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Cedar county claim

10/8/2026
General Basic Fund
350.00-Action Sewer & Septic-backup
48.16-Advanced Correctional-medical
2300.00-Ahlers-Cooney-Dorweiler-labor relations
132.76-Albaugh PHC Inc-breakers
794.39-Alliant Energy-elec
201.68-Amazon Capital Services-ink
145.00-Templeton Inc AT Disposal-dumpster
1041.80-AT&T Mobility-phone
1324.84-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone
338.40-Quest 8 Blue Lagoon Car Wash-wash
5.50-Joselyn Bolt-mil
308.93-Brand New Engines-part
31067.00-Champ Software Inc.-license
7654.75-City of Tipton-Elec
1131.50-Control Installations of Iowa-wiring
297.44-Copy Systems-copies
36.67-County Automotive Services-fuel
2195.64-Crist Electrical Serv-elec
180.20-D&R Pest Control-spray
174.90-Deana Drumbarger-mil
9675.00-Domestic Violence Intervention-FY26/27
250.00-Brice Greene-well shock
1057.28-H & H Auto-oil chg
274.60-Hale Printing-graphics
55.55-Ashley Hansen-mil
62.26-Carrie Harper-mil
20.00-Allan Haynes-mtg
60.00-Barbara J Haynes-mtg
28.97-Hermens Automotive LLC-tire rp
225.00-Iowa Association of County-conf
352.00-Iowa City Tire, Inc-tires
1208.28-Iowa Paper-paper
5582.66-Thiesen's-Parts
1187.54-KMDE, LLC-prod
2.20-Jennifer Latimer-mil
167.00-Latta Well & Pump Corp-well svc
6000.00-Limestone Bluffs RC&D-FY26/27
1563.87-Linn County Auditor-ME
1500.00-Johnson County Auditor-LCWMA FY26/27
289.00-Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC-renewal
832.66-Menards-Lumber
11.00-Rosemary Miedl-mil
20.00-Mike Moes-mtg
108.50-Genuine Parts Company Inc-fuse
57.73-ODP Business Solutions, LLC-timcard
1599.40-Reserve Account-auditor
319.54-Pitney Bowes-red ink
2150.62-Progressive Rehabilitation-PT
232.00-PS3 Enterprises Inc-toilet
87.55-Ron Alpen Ford, Inc-key
700.00-Tami Sanders-well plug
395.84-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
19800.00-Senior Dining-FY26/27
22.17-Emily Smith-mil
20.00-PAUL URMIE-mtg
259.91-Vestis-mats/mops
393.11-VISA/Bankers Bank-adobe
12150.00-Volunteer Services Cedar-FY26/27
343.20-Elizabeth Voss-mil
185.85-Wendling Quarries Inc-gravel
107.50-West Branch Repairs-oil chg
630.00-West Branch Village HHM-rent
75.72-Warren Wethington-fuel
1480.50-Workplace Learning Connection-FY26/27
40.00-Sara Yoder-clerk
General Supplemental Fund
100.01-Amaron Capital Services-refund
512.50-Janice B. Binder-Legal Aid
18.50-VISA/Bankers Bank-textedly
Pioneer Cemetery
480.00-Ryan Storjohann-mowing
Rural Services Basic Fund
30.87-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone
3931.02-City of Bennett-library
7465.10-City of Clarence-library
7053.70-City of Durant-library
5692.40-City of Lowden-library
5395.48-City of Mechanicsville-library
4270.72-City of Stanwood-library
11406.82-City of Tipton-libraries
9347.26-City of West Branch-library
44.29-Conservative Publishing-legal
4565.00-Klay Johnson-16-30
3520.55-Karl Emergency Vehicles-parts
15.11-Reserve Account-EZ
3267.12-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
EMS-Essential Srv(Ambulance)
980.03-Amazon Capital Services-organizer
220.03-AT&T Mobility-phone
251.93-Bound Tree Medical, LLC-fentanyl
162.13-Henry Schein-cradle pole
906.00-Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC-mounts
219.09-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
163.80-SJ Smith Co.-Oxygen rental
1930.74-VISA/Bankers Bank-Fuels
765.00-Zoll Medical Corporation-defib pads
Secondary Road Fund
1673.95-Advantage FS, Inc.-Diesel
275.81-Alliant Energy-Util
3749.86-Altorfer Inc-Parts
13.32-Jeric Armstrong-Meal
9375.20-Bauer Built-Tires
5041.63-Calhoun-Burns & Assoc.-Engineering
7372.59-Cedar County COOP-Gasoline
1392.00-Certified Power-Parts
154.05-Mitch Chapman-Safety
109.81-City of Bennett-TQJ
788.45-City of Tipton-Util
125.18-Clarence Telephone Company-Phone
376.25-Codeworks-Computer
5637.96-Coleman Moore Company-Bridge
153.60-Conservative Publishing-Pub
491.11-Crist Electrical Serv-Building
106.95-Rick Gritton-Safety
1162.38-H & H Auto-Tire
181.85-Gary Hadden Jr-Safety
1172.00-Harry's Farm Tire Inc-Tire
300.00-Ia Dept of Transportation-Recert
8250.00-Illowa Culvert & Supply-Culvert
354.84-Iowa Prison Industries-Signs
350.00-ISAC-Conf
300701.55-Jim Schroeder Construction Inc-BROS-C016(121)-8J-1
325.00-JP Glass & More-services
31.42-Lawson Products Inc-Parts
995.52-Genuine Parts Company Inc NAPA-filters
113.44-Phelps the Uniform Specialists-Sundry
267.46-Sinclair Tractor-Filters
103.25-T Mobile-Phone
10890.84-Truck Country of Iowa Inc-Filters
1798.71-VISA/Bankers Bank-Supplies
20292.11-Wendling Quarries Inc-Rock
133.80-West Branch Times-Publications
2809.58-Wieles of Tipton-services
Transfer Station Fund
368.15-Alliant Energy-util
778.26-Cintas Corporation-uniforms
5.00-Clarence Telephone Company-email
1686.00-HLW Engineering Group-monitoring
115.99-I-80 Group Inc-wash
305.31-Thiesen's-socket-def
35.98-Genuine Parts Company Inc NAPA-def
22.08-Reserve Account-Solid Waste
28612.89-Quad Cities Landfill Millennium-landfill
223.00-Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.-waste oil
125.40-Wex Bank-fuel
Cedar Co Health Fund
6584.55-CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER
ACH MED-self funded med
Conservation Trust Fund
33.52-Thiesen's-Clothing
PH/NS Memorial Trust Fund
11.29-Amazon Capital Services-cushion
Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund
525.63-City of Tipton-util
360.00-All Star Turf-mowing
35.32-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
14.98-VISA/Bankers Bank-wash
E911
188.57-Clarence Telephone Company-

