

The latest jobs figures put lowa at 3.2 percent.

## Area outperforms state on jobs

#### By Michael Hohenbrink Mid-America Publishing

While the state average for unemployment rose to 3.2 percent for the latest figures, Calhoun County bested that total by .2 percent to clock in at three percent even.

The national average rose to 3.9 percent.

"October's numbers demonstrate that national economic pressures and the federal government's efforts to slow inflation are having an impact on Iowa," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "As we

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enter the winter, when we traditionally see higher seasonal unemployment rates, we will most likely see these trends continue. However, there are still almost 65,000 open jobs on IowaWORKS.gov.

Iowa's labor force participation rate declined from 68.6 to 68.4 percent as the number of unemployed rose to 56,000 up from 52,800.

Calhoun County tied Webster County while Greene, Carroll and Sac counties all stood at 2.6 percent.

Pocahontas was at 2.7 percent.

### **CLUES DOWN**

1. Make a mistake 27. Apart from 2. Gordon and Snider are two 29. Satisfaction 3. Geographical region of Finland 31. The bill in a restaurant 4. Ejected saliva 34. Sea bream 5. A way of performing 36. Port in southern Japan 6. Scotland's longest river 37. Double-reed instruments 7. One of the six noble 38. Center gases (abbr.) 40. South Dakota 8. Body art 43. An orderly crowd 9. Two-toed sloth 45. Indicates position 10. Electronic counter-48. \_\_\_\_\_pedi countermeasures 50. Nonsense (slang) 12. Foolish person (Brit.) 51. Republic of Ireland 13. Of the wind 53. Nocturnal flyers 16. Grand home 54. American state



ongoing programs such as pesticide trainings and farmland leasing meetings, and in the fall of 2022, she partnered with Billy Beck, extension forestry specialist, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Soil and Water Conservation District to host a windbreak meeting that attracted over 70 individuals from northwest and central Iowa.

One windbreak participant commented, "The training was so timely for me. I had a plan that I completely changed after this event. I will be incorporating more native species."

Over 75% of participants surveyed from this meeting indicated they now have an increased awareness of the benefits of promoting diversity, including the use of native trees and shrubs in windbreaks, as well as matching tree and shrub species to site conditions.

The award was also received by Carter Oliver, county director for ISU Extension and Outreach in Harrison County.

### **CLUES ACROSS** 1. Old English letters

1. Old English letters	36. Japanese masked drama
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11. Showing up again	41. Blood group
14. Tie the knot again	42. Assist in wrongdoing
15. Washington city	44. Language spoken in Cameroon
18. Stiff structures in invertebrates	and Chad
19. Mark over a vowel	46. Grayish-white
21. Explosive	47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
23. Popular race: 500	49. Microorganism
24. Pile up	52. Place under prohibition
28. Mint	56. Calm, dependable
29. Commercial	58. Congressman
30. A minute amount (Scottish)	60. Force
32. Small Eurasian deer	62. As a result of this document
33. Baseball stat	63. One of two main branches
35. Numbers cruncher	of Islam

17. Sound 20. English river

- 25. Exclamation of surprise
- 26. Pouch
- Clusters in fern fronds 57. Patriotic women 22. Symbol indicating ownership 58. A person's brother or sister 59. Breed of sheep 61. Popular film "Despicable "



Caitlyn Butler has been honored for her work in Calhoun County with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Fun By The Numbers
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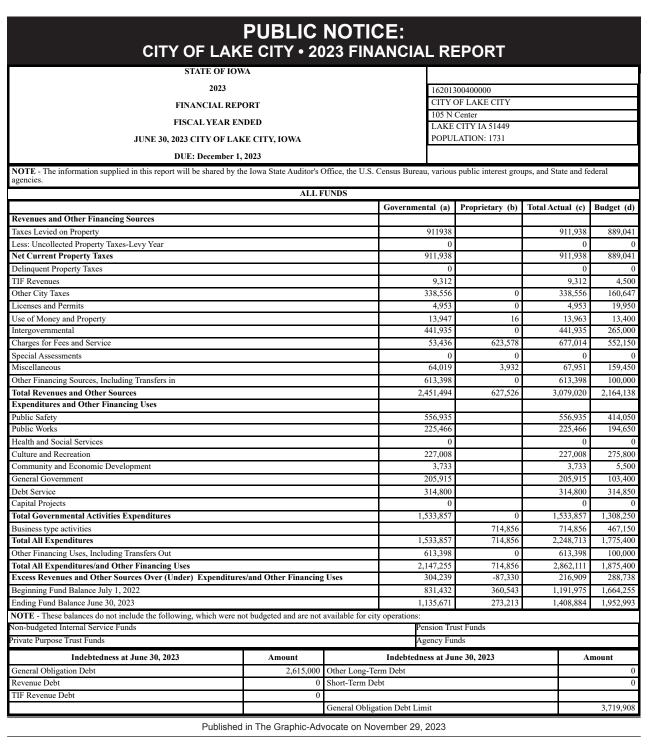
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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## **PROCEEDINGS:** SOUTH CENTRAL CALHOUN • NOV. 18 MINUTES

#### SOUTH CENTRAL CALHOUN BOARD OF DIRECTORS **REGULAR & ORGANIZATIONAL** MEETING - NOV. 18, 2023

The South Central Calhoun Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Mon., Nov. 21, 2023, at the SCC HS Media Center. President Judy Hungate called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Director members present included Vice-President Roger McKinney, Chris Green, Ryan Hammen, Jason Hawkins, Keaton Hildreth and Nick Spencer. Others present included Supt. Brad Anderson, Board Secretary Carol Collins, and a few guests.

McKinney motioned, Hawkins seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting agenda as presented. Mo-tion carried 7-0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Pledge of Allegiance was re-cited and Green read the SCC Mission Statement: The mission of the South Central Calhoun School District is to partner with our communities to provide an environment rich with opportunities that challenge every student to master skills and understandings which will transfer into a successful future.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items There were no requests to speak.

Board Secretary Secretary Collins reminded Board members about the local IASB Board Member Workshops on Dec. 13 and Jan. 11. Several classified staff members have inquired about dental insurance; Board consensus is to allow Classified Staff to purchase coverage if interested.

Early Graduation Requests Six high school students requested to graduate at the end of the 1st semester, and each of the students introduced themselves and shared plans upon graduation. Hildreth

motioned, Green seconded, to ap prove the early graduation requests from Aiden Hubbard, Wesly Maulsby, David Melody, Ashton Meyer, Katrina Skidmore, and Marcus Wiley pending successful completion of requirements at the end of the 1st semester. Motion carried 7-0. The Board thanked the students for attending and wished them well in their future endeavors. DISCUSSION ITEMS

IASB Delegate Assembly Vice-President McKinney and Supt. Anderson attended the IASB Delegate Assembly on Nov. 15. Discussion centered around mental health and school counselors, vouchers and preschool funding.

