COMPANY-
SUPPLIES-378.00
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY LLC-
INSPECTION-128.60
QUILL CORPORATION
-SUPPLIES-65.66
RIDDLE-RECONDITIONING-3,919.94
ROBERTSON, RANDY-
SUPPLIES-206.22
ROZINEK, DAVE-PHYSICAL-140.00
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA-
REGISTRATION-1,112.00
SERVING CAFE, THE-SUPPLIES-319.26
SINCLAIR TRACTOR-SUPPLIES-8.80
STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT-
SUPPLIES-160.27
STAPLES-SUPPLIES-50.64
STOREY KENWORTHY - OFFICE
SUPPLIES-981.54
TERZANO-BOROVIC, HEIDI-

TRAVEL-182.70
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM-
CONNECTION FEE-250.00
TIPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-SPEC
ED OE-5,989.50
ULINE-SUPPLIES-513.01
WEST BRANCH FOOD MART-
SUPPLIES-114.11
WEST BRANCH TIMES-
ADVERTISING-730.84
WEST LIBERTY CSD-OE SPEC
ED-5,988.09
Fund Number 10
251,935.81
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 22
MANAGEMENT FUND
SPECIALTY UNDERWRITERS-EQUIP
BREAKDOWN INS-12,212.50
Fund Number 22
12,212.50
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 33
CAPITAL PROJECTS
ATLAS STUPPY GREENHOUSES-
GREENHOUSE-93,560.00
EIDE BAILLY LLP-PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES-3,310.00
FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES
GROUP LLC-FINANCIAL/BUDGET
ANALYTICS-15,750.94
JOHNSON CONTROLS
BUILDING SOLUTIONS LLC-
SERVICE AGREEMENT HVAC
CONTROLS-2,136.00
OASIS ELECTRIC-BUS BARN/TRACK
REPAIRS-1,840.00
OPN ARCHITECTS-GREENHOUSE
REPLACEMENT-28,691.73
PRESIDENTIAL BUILDERS, LLC-
SECLUSION ROOM/JANITOR
CLOSET-49,934.75
TRANE-SERVICE-14,034.14
WALSH DOOR & SECURITY-
CENTRAL OFFICE ENTRY DOOR
REPAIR-1,709.42
WEST BRANCH & TIPTON ROOFING-
MS GYM ROOF-207,640.00
Fund Number 33
418,606.98
Checking Account ID 1
Fund Number 36
PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT
BMO-DONOVAN GROUP-2,780.14
KRAFFKA LAWN
-SERVICE-27,654.00
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/
INTERNET-6,604.00
LIBERTY DOORS INC-SECLUSION
ROOM-6,160.00
MARCO-COPIER-747.38
MIDWEST ALARMS-SERVICE-3,896.64
RAPIDS-ICE MAKER - TRAINING
ROOM-5,136.80
XELLO INC-SOFTWARE-4,412.00
Fund Number 36
57,390.96
Checking Account ID 1
740,146.25
Checking Account ID 2
Fund Number 61
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
CO-SUPPLIES-1,608.28
BMO-CONF TRAVEL-407.68
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES-
SUPPLIES-639.10
MARTIN BROTHERS-
SUPPLIES-14,992.16
Fund Number 61
17,647.22
Checking Account ID 2
17,647.22
Checking Account ID 3
Fund Number 21
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
AERO RENTAL-HHD SUPPLIES-302.50
Alburnett Community Schools
-ENTRY FEE-40.00
ALLEN, GREG-CLINICIAN-350.00
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
CO-SUPPLIES-41.51
BLOCK, ANGIE-OFFICIAL-300.00
BMO-SUPPLIES-2,994.73
BSN SPORTS-VB/FB GAME BALLS-
4,396.75
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT &
LEADERSHIP, INC.-LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM-500.00
CHASE, SAM-WRESTLING CAMP
REFUND-50.00
DECKER SPORTS-PITCERS
C-SCREE-373.60
DIAMOND DOCTORS OF IOWA LLC-
DIAMOND WORK-2,500.00
DRISCOLL, BRIAN-K SHELTON
SUPPLIES-69.13
ELITE SPORTS -BAND CAMP
SHIRTS-2,020.00
FROESE, AMANDA-CAMP
SUPPLIES-209.32
HENRY F MITCHELL COMPANY-
SUPPLIES-2,273.99
HUGHES, MATT-SHOULDER PADS-
256.79
Martin Brothers-SUPPLIES-270.53
MARTIN BROTHERS-
NUTRITION-130.74
MONTICELLO HS-DUES-500.00
NASSP-AFFILIATION DUES-480.00
NGUYEN, CHIN-OFFICIAL-300.00
NORTHUP, ANITA-OFFICIAL-230.00
OKEEFE, NICKI-OFFICIAL-300.00
Pitcher, Craig-OFFICIAL-300.00
REGINA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS-ENTRY
FEE-110.00
RENTZ, CHRISTOPHER-
OFFICIAL-300.00
T-SHIRT MILL-GAME DAY SHIRTS
MS-1,256.00
TSB PROMOTIONS-NEW SCHOOL
YEAR SUPPLIES-4,372.50
Fund Number 21
25,228.09