data
9.00-F&B Communications-data
230.00-Mechanicsville Telephone-data
1426.50-VISA/Bankers Bank-util
Assessor
29.27-Aureon Alliance Connect, LLC-phone
33.93-Reserve Account-Assessor
42.61-Secondary Road Fund-fuel
622303.47--Grand Total
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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
October 13, 2026
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 13, 2026 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 10/9/2026 to Cedar County Treasurer for Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #447150 for \$3,907.11-self funded medical claims.
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.
Ayes: All
Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. EMS Director Dinsch announced that as of Friday at 6:00 p.m. Cedar County EMS launched part-time. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve Board Minutes of October 6, 2026.
Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #447022 - #447149 paid on 10/8/2026.
Ayes: All
Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.
Discussion held on upcoming retirement of Sheriff. Consensus of Board is to send a letter to all Sheriff Deputies asking them to submit a letter of interest in being appointed as Sheriff.
Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Gaul to approve a utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light and Power at 689 National Avenue and \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All
At 9:30 a public hearing held on Ordinance Regulating Placement of Data Centers on Property Located in Unincorporated Areas of Cedar County, Iowa. No written or verbal objections are on file.
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to close public hearing at 9:35 a.m.
Ayes: All
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:36 a.m., to October 20, 2026.
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; October 19, 2026
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll call: Council members present; Jerry Sexton, Tom Dean Mike Horihan, Colton Miller and Chantry Noel.
City Staff present: City Clerk Alycia Friis, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auker, Engineer Dave Schechinger, City Attorney Kevin Olsen, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Police Chief Greg Hall.
Attending by Zoom: Library Director Jessi Shaffer
APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Miller and second by Noel. Motion carried on a voice vote.
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Approve Minutes from the October 5, 2026 City Council meeting.
Approve a Block Party for Approve Claims for October 19, 2026.
EXPENDITURES - 10/19/2026
AERO RENTAL-SLIDE PROJECTOR - LIBRARY-55.00
ALATALO, BRIAN-REIMB UPGRADED EQUIPMENT-26.99
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS - LIBRARY, P&R-72.45
CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL - PW, CEMETERY, FIRE-4,927.29
ELITE HOLDING-BBALL JERSEYS-2,860.00
FRIIS, ALCYIA-MILEAGE REIMB IA LEAGUE-71.44
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-3,068.71
KOFED, ADAM-MILEAGE REIMB IACMA CONFERENCE-27.66
MOPPY MO'S JANITORIAL SERVICES - LIBRARY-402.50
NOEL, CHANTRY-MILEAGE REIMB IA LEAGUE-150.80
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-402.43
PALMER, SIMON-REIMB UNIFORM ALLOWANCE-284.99
SAVONA, GARY-MEDICAL LICENSE RENEWAL-29.00
TOTAL--12,379.26
9/25/2026--81,301.64
10/9/2026--71,784.94
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS--153,086.58
PAID DURING MEETINGS
AMAZON.COM-BOOKS & DVD'S - LIBRARY-211.21
BERGANKOV-AUDIT FY26 1ST PAYMENT-19,000.00
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-3,153.93
HD SUPPLY-TRASH BAGS - P&R-136.16
JETCO ELECTRIC-PLC REPAIR ON WATER PLANT - PW-1,513.50
LYNCH'S EXCAVATING-CUBBY PARK SEWER REPAIR - P&R-3,014.00
NORTHWAY WELL AND PUMP-WELL #2 REPAIR-116,920.89
US BANK-CREDIT CARD PURCHASES -4,839.87
WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-524.89
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 9-21-2026-90.98
AMAZON.COM-BOOKS - LIBRARY-68.59
AUTO TOYZ-GRAPHICS FOR NEW CAR - PD-650.00
BOOMERANG-CEDAR JOHNSON RD PAY EST 12-16,534.62
BROWN'S WEST BRANCH-KEY FOBS FOR NEW CAR - PD-437.60
FUSIONISTE MIDWEST-WAPSI BATHROOM - P&R-132.25
HD SUPPLY-TRASH BAGS/SOAP & DISPENSERS - P&R-99.08
STERICYCLE-SHREDDING