Marketing Proposal Chris Nelson with Nelson Media joined the meeting virtually to share ideas for creating a marketing campaign aimed at potential students and staff members.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal DeMoss reported parentteacher conference attendance with scheduled times for grades 4-6 had high attendance. The Veteran's Day Program had 77 veterans in attendance plus family members and students. MAPS science testing data was shared.

Principal Pibal reported on discipline and attendance for students missing 10% or more in the 1st quarter. Parent-teacher conferences had similar attendance to previous years.

The report from Principal McChesney shared high participation for parent-teacher conferences and staff professional development activities. Discipline and attendance data was shared.

Supt. Anderson updated the Board on the Calhoun Co Revitaliza-tion meeting and thanked Director

Green for his service to the students, staff, and community. ACTION ITEMS Consent Agenda Spencer motioned, Hildreth sec-

onded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including minutes, bills, Oct 2023 financials, Board policy updates 905.1-907. R1. Motion carried 7-0. Facilities & Grounds

Hawkins motioned, McKinney seconded, to approve the quote for the portable stage lift from AEL as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

McKinney motioned, Green seconded, to approve a \$50 per event increase to elementary snow removal with AI Hepp for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Service Dog

Hawkins motioned, Hammen sec-onded, to approve the insurance quote from RPS for liability coverage and the agreement with handler Katelyn Toms as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

HR Software Hammen motioned, Hildreth seconded, to approve the applicant and HR software purchase as pre-sented from MyBenefits Channel. Motion carried 7-0.

Driver's Education

Spencer motioned, McKinney seconded, to approve the Driver's Education costs and instructor rates with no changes from 2023 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

District Marketing Proposal Hildreth suggested an RFP process to develop a strategy, and Hawkins suggested collecting geocaching data. No action was taken on the current proposal. Complex Use

Hildreth motioned, Hawkins seconded, to increase the complex use

rates effective Jan. 1, 2024, to \$100 per year for community members and \$30 per year for service members. Motion carried 7-0. SBRC Applications

McKinney motioned, Hildreth seconded, to approve the SBRC Modified Supplemental Amount applications as presented, including increased enrollment from FY23 to FY24 for \$54,395; LEP beyond 5 years for \$8,016; and the asbestos abatement application exhibits as presented for \$44,601.90 and to make application to the SBRC. Motion carried 7-0.

#### PERSONNEL ITEMS

Hammen motioned, Spencer seconded, to approve the list of resignations and hirings as presented, including resignations - Melissa Carver, current teaching position for a new assignment; Brian Knapp cross country; Randy Martin, HS softball; Mark Schaefer, JH volleyball; and John Smith, HS play production with Village Square Theater; and hirings - Josie Baratta, associate; Melissa Carver, ELL teacher pending certification in FY24; Emily Hildreth, associate; Laura Leist, substitute vehicle driver; Hunter Voith, JH wrestling; and Jim Walser, 2nd semester teacher. Motion carried 7-0. With no further business of the

2022-23 Board, Green motioned, McKinney seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Director Green resigned his position and retired from the Board with thanks from the District. The Board recessed.

Supt. Anderson called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:38. Director members present included Ryan Hammen, Keaton Hildreth, and Nick Spencer. Director-Elect members included Jason Hawkins, Judy Hungate, Roger McKinney, and Jeffrey Redenius Secretary pro tem Collins administered the Oath of Office of Director to the newly elected members.

Hammen motioned, Hawkins seconded, to accept the Abstract of Votes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Supt. Anderson called for nominations for the Office of President. McKinney nominated Hungate, seconded by Spencer. Hildreth motioned, Hammen seconded for nominations to cease. Hildreth motioned, McKinney seconded, to accept the nomination of Hungate as President. Motion carried 7-0. Secretary pro tem Collins administered the Oath of Office of President to Hungate.

President Hungate assumed control of the meeting and called for nomi-nations for the Office of Vice-President. Hildreth nominated McKinney, seconded by Spencer. Hawkins motioned, Hildreth seconded, for nominations to cease. Motion carried 7-0. Spencer motioned, Hildreth sec-onded, to accept the nomination of McKinney as Vice-President. Motion carried 7-0. Motion carried 7-0. Secretary pro tem Collins administered the Oath of Office of Vice-President to McKinney.

Supt. Anderson offered the appointment of Collins as Board Secretary/ Treasurer. Spencer motioned, Hawkins seconded, to appoint Collins as Board Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried 7-0. President Hungate administered the Oath of Office of Board Secretary/Treasurer to Collins

Hildreth motioned, McKinney seconded, to approve the schedule for Regular Meetings as presented for the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at alternating locations with exceptions for April 8 due to budget filing deadlines and June 17 at 7 a.m. to accommodate activity schedules Motion carried 7-0.

Hammen motioned, Spencer seconded, to approve the list of Board Committee assignments and annual resolutions and appointments as presented. Motion carried 7-0. The list of Board Committees and contact information is available on the SCC website or by contacting Secretary Collins. Annual resolutions and appointments include: Resolution for Committed and Assigned Funds; Legal Counsel - Ahlers & Cooney; Depositories - \$14M at United Bank of IA, IA Savings Bank, First Community Bank, LPL Financial, and ISJIT; Board President and Secretary to sign warrants and named on financial accounts with alternates of Board Vice-President, Supt., HR Director, and Activities Secretary; use of electronic signatures and signature stamp by Board Secretary, HR Director, and Activities Secretary for warrants and approved contracts; Legal News-paper - Graphic-Advocate; Level I Investigators - school counselors and school nurses; and Truancy Officers - police departments of LC and RC.

With no further business to discuss, Redenius motioned, Hawkins seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

By Carol A Collins, Board Secretary

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## **PROCEEDINGS: ROCKWELL CITY COUNCIL • NOV. 20 MINUTES / CLAIMS**

### **Rockwell City Council** Meeting Minutes Nov. 20, 2023 • 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gentry called the meeting to order with the following members present: Fowler, Porter, Rokes and Fistler.

Motion by Rokes, second by Porter, to approve the agenda, unanimous. Motion by Rokes, second by Porter, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Nov. 6 meeting minutes, bills as submitted and the Liquor/Beer License for Fareway, unanimous.

Motion by Fistler, second by Rokes, to approve Resolution 2309 fy 23 Road Use Report. Roll Call. Ayes- Fowler, Porter, Gentry, Rokes and Fistler.