Checking Account ID 3
Fund Number 91
CUSTODIAL FUND-STUDENT
ASSISTANCE
FAIT, KATHY-BACKPACK
PROGRAM-179.96
Fund Number 91
179.96
Checking Account ID 3
25,408.05
Checking Account ID 4
Fund Number 62
ELC
ALLIANT UTILITIES-UTILITIES-2,148.88
BMO-SUPPLIES-2,529.16
CITY OF WEST BRANCH-
UTILITIES-595.08
CULLIGAN WATER TECHNOLOGIES-
SUPPLIES-134.98
JOHNSON CO REFUSE
-SERVICE-662.18
JOHNSON, LAUREN-
REIMBURSEMENT-292.00
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE
-367.74
PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-
SUPPLIES-4,781.57
PLUNKETTS-SERVICE-85.07
ROCK TECHNOLOGY-WEBSITE
HOSTING-418.00
Fund Number 62
12,014.66
Checking Account ID 4
12,014.66
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West Branch school board

Regular Board Meeting
09/14/2026 05:30 PM
Hoover Elementary Library
148 N. Oliphant St.
West Branch, IA 52358
MEETING MINUTES
5:00 p.m. - New staff and board members
meet and greet.
Attendance
Voting Members
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board President
Ms. Lindsay Shultz, Board Vice President
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member
Non-Voting Members
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent
Mrs. Sara Oswald, High School Principal
Mr. Brian Walther, Middle School
Principal
Mrs. Kelly Pizana, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Joanna Carter, WBELC Director
Mrs. Angie Klinkhammer, School
Business Official/Board Secretary
Gregory Norfleet

1. Call to Order/Public Forum
Board President Whaley called the meeting
to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Mission & Destination
Statements
Board Vice President Shultz read the
statements.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda adding
Becky Knoche to the resignations.
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
4. Honors, Commendations
and Success Stories
Several success stories were shared.
5. Consent Items
Motion to approve the consent items
consisting of August Board minutes, financial
reports and September bills.
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
6. Annual Appointments
Motion to approve Ahlers and Cooney as
the legal counsel for 2026-2027 school
year.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
Motion to approve the banks of deposit
and limit: Fidelity Bank - \$10,000,000,
ISJIT- \$5,000,000 and Hills Bank-
\$5,000,000 for the 2026-2027 school
year.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
Motion to approve Title 1 Coordinator:
Kelly Pizana for the 2026-2027 school
year.
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
Motion to approve Official Newspaper:
West Branch Times for the 2026-2027
school year.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
7. Administrative Reports

The Administrators shared their respec-
tive reports. Dr. Jimmerson updated
the Board on the HVAC project at the
elementary and the timeline for the tax
credit.

8. Personnel Items
A. Resignations
Motion to approve the Resignations as
presented; Becky Knoche, Elementary
Associate and Collen Killen, Elementary
Associate.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
B. Letters of Assignment
Motion to approve the Letters of
Assignment as presented; Alex Heithoff,
Elementary Associate.
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
9. Volunteer Approval
Motion to approve the Volunteers as pre-
sented; Middle School - Clint McFarland,
Menze Nielsen, Bradley Ratliff, Dornan
Bland, Kalina Lagunas. High School -
Andrew Finnegan.

Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
10. DCAP Presentation
Mrs. Oswald presented the annual review
of the district's DCAP (District Career and
Academic Plan) to the school board.
11. Consideration of construc-
tion bids for the High School Greenhouse
Project

Motion to approve the bid from PEAK
construction for the entire Greenhouse
project.

Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
12. Board Policy Updates
Motion to approve the third reading of
Board Policies 502.16 and 502.16F1.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
13. Board Policy Updates 2
Motion to approve the second reading
of Board Policies 603.12 and 603.12E1.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
14. Board Policy Updates 3
Motion to approve the first reading
of Board Policies: 201.05 - Board
Directors Elections 208.07, 301.01,
401.01, 404.04, 501.12, 502.01, 502.11,
504.04, 504.04E1, 504.04E3, 602.06,
602.07, 602.16, 602.18, 603.09, 604.01,
713, 904.03, 904.03E1 and 1001.07.
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
15. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
Chairperson

Secretary
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BENTON CO. – NEW LISTING! 127.44 acres located
3 miles N of Vinton. 123.58 crop acres with a 64.50
CSR2. **\$9,250/acre.**

**CEDAR CO. – 59.49 acres located 4½ miles west of
Tipton. 39.80 Acres CRP. An attractive recreational
farm w/potential as building site! **\$8,500/acre.****

LINN CO. – NEW LISTING! 76.50 acres NE of Marion
along IA-13. 71.30 crop acres with a 91.20 CSR2.
\$22,500/acre.

LINN CO. – NEW LISTING! 160.00 acres NE of Mari-
on. 158.11 crop acres with a 92.00 CSR2.
\$20,500/acre.

MUSCATINE CO. – NEW LISTING! 77.28 acres lo-
cated 3½ miles E of Lone Tree. 69.91 crop acres with
a 78.70 CSR2. **\$11,750/acre.**

SCOTT CO. – PRICE REDUCED! 55.18 acres in Dav-
enport along I-280. 45.09 crop acres with an 80.20
CSR2. **\$45,000 \$12,500/acre.**



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