SERVICES-112.53
VERIZON WIRELESS-VERIZON WIRELESS-463.29
METLIFE-INSURANCE PREMIUM-3,044.98
SISCO-INSURANCE PREMIUM -22,141.96
UMB BANK-GO BOND FEES-600.00
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 10-5-2026--85.52
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 10-5-2026--274.50
IOWA ALCOHOL BEV. DIVISION-FIRE DEPT HHTD ALCOHOL LICENSE-24.38
AMAZON.COM-MULTIPLE VARIOUS ITEMS - LIBRARY, P&R-1,217.62
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY-FLOOR DRY - FIRE-146.80
AT & T MOBILITY-WIRELESS SERVICE-242.13
EASTERN IOWA TREE CLEANUP-TREE REMOVAL-8,000.00
EASTERN IOWA YOUTH BBALL-5/6 GRADE BB REGISTRATION-1,020.00
ELITE HOLDING-AWARDS - P&R--101.00
GOERDT INSPECTION-BLDG INSPECTIONS-756.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP-GLOVES - FIRE -98.78
HI-LINE-SHOP SUPPLIES - PW-186.32
IMWCA -IMWCA FY27 INSTALLMENT 4--3,890.00
IOWA DNR-2027 ANNUAL WATER USE FEE-120.00
IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-52.20
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-SAFETY SUPPLIES/CLOTHING - PW-839.22
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-32.00
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE - LIBRARY-209.17
LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS-UB INFO SEARCH SERVICE-200.00
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-1,590.45
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-MENS TOILET ISSUES - LIBRARY-125.00
MOPPY MO'S-CLEANING SERVICES-CITY TH, P&R-525.00
OASIS ELECTRIC-REPLACE WIRES AT WELL 4--369.64
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2026-1,500.00
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-108.51
PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS-

BACKGROUND CHECKS - P&R-72.50
SMITH SANITATION SERVICES-TRASH & RECYCLING SEPT 2026--23,569.00
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-855.02
STOREY KENWORTHY -RECEIPT BOOKS-306.00
TRUGREEN-PARKS LAWN CARE - P&R-2,381.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-JOURNAL ENTRY TRAINING - CLERK-320.00
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH-DRUG TEST - POLICE-68.00
USA BLUE BOOK-WATER PLANT SUPPLIES-3,405.76
VEENSTRA & KIMM-VARIOUS PROJECTS-8,152.26
WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-4,178.29
ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-19,331.47
BARNHART'S CUSTOM SERVICES-STOCK PILE-260.00
CORRIDOR ENERGY-STREET LIGHTS-350.31
CULLIGAN-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-76.48
MARTIN AGENCY INSURANCE-FIRE DEPT INSURANCE RENEWAL-26,008.00
MISCELLANEOUS VENDOR-UB REFUND-28.12
MOPPY MO'S-JANITORIAL SERVICES - FIRE-17.50
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS-POLICE USB DOCK VHCL CHARGER-249.00
RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY-ROCK FOR STOCK PILE-433.52
SPECTRUM PAINT-LINE LAZER/PAINTER PARTS - PW-210.87
TRIPLE B CONSTRUCTION-W. MAIN ST PAY EST 3--61,977.29
WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-CHEVY HEADLIGHT - PD-51.17
MISCELLANEOUS VENDOR-UB REFUND-239.24
TOTAL--367,945.41
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--533,411.25
FUND TOTALS
001 GENERAL FUND-151,642.93
022 CIVIC CENTER-689.94
031 LIBRARY-13,500.21
036 TORT LIABILITY-26,008.00
110 ROAD USE TAX-14,265.53
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-55,705.80
226 DEBT SERVICE-600.00
321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-148.50
331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECONS-16,782.12