Motion by Fowler, second by Porter, to approve Resolution 23-10 FY23 Annual Financial Report. Roll Call. Ayes- Fowler, Porter, Gentry, Rokes and Fistler.

Motion by Rokes, second by Fistler, to approve Resolution 23-11 FY23 Urban Renewal Report (TIF). Roll Call. Ayes- Fowler, Porter, Gentry, Rokes and Fistler.

Motion by Rokes, second by Porter, to forgive the excess sewer for 621 4th Street, due to a leak in the crawl space, unanimous.

Motion by Rokes, second by Fistler, to approve a 3-month payment plan for account #618021, unanimous.

Motion by Porter, second by Fistler, to have the Public Works Supervisor go out to the Store on 4 to see how they are getting water, unanimous. The City had not been contacted for water services.

Motion by Porter, second by Rokes, to approve the electrical work by Snyder Electric on well #6 and to request Sergent Drilling to pay for the electrical if there is nothing wrong, as they are requiring the City to have it checked, unanimous. Motion by Rokes, second by

Fowler, to have Dave King attend the first Council meeting of every month moving forward, unanimous Mayor Pro-Tem called for further business, and with none, motion by Rokes, second by Fowler to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m., unanimous. Next meeting will by Monday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 at City Hall.

Phil R. Heinlen, Mayor ATTEST: Kelly Smidt, City Clerk

#### CLAIMS REPORT 11/20/2023

...622.00 Chemicals. AFLAC.....Life Insurance....157.26

Chemical... ..438.05 CNA Surety ... Blanket Bond.. 207.50 Collection Services Center Child Support.....412.50 Delta Dental..Delta-Dental ..113.46 EFTPS.....Fed/Fica Tax...4,768.26 Feld Fire Extinguisher Inspection ..... ..630.64 IPERS.... Police IPERS.....6,603.74 Joe's Tire & Auto... Tires ...1,004.00 Mid-America Publishing Corp ...... Legal Publication .. . ...46.41 Mohr Sand, Gravel & Concr... ....1,256.00 Concrete .... New Century FS ..... Fuel .. 1,519.01

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Total:	21,198.20

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**PROCEEDINGS:** LAKE CITY COUNCIL • OCT. 16 MINUTES / CLAIMS

Lake City Council Proceedings Monday, Oct. 16, 2023

The City Council of Lake City, lowa met in regular session at 5

ing the ordinance on dogs in Lake City. Chief Schaffer addressed the matter. Guest Business: None

Nov. 11, 2023. Seconded by Daniel All Ayes. Nays-None. Gorden Absent. MC

ing Time Capsule Closing Date for

that MSA could do a rate study for Sewer and Storm Water for approximately \$8,000 and that he is not advocating for any action on this at

Hall Chambers. Tyler Holm, Mayor Jacob Matthews, Clerk CLAIMS REPORT 10/16/2023

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linc hausen presiding. Mayor Holm was absent. The following Council members were present: Bellinghausen, Daniel, Wilson, and Bruns. Gorden was absent. CA Matthews, Chief of Police Schaffer, and Interim Public Works Director Janssen were also present.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Bruns and seconded by Daniel to amend and approve the Consent Agenda. consisting of the following: Amended Agenda to include the Blair Building Permit, Minutes from the Oct. 2, 2023, Regular Meeting, Class C Retail Alcohol License for the City of Lake City Community Building, and the Summary List of Claims. All Ayes. Nays-None. Gorden Absent. MC.

#### Public Hearing: None

Citizens to Address the Council: Lori Sievers requested a culvert be replaced on a city road. Laura Wine addressed Council concern-

**Council Agenda:** Very brief cussion ensued concerning the Blair Building Permit. Daniel motioned to approve the Blair Building Permit. Seconded by Wilson. All Ayes. Nays-None. Gorden Absent.

Wilson motioned to approve the Becke Hunting Permit. Seconded by Daniel. All Ayes. Nays-None. Gorden Absent. MC

Bruns motioned to approve the Piersen Building Permit. Seconded by Wilson. All Ayes. Nays-None. Gorden Absent. MC.

Wilson mentioned everything was in order with the Kelly Building permit. Wilson motioned to approve the Kelly Building Permit. Seconded by Daniel. All Ayes. Nays-None. Gor-den Absent. MC.

Bruns mentioned 11/11/2023 is an ideal date for the Closing of the Time Capsule for the Community Building. Wilson motioned to approve setting the Community Build-

to approve CDBG Low-To-Moderate Income (LMI) Survey Agreement Contract with MIDAS and mentioned it supported the 3rd Mission of Lake City: Ensure Local Government is Operating Efficiently and Effectively. Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call Vote. Aves: Bellinghausen, Bruns, Daniel, Wilson. Gorden Absent. Nays-None. MC.

City Administrator Discussion/ Action Items: CA Matthews gave an update on the Aquatic Center Manager position and mentioned that a highly qualified individual had applied for the position and that he would be assembling a hiring committee. He mentioned that the Tree Removal Advertisement has been posted in Facebook and in the newspaper and that several parties have shown interest in it. He shared he expects that formal bids will be coming in shortly.

CA Matthews shared with Council

that CA Matthews is crunching and will share with Council, it may be something Council will want to consider in the near future to ensure we are collecting enough to care for the sewer and storm water systems we have today.

CA Matthews mentioned that Paul Iverson has an architectural student working on a Master Park Plan and will have material to bring before Council sometime in November or December of this year. CA Matthews concluded by reminding everyone that the next BOA Meeting is for Monday Oct. 23, 2023. Adjourn: With no further busi-

ness, Bruns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Daniel. All Ayes. Nays-none. Gorden absent. MC. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. Next Meeting: The next council

meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at 5 p.m. in the City Aramark ..70.20 Baker & Taylor ... .375.44 Calhoun County Public Health..445 Carroll Co. Solid Waste ... .43.05 Center Point Large Print .. ..251.7 M&S Daisy Hauling...... 165 .6.173.00 Gworks . Don's Pest Control..... .....48 .625.38 Feld Fire ..... Cengage Learning...... 437 54 .....1,027.00 IMWCA. IA One Call ..... .30.6 IPERS 64 55 Lake City Hardware ..... ..213.04 Lake City Public Library.. .36.37 MidAmerican Energy .......6,785.89 Mid-America Publishing ......167.16 Morrow's Standard Service .566.73 Quill Corporation..... 156 27 NAPA Auto Parts..... .3.262.96 EFTPS ..... .4,431.11 Calhoun Co. Recorder... ...13 Mohr Sand Gravel ......1,056.00 Community Oil Fleet ......4,733.97 .1,056.00

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Claims Total103,539.14
135-General Fund27,962.80
Road Use Tax Fund9,720.39
Employee Benefits Fund681.21
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Fund 11,059.70
Water Fund 13,439.34
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Sewer Fund5,481.26
Solid Waste Fund1,828.04

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## **PROCEEDINGS:** LAKE CITY COUNCIL • NOV. 20 MINUTES / CLAIMS

#### Lake City Council Proceedings Monday, Nov. 20, 2023

The City Council of Lake City, lowa met in regular session at 6 p.m. with Mayor Holm presiding. The following Council members were present: Bellinghausen, Daniel, Wilson, Gorden, and Bruns. Councilperson-Elect Lee Vogt attended via telephone. Mayor-Elect Mike Schleisman also attended. CA Matthews, City Attorney Lauver, Chief of Police Schaffer, Community Building Manager Winter, and Interim Public Works Director Janssen were also present.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Bruns and seconded by Bellinghausen to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following: Agenda, Minutes from the Nov. 6, 2023, Regular Meeting, July-October Treasurer's Report, and Summary List of Claims, All Ayes, Nays-None, MC.

Public Hearing: Daniel motioned at 6:01 p.m. to hold a public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 407: An Ordinance to Amend Municipal Code Chapter 6: Park Board. The Ordinance proposes to amend the Municipal Code concerning Park Board membership requirements including so that up to two members of the Park Board may be non-Lake City Residents. Seconded by Bellinghausen. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Gorden, Bruns, Daniel, Bellinghausen, Wilson. Nays-None. MC

Vogt recommended the Ordinance be modified to limit Park membership to the townships adjacent to Lake City. CA Matthews indicated he would revise the proposed ordinance to that effect.

At 6:07 p.m. Daniel motioned to

close the public hearing. Seconded by Bellinghausen. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Daniel, Wilson, Bruns, Gor-Bellinghausen. Nays-None. den, MC

Citizens to Address the Council: Troy Whipkey addressed the Council on behalf of Betterment and asked for the public to have increased vigilance in the town square for vandalism.

Guest Business: Representatives from Gworks provided Council with an online presentation on the updated cloud-based software and answered questions. Council Agenda: Daniel motioned to ap-prove the Dec. 2, 2023, 6 p.m. Betterment Parade Requests: Police Escort Request at Accura Health at 6 p.m. and 30 Minute Road Closure Request (6-6:30 p.m.): From Dollar General to Morrow's and the Roads around the Town Square. Seconded by Bruns. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC. Bruns motioned to table all readings related to Ordinance 407. Seconded by Daniel. All Ayes. Nays None. MĆ

Discussion ensued about ACS and the current IT provider to the City of Lake City. Motion by Bruns, who mentioned the Resolution supported 1st, 2nd, and 3rd missions of Lake City, to approve Resolution 2023-82: Resolution to Move Information Technology (IT) Needs To Advanced Communica tion Services (ACS). Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Gorden, Bruns, Daniel, Wilson, Bellinghausen. Nays-None. MC.

Discussion ensued about the Gworks upgrade. Daniel motioned to approve Resolution 2023-78:

Resolution To Upgrade The City's Financial Software With Gworks, and mentioned the Resolution supported the 1st , 2nd , and 3rd Missions of Lake City. Seconded by Bellinghausen. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wilson, Daniel, Gorden, Bellinghausen. Nays: Bruns. MC.

Daniel motioned to deny Resolution 2023-73: Resolution To Approve An Encroachment Easement To Andrew And Nicholle Winter. Seconded by Bellinghausen. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC

Gorden motioned to approve Resolution 2023-80: Resolution To Authorize an Easement Agreement Between the City of Lake City and the Property Owners Adjacent to 5th Street between S. Center and South Illinois. Seconded by Daniel. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Bruns, Daniel, Gorden, Bellinghausen, Wilson. Nays-None. MC

Brief discussion ensued. City Attorney Lauver recommended Reso-lution 2023-70 to be tabled until all property owners sign the easement agreement. Wilson motioned to table Resolution 2023-70: Resolution To Vacate and Convey 5th Street Between S. Center and South Illinois To The Adjacent Property Owners. Seconded by Gorden. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC

CA Matthews asked Council if there were any questions about Resolution 2023-76. Council indicated no questions. Daniel motioned to approve Resolution 2023-76: Resolution To Approve The Pickleball Court Relocation Recommended By The Park Committee, Proposed Parking Lot For Goins Park Recommended By The Park Committee, Proposed Synder Pickleball Court Contract, And Approve And Reallocate Certain Funds For The Synder Comprehensive Plan For Goins Memorial Park Lake City, Iowa, and mentioned it supported the 1st Mission of Lake City. Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Daniel, Wilson, Bruns, Bellinghausen, Gorden. Navs-None. MC.

Gorden motioned to approve Resolution 2023-77: Resolution to Appoint Jackie Schrad As The Treasurer For The City Of Lake City. lowa and mentioned it supported the 5th and 6th Missions of Lake City. Seconded by Bruns. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Bruns, Gorden, Bellinghausen, Daniel, Wilson. Nays-None, MC.

Brief discussion ensued. CA Matthews indicated the Graphic Advocate is currently the only newspaper that Council may designate as the official newspaper of the City. Bruns motioned to approve Resolution 2023-81: Resolution to Designate the Graphic Advocate Newspaper as the Official Newspaper of the City of Lake City for the Year 2024, and mentioned it supported the 2nd and 3rd Missions of Lake City. Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Bellinghausen Bruns, Wilson, Gorden, Daniel. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC.

Bruns motioned to approve Resolution 2023-83: Resolution to Approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report and mentioned it supported the 5th and 6th Mission of Lake City. Seconded by Wilson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Gorden, Bruns, Wilson, Daniel, Bellinghausen. Nays-None. MC.

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City Administrator Discussion/ Action Items: To ensure there was no further business after going into closed session, CA Matthews announced that the Council meeting on 1/1/2024 would be moved to Tuesday 1/2/2024 due to the holiday. He also mentioned that Tree Bids were due by Nov. 29, 2023 3 p.m. and will be considered at the Dec. 4, 2023 Council meeting.

Motioned by Gorden to Approve Going into Closed Session, Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 Provision I: To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Seconded by Bellinghausen. Council, including Mayor-Elect Schleisman, Council-Elect Vogt (via telephone), Chief of Police Schaffer, and City Administrator Matthews entered into Closed Session. Closed session was entered into at 7:46 p.m. At 9:42 p.m. Daniel motioned to leave Closed Session and return to open session. Seconded by Bruns. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Gorden, Bellinghausen, Bruns, Daniel, Wilson. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC. Adjourn: With no further busi-

ness, Daniel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bruns. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m. Tyler Holm, Mayo

Jacob Matthews, Clerk CLAIMS REPORT

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## Immaculate **Conception Mass** schedule set

Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be offered at area parishes.