332 W MAIN ST IMPROVE-69,733.55
600 WATER FUND-156,300.66
610 SEWER FUND-26,673.99
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-1,360.02
GRAND TOTAL --533,411.25
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. AYES: Dean, Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum
Dustin Opatz with Creative Planning shared the overview of this year's annual audit with the council.
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 2026-105 Approving Pay Estimate Number 13 (Final) in the amount of \$65,789.29 to Boomerang Corp for the 2025 Cedar-Johnson Road Reconstruction Project / Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-105. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026-106 Approving Completion of the W Main Street Overlay Project / Move to Action.
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-106. AYES: Dean, Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026-107 Approving the release of Easement and Payment for use of the Gaskill property during the Wapsi Creek Widening Project / Move to Action.
Motion to amend the agreement from \$10,000.00 total payout to \$10,500.00 and approve Resolution 2026-107 made by Miller, second by Sexton. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: Dean. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026-108 Setting Public Hearing dates for Ordinance 836 changes to Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations. / Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Horihan to

approve Resolution 2026-108. AYES: Miller, Horihan, Noel, Dean, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026-109 Approving a Wage Increase for Matt Goodale. / Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2026-109. AYES: Miller, Horihan, Sexton, Noel, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
Resolution 2026-110 Accepting Meadows Part 3, Lot 2, Parcel G of Outlot A / Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-110. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
First Reading, Ordinance 843 Amending Chapter 69 -- Traffic and Vehicles. / Move to Action.
Motion by Miller, second by Noel to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 843. AYES: Miller, Noel, Horihan, Sexton, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
DISCUSSION ITEMS
Discussion/Possible Action -- Parcel at 411 E Main Street
Administrator Kofed looked at the property and all items that were on the original infraction have been addressed. Now that we have permission to access the property, there are other items that will need to be addressed and new letters will be sent to address these.
Discussion/Possible Action -- Bobby Sexton property drainage upgrade.
Engineering found that the 1st option wouldn't pass drainage law. This could end up being a liability for the city. If water pools creating icy situations on the road or dangerous conditions in the area, the city could become liable. More discussion was had between Bobby and the Council and Mayor about the situation and possible options. With no resolution at this time, it was stated that

SEE LEGALS, P7



LAND FOR SALE

CEDAR CO. – 80.00 Acres located 5 mi. S of Mechanicsville. 73.50 crop acres with 92.40 CSR2. Includes nice buildings. **\$18,500/acre.**

CEDAR CO. – 59.49 acres located 4 1/2 miles west of Tipton. 39.80 Acres in CRP. An attractive recreational farm, potential as building site! **\$8,500/acre.**

DES MOINES CO. – NEW LISTING! SALE PENDING! 144.81 crop acres with 85.40 CSR2. Includes a mixture of pasture and timber & creek. **\$15,950/acre.**

DES MOINES CO. – PRICE REDUCED! SALE PENDING! 20.18 crop acres with 84.90 CSR2. Includes a mixture of productive timber & mature timber. **\$17,500 \$16,350/acre.**

DES MOINES CO. – NEW LISTING! 3.34 acres located on the southwest side of Mediapolis. Includes 2.49 CRP acres. **\$50,000.00**

JONES CO. – NEW LISTING! 74.64 Acres located 6 miles SE of Cascade. 59.45 crop acres with a 41.66 CSR2. Includes building site with utility building and grain bin. **\$12,500/acre.**

JONES CO. – NEW LISTING! 99.97 Acres located 7 miles SE of Cascade. Includes a mixture of pasture and timber & creek. **\$9,500/acre.**

JONES CO. – NEW LISTING! 49.06 Acres located 7 miles SE of Cascade. Includes a mixture of productive timber & mature timber. **\$11,500/acre.**

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

LINN CO. – 160.00 acres NE of Marion. 158.11 crop acres with a 92.00 CSR2. **\$20,500/acre.**

LINN CO. – PRICE REDUCED! 41.00 acres with attractive, 3 bed/2 bath home & buildings. Located 6 mi. N of Marion. **\$1,050,000.00 \$950,000.00**

1350 Waubeek Rd., Central City

SCOTT CO. – 55.18 acres in Davison. 41.80 crop acres with an 80.20 CSR2. **\$12,500/acre.**

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Notice of General Election

PUBLIC TESTING OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT: Notice is hereby given that the public testing of Cedar County's voter equipment to be used in the November 3, 2026, General Election will begin at 12:00pm on Thursday, Oct 22, 2026, at the Cedar County Courthouse, and will continue until completed and open to the public. For further information, please contact the Cedar County Auditor's Office at 563-886-3168.

SATELLITE ABSENTEE VOTING STATIONS: Notice is hereby given for the satellite voting station established for the November 3, 2026, General Election on Monday, October 26, 2026, from 9:00am-3:00pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 235 S. 2nd St., West Branch, IA. Ballots will be available for eligible Cedar County voters residing in West Branch 1 and Gower/Springdale precincts. Voter registration forms will be available for new and currently registered Cedar County voters residing in the precincts served by this satellite location wishing to update their registration information. Eligible voters who are not registered must meet Iowa's election-day registration requirements, including providing the required proof of identity and residence, to register and vote at the satellite location.