Times include: Friday, Dec. 8: Rockwell City: St. Francis, 5:30 p.m. Manson: St. Thomas, 6:30 p.m. Lake City: St. Mary, 7 p.m.

Additionally, with the Advent Season, a Communal Penance for the Cluster will take place Wednesday, Dec. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at St. Francis, Rockwell City.

## With a wink and a nod By Curt Swarm Special to Mid-America Publishing

God Wink: those moments we feel touched by God in a unique and unexpected way, as if God were winking at us. Often chalked up as coincidence by "non-believers," God Winks are considered signs that God is looking out for us.

I had a God Wink the other day. It was so subtle that I almost didn't recognize it. But once it revealed itself to me,I had to share.

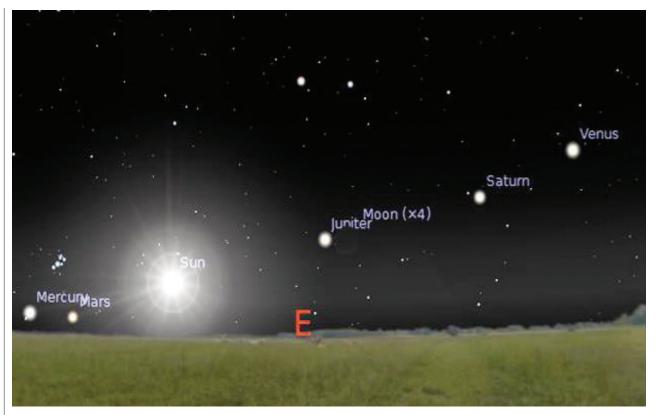
I was writing one of my columns about a Ukrainian family who just arrived in Mt. Pleasant. I had the rough draft of the story written and wanted the family to proof it. On the way out of the house I noticed a hundred dollar bill lying on my desk. I don't often have hundred dollar bills, and like to hang onto them. God spoke to my heart and said, "Give it to the Ukrainian family. They need it."

I didn't want to because I'm a selfish person and, even though Ginnie and I have all we need, I wanted to keep that hundred dollar bill for myself. But I followed the command God laid on my heart, and left the hundred dollar bill with the Ukrainian family. It was obvious they needed it, and they did appreciate it, giving me a nice warm hug.

That afternoon I was paying bills. I always check my bank balance when paying bills. Lo-and-behold, there was an unexpected deposit of \$1,000 in my bank account from my employer. It took me a few minutes to realize what happened. When I did, I had to stop and say a little prayer of thanks, and ask forgiveness for not trusting Him.

I've had tinnitus (ringing in the ears) for over 20 years. There is no cure. I've tried the home-grown remedies, like drinking vinegar until I was sick, to no avail. I also prayed for a cure. Tinnitus is quite irritating. It sounds like an Iowa ditch full of insects.

Recently, at my annual eye check-up, the doctor told me I have early stage Macular Degeneration, and prescribed an over-the-counter eye vitamin. I've been taking the vitamin for six months now. I'll be danged if the tinnitus hasn't subsided to an almost imperceptible sound. It's still there, but doesn't have near the volume. My only explanation is that the eye vitamin is also repairing the damaged auditory nerves. Is this an answer to prayer, or the action of a vitamin, or both? You be the judge. My last example is a flat-out miracle. I wrote about it in my first book, "Protected" but it's worth retelling. I've been clean and sober 34 years. About 20 years sober, I found myself out late at night, hungry, lonely and tired. I needed something to eat, and the only place open was a bar. I didn't want to go in because I was afraid I would be tempted to drink. I prayed to God for protection. I walked into the bar, and the bartender said, "Sorry, we can't serve you. We just lost our liquor license." True story. There is no doubt in my mind that God took immediate and swift action to help me stay sober. (He still has work left for me to do.)



According to the Stellarium planetarium program, this shows what the sky of April 17, 6 B.C. would have looked like just after dawn. Of course, the planets would not have been visible.

## In the Sky: December

#### **By David Voigts** Special to Mid-America Publishing

December will be a special month in the sky. One of these events is the annual return of the Geminid meteor shower that will peak at about 2:00 a.m. local time on December 14. There should be about a meteor each minute with nearly as many late in the evening of the 13th and during the night of December 14-15. This is one of the best meteor showers of the year. Meteors will be seen all over the sky but will seem to have come from near the bright twin stars of Gemini (the Twins) that will be unmistakable high in the southern sky. While out, look to the lower right of Gemini for the iconic Orion (the Hunter).

The planets also will be interesting during December. Venus will still be dazzling in the eastern predawn sky, and early in the month Mercury will be at its highest for this appearance, but still low the southwestern sky. Saturn will be higher in the southwest but drifting lower each night. It will set at about 10:00 early in December and at about 8:00 late in the month.

Finally, bright Jupiter will end its retrograde, or western, motion in Aries (the Ram). According to ancient astrology, it would have been most powerful at this time. According to the theory of Michael Molnar, since Jupiter was related to the activities of kings and Aries was the sign for Judea, it would have confirmed to the astrologers (Magi) that a king of the Jews had been born. Since this was only confirmation, Molnar then looked for a significant event involving Jupiter (the king star) in Aries.

By using a planetarium program, Molnar found that a very significant astrological event had taken place on the morning of April 17, 6 B.C. On this morning, Jupiter, the king star, had its heliacal rising. This is when a star or planet is first seen rising before the Sun. Astrologers usually referred to this as "its rising," and it was considered to be another time when a planet or star was most powerful. Molnar believes that since this happened in Aries, it is the event referred to in Matthew 2:2 as "his star at its rising." Although this is an important event, it is not rare, so other events must also have happened on this day. Molnar found that the Sun and Saturn also were in Aries, the sign where they were most powerful. Furthermore, Jupiter

and Saturn were in a position where they attended the Sun, while Mars and Mercury (both unseen) followed close behind and attended the Moon. Also, Venus was nearby in Pisces (the Fishes) where it was most powerful. Finally, about noon the Moon that was also in Aries moved over and hid Jupiter. This added great significance. Although unseen, the Magi would have known it happened. Altogether, this extremely important and very rare event could have sent the Magi to find the new king of the Jews.

#### **Observing Highlights**

Dec. 1: The Moon will rise at about 9:00 below Pollux with Castor above, the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins).

Dec. 3: The Moon will rise at about 11:00 close to the left of Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion).

Dec. 4: Mercury will be at its farthest from the Sun for this appearance, but still low in southwest. After the 10th, it will fade and retreat back toward the Sun. Look about 45 minutes after sunset. Binoculars will help.

Dec. 9: The Moon will be to the left of brilliant Venus after they rise at about 3 a.m.

Dec. 14: The Geminid meteor shower will peak just midnight local time.

Dec. 17: The Moon will be below Saturn and to the upper right of Fomalhaut in Piscis Austrinus (the Southern Fish).

Dec. 21: Winter arrives in the northern hemisphere with the December solstice. Star gazers recognize this as the longest night of the year. After this day, the Sun will move northward. Dec. 21: The Moon will be close to the right of bright Jupiter. It will move it its orbit and be to Jupiter's left on the 22nd.

Dec. 24: The Moon will be to the upper left of Aldebaran, the bright eye of Taurus (the Bull).

Dec. 27: The Moon will be to the upper right of Pollux and the lower right of Castor, the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins). Dec. 30: The Moon will be to the upper left of Regulus, the

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One more God Wink: after an outrageous wind storm this spring, filling our yard with drifts of corn shucks and stalks, we went outside to find downed limbs, one of my sculptures blown across the highway, and a stick cross in front of our house, like God was protecting our home. That cross is still there.

- bright heart of Leo (the Lion), after they rise at about 9 p.m. Sources:
- StarDate, Jan-Feb. 2023. Vol. 50, No. 1.
- Molnar, Michael. R. The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi. Rutgers University Press. 1999.
- SkyandTelescope.org

## Sunnyview

There was a fun time in the dining room Nov. 19. Marty B. noted that Carole B. came to visit her here at Sunnyview for the noon meal. Carole is a former Sunnyview resident, and many residents saw her and came over to greet her. She has friends here!

Although Thanksgiving is over, we can still be thankful. For instance, we could thank more people. Thank you to our Fire Department and Emergency Medical people. Thank you to our Rockwell City Police Department and Calhoun County Law Enforcement people. Thank you to our state troopers, who keep track of road conditions so we know whether we should go out -- and then they help us when we go out anyway and manage to get ourselves into a bind. Also, thank you to the city, county, and state road crews. Where would we be without them?

Dec. 7 we observe the 82nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the "date that will live in infamy." Let us remember those who gave their lives on that day. We honor our WWII veterans, the "greatest generation." We honor our all our veterans. God bless America.

## PUBLIC NOTICE: SOUTH CENTRAL CALHOUN • NOV. 21 CLAIMS

SOUTH CENTRAL CALH CSD LIST OF BILLS Nov. 21, 2023	
Vendor Description	Amount
General Fund	anount
Access Elevator Maint	601 00
AE Dairy Instr. Sup	
AED Superstore AED Sup.1.	
Amazon	
Instr Sup/Repairs2	
Anderson, Brad	,557.20
Mileage/Sup1	030 35
BAC Tactical Instr. Sup	70.00
Birks, David Mowing	675.00
Blair, Erin Mileage	
Bush, Katie Mileage/Sup	.284.12
Calhoun Co. Phoenix Ads	
Calhoun Co. Reminder. Ads	
Carroll Refuse Garbage	
CDW GovtInstr. Sup2	
Cent. IA Bldg. Sup	
Instr. Sup.	.192.70
Cent. IA Dist	
Custodial Sup6	,719.00
Cent. States Roofing	
Repair	.418.26
City of LC Utilities1	,226.94
City of RC Utilities1	
Claiborne, Jeffrey Physical	
Claim Aid Medicaid Serv	
Column SoftwareLegals	.101.83
Community Apple Orchard .	
Field Trip	.804.00
Culligan of Carroll Sup	.315.20
Decker Equip	
Custodial Sup	.276.11
DEMCO Library Sup	.433.79
DM Public Schools	
Tuition3	,204.25
Don's Pest Control	
Service	81.00
EbayInstr. Sup	.143.60
Educational Devel Corp	
Instr. Sup	453.79
Electronic Engineering	
License	125 00
EndiciaPostage	9.95
Englin, Owen Physical	75.00

Ereflect Instr. Sup	
Instr./Custodial Sup351.47 Good & The Beautiful	
Instr. Sup	
Custodial Sup	
Health Ed CtrCPR Cards 154.00	
Hersom Lawncare Mowing. 225.00 Hiton Garden Inn . Lodging 420.77	
Home Training Tools	
Instr. Sup	
IA Dept of Ed Vehicle Inspections50.00	
IA DHS Medicaid Serv2,254.35	
ICCC Tuition	
ICN Internet603.51	
Imagine Learning	
Software1,400.00	
Inst. for Excellence in Writing	
Instr. Sup	
ISCA Conference Reg185.00	
Isolved Benefit Serv	
HRA Fees/Pymts1,377.60	
Janitor's Closet Custodial Sup286.81	
John, Jeanyleen	
Translation	
Kelly Lumber Instr Sup176.41	
Ken's Phone Store Repair300.00	
Kocour, Amanda Mileage 17.03	
Krukow, Kristina Mileage 167.96	
Lakeland TagReg55.00	
Lakeland TagReg55.00 LC Food Ctr Instr. Sup956.75	
LC Hardware	
Custodial/Instr. Sup152.77	
LC Vet Clinic	
Therapy DogSup190.30 LessonpixInstr. Sup36.00	
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License Reimb141.00
Marriott Hotels Lodging540.52
Martin Bros Dist Instr. Sup 551.65
Master Books Instr. Sup308.51
Matheson Tri-GasGloves 946.80
Mediacom Phone
VidAm Energy Utilities 11,342.23
Vidtesol Conf. Reg299.00
Vike's Pest Control
Service 250.00
Service250.00 MNW CSDTuition18,000.00 Moody, Justin Travel Reimb 15.00
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Morrissey, Jennifer Mileage 39.04
VIOITISSEY, JEHIIIIEL IVIIIEAGE 39.04
Morrow's Standard Fuel386.53
NAPAGrounds Sup552.47
One Source
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Pepper Music Instr. Sup163.73
Petty Cash
Book Fair Donations
Pinna Instr. Sup 119.99
Prairie Lakes AEA
Resale/Instr. Sup130.08
Reading Eggs Instr. Sup69.99
Rieman Music
nstr. Sup/Repairs255.44
SCC Act. Fund
Vaint. Sup. Reimb400.00
SCC Athl. Boosters
Field Trip/Sup. Reimb499.64
Schaefer, Mark
Travel Reimb10.56
School Bus Sales
Frans. Sup177.37
Schumacher Elevator
Vlaint171.94
Secure Shred Solutions
Shredding44.00
SMCH
Driver Drug Test Sup87.43
Souder, Michelle Physical35.00
Stratus Video Translation 10.79
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# Rolfe tree thief found guilty of 51 charges

**By Jared Strong Iowa Capital Dispatch** 

A 41-year-old rural Rolfe man is guilty of felony theft and 50 timber violations for taking dozens of trees from public property, a jury recently decided.