GENERAL ELECTION: Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Cedar County, Iowa, that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, with polls open from 7:00am until 8:00pm. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct polling location. If you are unsure of your polling place for this election, please contact the Cedar County Auditor's Office at 563-886-3168. You may also verify your polling location at: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Voters wishing to pre-register must do so by 5:00pm on Monday, October 19, 2026. All voters must provide an approved form of identification before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters registering under Election Day registration procedures, including during in-person absentee voting after the pre-registration deadline, and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. Only voters registering under Election Day registration procedures may use another registered voter in their precinct to attest to their identity and residence if they cannot provide the required documents.

Already-registered voters may not use an attester. Voters unable to establish identity or residence may cast a provisional ballot and provide the required proof to the Cedar County Auditor's Office by noon on Monday, November 9, 2026. For information about acceptable identification and proof of residence, visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or call 563-886-3168.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Requests to receive an absentee ballot by mail will be accepted until October 19 at 5:00pm. Absentee ballots are available for in-person absentee voting in the Courthouse beginning October 14, 2026, through Monday, November 2, 2026, during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm. Extended hours to vote will be available Monday, October 19th and Friday, October 30th until 5:00pm and Saturday, October 31st from 9:00am-5:00pm. Absentee ballots must be returned to the county auditor's office by 8:00pm on election night. Absentee ballots will be counted at the Cedar County Courthouse beginning at 9:00am on Election Day.

ACCESSIBILITY: Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's house. For further information, please contact the Auditor's Office at 563-886-3168 or auditor@cedarcounty.iowa.gov, or for TTY access, dial 711 + 563-886-3168.

PRECINCTS & POLLING LOCATIONS: Cass/Center/Iowa/Rochester: EMA Building, 1410 Cedar St - Tipton, IA Dayton/Fairfield: St. John's United Church of Christ, 320 9th Ave - Clarence, IA Farmington/Sugar Creek: Community Center, 605 5th Ave - Durant, IA Fremont/Red Oak: Masonic Hall, 215 E. Broadway St - Stanwood, IA Gower/Springdale & West Branch 1: Beth-

any Lutheran Church, 235 South 2nd St - West Branch, IA Inland: American Legion, 242 Main St - Bennett, IA Linn/Pioneer: Memorial Building, 102 N. John St - Mechanicsville, IA Massillon/Springfield: City Hall, 501 Main St - Lowden, IA Tipton 1, 2, 3: Cedar County Courthouse, 400 Cedar St - Tipton, IA SAMPLE BALLOTS: Visit the Cedar County Elections Website: elections.www.cedarcounty.iowa.gov to view sample ballots. THE FOLLOWING OFFICES AND CANDIDATES WILL APPEAR ON BALLOTS AS APPLICABLE: **All offices are vote for no more than one unless indicated after the office listed** For partisan offices the following party abbreviations are used: DEM - Democratic; REP - Republican; LIB - Libertarian. FEDERAL OFFICES: For the office of United States Senator Josh Turek - DEM Ashley Hinson – REP Thomas Laehn - LIB For the office of United States Representative District 1 Christina Bohannon - DEM Mariannette Miller-Meeks - REP Michael Bridgford - No Party

STATE OFFICES: For the office of Governor/Lieutenant Governor Rob Sand / Dave Muhlbauer - DEM Zach Lahn / Derek Wulf - REP For the office of Secretary of State Ryan Peterman - DEM Paul D. Pate - REP For the office of Auditor of State Taylor Wetlach - DEM Chris Cournoyer - REP For the office of Treasurer of State John Norwood - DEM Roby Smith - REP For the office of Secretary of Agriculture Chris Jones - DEM Mike Naig - REP For the office of Attorney General Nate Williams - DEM Brenna Bird - REP For the office of State Senator District 41 Tom Wieck - DEM Kerry Gruenhagen - REP For the office of State Representative District 82 James Behrmann - DEM Bobby Kaufmann - REP COUNTY OFFICES: For the office of County Board of Supervisors (vote for no more than two) Michael Bixler - REP Warren Wethington - REP For the office of County Treasurer Sandra Delaney - DEM For the office of County Recorder Melissa Bahnsen - REP For the office of County Attorney Adam Blank - REP NONPARTISAN OFFICES: For the office of Cedar County Extension Council (vote for no more than five) Jeffrey T. Lafrenz, Alan Beyer, Finn Bendixen, Katerina Storjohann For the office of Soil & Water Conservation (vote for no more than two) No Candidate For the office of Soil & Water Conservation - To Fill Vacancy James Pelzer Cass Township: Clerk - Kelly C. Thomas; Trustee - David F. Swan Center Township: Clerk - Devalyn Wilson; Trustee - William Schwitzer; Trustee-TFV - Loren Mohr Dayton Township: Clerk - No Candidate; Trustee - No Candidate Fairfield Township: Clerk - Duane C. Stonerok; Trustee - Scott Tholen Farmington Township: Clerk - Greg Shugart; Trustee - John Kirkman Fremont Township: Clerk - Linda K. Coppess; Trustee - Dennis E. Coppess Gower Township: Clerk - Douglas Klein; Trustee - Dale R. Slach Iowa Township: Clerk - Sara Yoder; Trustee - No Candidate Inland Township: Clerk - Logan Peitscher; Trustee - Lori Dunn Linn Township: Clerk - Julie Broulik; Trustee - Russ Cook Massillon Township: Clerk - Brenda Hansen; Trustee - Penny Vacek Pioneer Township: Clerk - Christine Weber; Trustee - Glen D. Weber Rochester Township: Clerk - Terry A. LeDoux; Trustee - Jackie Thomsen; Trustee-TFV - Jon L. Zobel Red Oak Township: Clerk - Barbara J. Haynes; Trustee - Paul A. Urmie