Jason Levant Ferguson's criminal tree-theft case went to trial last week in Pocahontas County. He had been accused of taking about 150 trees from a wildlife management area northeast of Rolfe last year, purportedly to build himself a house, according to court records.

Timber thefts are an uncommon but growing crime in Iowa. according to the state's Department of Natural Resources. Ferguson's thefts stood out for the number of trees taken and for

one of the trees he was accused of felling: a bur oak that was about six feet in diameter at its base.

"That tree was a sapling when Iowa was made a state," said Craig Cutts, chief of the DNR's Law Enforcement Bureau. Iowa gained statehood nearly 180 years ago.

Ferguson's prosecution hit a snag last month when a district court judge decided that search warrants for his rural acreage were improperly approved and the evidence obtained by the subsequent searches couldn't be used to prosecute him.

Those searches allegedly found evidence that someone had been growing marijuana and manufacturing methamphetamine on Ferguson's property, and he faced numerous felony drug and weapons charges. Those charges were dismissed, but the tree theft case continued with the evidence DNR officers had obtained before the searches.

That evidence included an admission by Ferguson that he had taken the trees from the Stoddard Wildlife Management Area and photographic evidence of tree trunks on his property, court records show.

The trial last week spanned four days and ended with a 12-person jury finding him guilty of every criminal charge he faced, court records show. The jury deliberated for about two hours, Pocahontas County Attorney Dan Feistner said.

Ferguson's sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 26. He faces up to five years in prison for the felony theft charge and one year imprisonment each for the 50 counts of timber buyer violations, which were for cutting down trees he had not purchased and "had no legal right to do so," according to court records.

## State suspends license of former Hampton prosecutor

**By Clark Kauffman Iowa Capital Dispatch** 

The state of Iowa has suspended the law license of a former county prosecutor who pleaded guilty to sex crimes involving children.

In June, the Iowa Attorney Disciplinary Board told the Iowa Supreme Court that it was ready to file disciplinary charges against attorney Daniel F. Wiechmann Jr. of Hampton, and that it expected to a formal complaint against him with the Grievance Commission of Iowa Supreme Court immediately after the board's next quarterly meeting.

The board argued that because the procedural rules governing attorney disciplinary matters "include built-in delays" related to the filing of an answer, the discovery process, hearings, briefings, etc., Wiechmann's license should not remain active throughout the time-consuming process.

Wiechmann pleaded guilty to three separate instances of sexual misconduct involving two different child victims,"

the board told the court. "He is unfit to practice law and his continued practice damages the integrity of the profession in the eyes of the public."

Wiechmann, who is 74, had argued there was no need for an emergency suspension of his law license and said he should be allowed to retire rather than have his license suspended by the court.

The court sided with the Attorney Disciplinary Board and suspended Wiechmann's license based on his convictions. The suspension is expected to remain in effect until the anticipated disciplinary charges are addressed by the court.

Wiechmann has previously told the court he expects to retire this year.

However, Iowa Judicial Branch records indicate he has yet to surrender his license and it remains in "suspended" status.

Wiechmann served as Franklin County's elected county attorney from 2009 to 2014.

In July, he pleaded guilty in Dallas County District Court

to a misdemeanor charge of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse. That charge resulted in a suspended jail sentence, two years of probation and a 10-year "special sentence" that typically results in supervised form of release such as parole or work release.

Also in July, Wiechmann pleaded guilty in Polk County District Court to a misdemeanor charge of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse and misdemeanor indecent contact with a child.

He was placed on probation for two years, concurrent with the probation in the Dallas County case, and given a two-year suspended prison sentence.

A charge of indecent exposure was dismissed.

A Franklin County case in which Wiechmann was charged with indecent exposure and assault with intent to commit sexual abuse was dismissed by prosecutors.

Court records indicate the offenses that led to the criminal charges date back to 2014 and all involve victims who were known to Wiechmann at that time.

PROCEEDINGS: CALHOUN COUNTY BOS • NOV. 14 MINUTES / CLAIMS					
Board of Supervisors	tablished Multi-County Drainage	Michael Jepson 129	Drop Box License	Heaven Preul	Nicholle Winter
Calhoun County Courthouse Rockwell City, Iowa	Districts Permit C-17U-2023 to the City of Fort Dodge. Ayes all. Motion	Brad R. Moline 134 Newell Fonda School:	10292023-11292023150.00 Blue Ribbon Pelham	Uniform Allowance74.48 Henry M. Adkins & Son, Inc	MEI Fee 10.19.23221.65 Office Elements
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023	carried.	Director District 1 (2)	Auditor Water 10.31.23124.25	2023 City School Election Ballot	Sheriff Office Folders
The Board of Supervisors of Cal-	Motion by Legore seconded by	Gary Morenz 1	Bound Tree Medical LLC	Printing/Coding9,172.57	Pocahontas Co. HCA Agency
houn County met with the following	Becker to accept the canvass re-	Robyn Hogrefe 1	IA United First Aid3,460.94	IA Drainage Dist Assoc	FF Aug. 2023 Visits
members present: Jacobs, Becker	sults as follows for 2023 City/School	Newell Fonda School:	Bruce Musgrave	2023 Idda Annual Meeting X 6	Polk Co Treasurer
and Legore.	Election. Ayes all. Motion carried.	Director District 2 (1)	Mileage Oct./Nov. 2023140.75		Reimbursement for Medical
Bruce Musgrave, EMS Director	City of Farnhamville:	Cory Walker 1	Burke Engineering Sales Co	IMWCA Administrative Services	Examiner Fees
was present.	City Council (3)	Pocahontas Area School:	EMS Station Lock Replacements	Wrk Comp-Eng/5th Installment	Rees Truck and Trailer, Inc
Everyone present stood and said	Barbara Gregg 47 Brittney Pearson 32	Director At Large (2)			Parts/Filters/212&Stk762.3
the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda additions: The EMS	Jerome Moulds -write in 20	Jeff Kerns 55 Tony Halligan 81	Calhoun Co. Electric North Tower Electric Oct. 2023	Interstate Battery of Upper IA Batteries/Stk	Region V Hazardous Mat Response
Director Contract Amendment was	City of Jolley: Mayor	Pocahontas Area School:		Intoximeters Inc	FY23-24 2nd Quarter Contribution
removed from the agenda at the	Jimmie Ray Johnson 9	Director District 2 (1)	Calhoun Co. Journal Herald	Dry Gas Tank125.00	
request of the EMS Director prior to	City of Jolley:	Sherre Johnson 81	BOS/Auditor SeptOct. 2023	Iowa Communications Network	RFCC Communications Consulting
the meeting.	City Council (3)	Pocahontas Area School:		Icn Services452.00	ISICS Work Oct. 2023
Motion by Legore seconded by	Bonnie Eldridge 5	Director District 3 (1)	Calhoun Co. Reminder	Iowa Department of Revenue	Robin D Batz
Becker to approve the agenda as	Rod Johnson 9	Sara Boysen 53	Flu Shot Ad909.00	Hotel/Motel Aug. 20233,578.16	Election Supplies 11.77
is with the above change. Ayes all.	Marvin Ashbrook write in 5	Southeast Valley School:	Calhoun Co. Sheriff	Iowa Small Engine Center	Rockwell City Postmaster