Sugar Creek Township: Clerk - No Candidate; Trustee - Matt Bowers Springdale Township: Clerk - Trent Hansen; Trustee - Mike Lodge Springfield Township: Clerk - Julie Schroeder; Trustee - Bill Urmie; Trustee-TFV - David Niermeyer JUDICIAL RETENTION: Shall the following judges be retained in office? (vote Yes or No) Court of Appeals Judge: Julie A. Schumacher; Sharon Soorholtz Greer; John M. Sandy District 7 Judge: Joel William Barrows; Henry William Latham II; Mark Ray Lawson; Patrick A. McElyea; Tamra J. Roberts; Jeffrey McDaniel; Elizabeth O'Donnell District 7 Associate Judge: Cheryl E. Traum PUBLIC MEASURES: (vote Yes or No) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - 1 Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted? Summary: Provides that any bill to increase the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature for passage. Further, the two-thirds majority vote requirement applies to the passage of a bill to establish a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state. The requirement excludes taxes imposed at the option of a local government. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment. Full Text: The Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section to new Article XIII: Passage of a bill that increases the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. This requirement does not apply to taxes imposed at the option of a local government. Passage of a bill that establishes a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment. If such a lawsuit is not filed within the one-year limit, the bill shall be considered properly enacted under this section. Each bill to which this section applies must include a separate provision describing the requirements for enactment prescribed by this section. The general assembly shall enact laws to implement this section. TIPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT — PUBLIC MEASURE A Shall the Board of Directors of the Tipton Community School District in the County of Cedar, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,100,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to the high school, including a secure entrance, gymnasium, and commons area; to remodel, repair, improve, and equip the high school, including educational and administrative spaces; and to improve the site, including parking? KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE — PUBLIC MEASURE NC Shall Kirkwood Community College (Merged Area X) in the Counties of Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Powshehek, Tama, and Washington, be authorized to renovate, improve, erect, and equip facilities to modernize learning spaces with an emphasis on health sciences, industrial technologies, agricultural sciences, and business and information technology, contract indebtedness therefor, and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$88,000,000 for those purposes? This notice is given by the Commissioner of Elections, Cedar County, Iowa pursuant to State Law. Nicki Welch Cedar County Auditor Commissioner of Elections Cedar County, Iowa October 14, 2026

Ballot

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and state Senate to pass any bill that increases income taxes or creates a new income tax.

Proponents argue that it would protect taxpayers with a high standard, blocking a simple majority from raising taxes, forcing legislators to limit spending, and encouraging bipartisan legislation on spending issues.

It includes a one-year statute of limitations on lawsuits prevents ongoing legal challenges that could create budget uncertainty.

The opposition argues that the amendment would allow a minority of the elected officials — 34 representatives or 17 senators — to block revenue adjustments, making it hard to respond to economic downturns, which may mean cutting funding for essential public services like education, infrastructure, and healthcare.

Further, the opposition argues that future legislators seeking revenue would



Bobby Kaufmann



James Behrmann



Kerry Gruenhagen



Tom Wieck

shift to consumption taxes and local fees that may disproportionately impact lower-income Iowans.

If passed, it would require those in opposition to file a legal challenge with one year.

The second public measure involves Kirkwood Community College asking voters to support an \$88 million General Obligation Bond.

In dollars, residents would pay \$9.35 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed property value for the next 15 years.

According to the college, the college predicts a six-year implementation plan to do various projects:

- \$46 million toward overhauling Jones Hall for welding, manufacturing, and trade programs.
- \$22 million in business and information technology upgrades in Neilsen and Benton halls, like computer labs, classrooms, and building systems.
- \$12 million would go toward healthcare programs by updating training labs and growing medical simulation programs in Linn Hall to better align with current hospital standards.

- \$4.5 million would create active learning classrooms by purchasing “flexible furniture,” and installing better lighting, more power outlets, and safety features.

- \$3.5 million would go into a new agriculture machinery shop and livestock feed storage room, which includes improving nearby roads and parking lots.

Local races

Only a handful of local elections make the ballot this year:

- In Gower Township, Douglas Klein is running for Clerk and Dale R. Slach is running for trustee.
- In Springdale Township, incumbent Trent Hansen is running for Clerk, and Mike Lodge is running for trustee.
- Republican Adam Blank is running unopposed for Cedar County Attorney.
- Republican Melissa Bahnsen is running unopposed for Cedar County Recorder.
- Democrat Sandra

Delaney is running unopposed for Cedar County Treasurer.

- Republicans Michael Baxter and Warren Wethington are running for Cedar County Supervisors (vote for two).

Regional races

- State Representative District 82: Incumbent Republican Robert “Bobby” Kaufmann is running against Democratic challenger Democrat James Behrmann
- State Senate District 41: Incumbent Republican Kerry Gruenhagen is running against Democratic challenger Tom Wieck
- U.S. Representative District 1: Incumbent Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks is running against Democratic challenger Christina Bohannon

Statewide races

- United States Senator: Republican Ashley Hinson, Democratic challenger Josh Turek, and Libertarian challenger Thomas Laehn are running for the seat. None are incumbents.

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- Governor & Lieutenant Governor: Republican Zach Lahn (with running mate Derek Wulf) is running against Democratic challenger Rob Sand (with running mate Dave Muhlbauer). None are incumbents.

- Attorney General: Incumbent Republican Breanna Bird is running against Democratic challenger Nate Willems

- Secretary of Agriculture: Republican incumbent Mike Naig is running against Democratic challenger Chris Jones.

- Secretary of State: Republican incumbent Paul D. Pate is running against Democratic challenger Ryan Peterman.

- Auditor of State: Republican Chris Cournoyer is running against Democratic challenger Taylor Wettach. Neither are incumbents

- Treasurer of State: Republican incumbent Roby Smith is running against Democratic challenger John Norwood.

SPORTS BRIEFS

7th closes season with 4-1 record

West Branch Middle School’s seventh-grade football team saw its undefeated season come to an end on Oct. 24 when the team fell in their last game to Mid-Prairie, 28-18.

However, the team also defeated Lisbon on Oct. 20. The team finishes with a 4-1 season record.

Scoring against Mid-Prairie:

- 12-yard run by Colton Brand (2-pt. no good) Score: 21-6
- 27-yard run by Bo Shultz (2-pt. no good) Score: 28-12
- 87-yard fumble recovery for TD by Leo Klein (2-pt. no good) Score: 28-18

Passing: Colton Brand 1-2

8th falls in season closer

West Branch Middle School’s eighth-grade football team lost to the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks, 24-0, in their final game of the season.

They also fell to Lisbon on Oct. 20, finishing with a 1-4 record.

In the Oct. 24 game against Mid-Prairie:

Passing: Calvin Voss 4-13

Receiving: Jase Stout 1-2; Elias Halter 3-11

Rushing: Eli Hamilton 1-0; Jase Stout 6-(-12); Elias Halter 6-19

Rushing: Colton Brand 9-30, 1 TD; Bo Shultz, 8-36, 1 TD, 1 TO; Mitchell Hurtubise 4-29.

Receiving: Bo Shultz 1-2

Tackling: Colton Brand 3.5; Bo Shultz 1, 1 fumble recovery, 1 INT; Mitchell Hurtubise 3, 1 fumble recovery; Jayden Henry 2; Ryder Huebbe 2; Rayce Rood 4.5; Kason Zuniga 3; Parker Christoffel 8; Cody Hamann 1; Jay Strong 1; Leo Klein 6.5, 1 fumble recovery; Zayne Grossman 3

On Oct. 20, the Bears defeated Lisbon, 29-6.

Scoring Drives:

- 10-yard run by Bo Shultz (2-pt. failed) 6-0
- 74-yard pass from Braxton Thomas to Colton Brand (2-pt run by Shultz) 14-0

- 2-yard run by Shultz (2-pt. failed) 20-0
 - 2-yard run by Shultz (2-pt. pass from Thomas to Caleb Van Hall) 28-6
- Passing: Braxton Thomas 7-114, 1 TD, 1 INT
- Receiving: Colton Brand 3-80, 1 TD; Bo Shultz 2-14; Caleb Van Hall 1-3; Ryder Huebbe 1-17
- Rushing: Braxton Thomas 4-7; Colton Brand 2-27; Bo Shultz 13-72, 3 TD; Mitchell Hurtubise 4-14; Wyatt Boyd 1-2
- Tackling: Braxton Thomas 3.5; Colton Brand 1.5; Bo Shultz 1; Mitchel Hurtubise 1; Carter Lynch 0.5; Caleb Van Hall 2; Wyatt Boyd 1, 1 INT; Rayce Rood 3; Kason Zuniga 1.5; Parker Christoffel 3.5; Leo Klein 6, 1 fumble recovery

Tackling: Eli Hamilton 0.5; Jase Stout 3.5, 1 sack; Jordan White 2; Calvin Voss 3.5; William Nash 3; Gibson Gross 0.5, 1 INT; Eli Depoorter 0.5; Elias Halter 5; Aiden Sarinana 0.5; Jack Seiberling 10.5; Chasen Owens 1.5; Brady Parizek 0.5; Rhys Day 1; Leo Klein 2

On Oct. 20, the scoring drives were:

- 38-yard run by Jase Stout (2-pt. failed) 6-24
- 20-yard run by Stout (2-pt. run by Calvin Voss) 14-30

Passing: Calvin Voss 3-27

Receiving: Eli Hamilton 2-5; Jase Stout 3-21; Elias Halter 1-1

Rushing: Eli Hamilton 4-6; Jase Stout 9-92, 2 TDs; Calvin Voss 6-37; Elias Halter 3-7

Tackling: Eli Hamilton 1.5, 1 fumble recovery; Jase Stout 1.5; Calvin Voss 1; William Nash 2; Gibson Gross 0.5; Eli Depoorter 1; Elias Halter 3.5; Aiden Sarinana 2; Trip Minar 1.5; Jack Seiberling 9.5; Chasen Owens 3; Brady Parizek 1; Rhys Day 2; Leo Klein 1.5

SCHOOL MENUS

School menus for Oct. 29 through Nov. 4 at West Branch Community Schools.

Student breakfast price is \$2.30; lunch is \$3.40 EK-8, \$3.55 9-12.

EK - 8

Thursday, Oct. 29 – EK-4 B: French toast snack bread or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. 5-8 B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Chicken lo mein or queso and chips, roasted chickpeas, chop suey vegetables, tropical mixed fruit, fresh fruit.

Friday, Oct. 30 – EK-4 B: Powdered sugar donut hole or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. 5-8 B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Hotdog on whole grain bun or fish sticks and crackers, tater tots, carrots, mixed fruit, fresh fruit.

Monday, Nov. 2 – EK-4 B: Chocolate chip pancakes or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. 5-8 B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Bosco sticks or chicken patty on bun, radishes, roasted veggies, peaches, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – EK-4 B: Trix muffin or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. 5-8 B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or

cereal, crackers, juice. L: Chicken pita or spaghetti with breadstick, cucumbers, cranberries, romaine salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 – EK-4 B: Sausage pancake stick or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. 5-8 B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Breaded pork steak with gravy or mac and cheese, roasted sweet potatoes, coleslaw, raisins, fresh fruit.

High school

Thursday, Oct. 29 – B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Chicken lo mein or queso and chips, roasted chickpeas, chop suey vegetables, tropical mixed fruit, fresh fruit.

Friday, Oct. 30 – B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Hotdog on whole grain bun or fish sticks and crackers, tater tots, carrots, mixed fruit, fresh fruit.

Monday, Nov. 2 – B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Bosco sticks or chicken patty on bun, radishes, roasted veggies, peaches, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Chicken pita or spaghetti with

breadstick, cucumbers, cranberries, romaine salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 – B: Grab & Go - Pop-Tart or cereal, crackers, juice. L: Breaded pork steak with gravy or mac and cheese, roasted sweet potatoes, coleslaw, raisins, fresh fruit.

Each meal must have a fruit and two other items. Elementary breakfasts include choice of 1% or skim white milk. All 8th-grade through high school breakfasts are served with “Grab & Go Breakfast Breaks” which include Pop-Tarts or cereal, crackers, and a juice.

Students must take three components, one must be a fruit or vegetable. Students have choice of 1% white, skim white or chocolate skim milk. High school choices include fruit and vegetable bar.

Kirkwood

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folks sitting on wait lists who could be working.”

For more information about Kirkwood’s 2026 bond referendum, visit www.kirkwood.edu. Scroll down and click on “2026 Bond Info.”



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LEGALS

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Bobby could utilize an engineer to draw up an appropriate engineered solution to the issue.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - NONE

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - NONE

CITY ENGINEER REPORT
NO PROJECTS CURRENTLY STILL WORKING ON IUP REPORT AND COLLECTING THE FINAL DATA TO COMPLETE.

STAFF REPORTS
CLERK FRIIS REMINDED EVERYONE THAT CITY HALL WOULD BE CLOSED OCTOBER 21ST – 23RD DUE TO STAFF TRAINING.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FALL FEST APPEARED TO BE A SUCCESS LAST WEEKEND. NOEL AND FRIIS SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES AND THE HIGH NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE VARIOUS EVENTS HAPPENING DURING FALL FEST.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION MADE BY MILLER, SECOND

BY DEAN. AYES: MILLER, DEAN, HORIHAN, NOEL, SEXTON. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION – IOWA CODE 21.5 PERSONNEL MATTERS

CLOSED SESSION OPENED AT 6:42PM

CLOSED SESSION CLOSED AT

7:22PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY MILLER. SECOND BY DEAN. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

ROGER LAUGHLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST

ALYCIA FRIIS, CITY CLERK

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