The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was moved by Becker and seconded by Legore to ap-

Motion carried.

City of Knierim: Mayor Rick Jud No one was elected

City of Knierim: City Council (2) Richard Jud No one was elected Neil Klocko No one was elected

Director District 1 (1) Joni Hefley 61 Southeast Valley School:

**Director District 2 (2)** 

Iowa Central Community

Sean Stewart 63

Allan Wicklein 61

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prove the minutes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public comments: Doug Bartels was present to ask about the letter sent to landowners in the West Central area of Calhoun County regarding Wind Towers. The Supervisors will be attending the Farm Bureau Members meeting that night and wind towers will be part of the discussion. At this time nothing has been done to the existing Calhoun County Wind Tower Ordinance. Nick Buse, Calhoun/Sac County Engineer and Mike Moeller, Zoning Administrator were present for the discussion. Barb Riley was also present.

Nick Buse, Calhoun/Sac County Engineer presented department updates. Mike Moeller, Assistant to the Engineer, Safety Officer/Zoning and Flood Plain Administrator was also present.

Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to approve Chairman to sign Iowa DOT Federal-aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project NO. BROS-CO13(106)-5F-13. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m. Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to go into closed session "To Avoid Disclosure of Specific Law Enforcement Matters, Such as Current or Pro-posed Investigation, Which if Disclosed Would Enable Law Violators to Avoid Detection." This is pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(g). Ayes: Legore, Becker, Jacobs. Nays: None: Motion carried.

At 9:32 a.m. Motion by Legore seconded by Becker to come out of closed session "To Avoid Disclosure of Specific Law Enforcement Matters, Such as Current or Proposed Investigation, Which if Disclosed Would Enable Law Violators to Avoid Detection." This is pursuant to lowa Code §21.5(1)(g). Ayes: Legore, Becker, Jacobs. Nays: None: Motion carried.

Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to review the claims (checks 75239-75387), bank drafts (DFT0003583-DFT0003616) and no stamped warrants and were allowed as endorsed. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to approve drainage claims as presented. Full minutes are available for review upon request in the Auditor's office. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Legore seconded by Becker to approve pay Application #6 to Peterson Construction for Opportunity Living Housing Rehabilitation Project. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to approve Construction Across Established Calhoun County Drainage Districts and Es-

City of Lake City: Mayor Mike Schleisman 431 City of Lake City: Council (2) Jessica Daniel 386 Lee A. Vogt 315 City of Lohrville: Mayor Donny Hobbs 63 City of Lohrville: City Council (3) Dale Everhart 71 Logan C. Mogler 80 Briana Nelsen-write in 40 City of Lohrville: **City Council To Fill A Vacancy** Jay Cunningham 76 City of Lytton (Calhoun portion only): Mayor Jeff Ellerbrock 1 City of Lytton (Calhoun portion only): City Council (5) Jeff Townsend 1 Nicole Meyer 1 City of Manson: Mayor Dave Anderson 118 City of Manson: City Council (2) Lonny Nimke 98 Jesse Grossnickle 112 City of Manson: Park Board (2) Braden Moser-Write in 37 Trudi Cabrera-Write in 30 City of Pomeroy: Mayor Cynthia M. Loots 52 City of Pomeroy: City Council (3) Daniel DeVore 68 Ben Thoma 60 Barbra Hinners-Write in 33 City of Pomeroy: City Council To Fill A Vacancy (2) Cathy Charleston 68 Melissa Becker 59 City of Rinard: Mayor Christy Nelson-Write in 7 City of Rinard: City Council (3) Marci Markley-Write in 8 Barb Hennings-Write in 6 Danielle Horton-Write in 9 City of Rockwell City: City Council (3) Jerry Fowler 93 James H. Rokes 109 Nathan Gentry 109 City of Somers: Mayor Terry Vote 18 City of Somers: City Council (5) Beau Lyon 18 Richard Martin 21 Vicki Chase 16 Rod Scott 19 Daniel JB Goodwin 22 City of Yetter: Mayor Rodney A. Hart 9 City of Yetter: City Council (3) Mitchell Brosh 8 Abe Clark 9 Mark Lietz-Write in 10 CALHOUN COUNTY RESULTS ONLY Manson Northwest Webster School: Director At Large (1) Josh Sturgis 134 Manson Northwest Webster School: Director District 1 (1) Mark Siems 125 Manson Northwest Webster School Director: District 2 (2)

College: Director District 4 (1) Connie Smith 659 Iowa Central Community College: Director District 5 (1) Andrea Oswald 136 Iowa Central Community College: Director District 9 (1) Michael Richards 80 Brian Bloome, Buena Vista/Calhoun/Sac County Drainage Engineer presented Project JT DD 119-20 with a Public Hearing Date as 10:30 on Dec. 12, 2023 in the Law Enforcement Center Sac City, Iowa. Full minutes are available for review upon request in the Auditors office. Pat Riley, Calhoun County Sheriff presented department updates. Bruce Musgrave, EMS Director presented department updates. A schedule of ambulance crews and the shifts they will be working through December. Another FT paramedic and PT Paramedic have been hired. We could have up to four ambulances staffed and operational at times. Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to approve Clerk of Courts report for month ending October 2023 and on behalf of the Calhoun County Conference Board reviewed Joan Wagner time sheet from 10.01.23 to 10.31.2023. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Becker seconded by Legore to adjourn until Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023 at 9 a.m. for their next regularly scheduled meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried. Scott Jacobs, Chairman Scott Becker, Vice Chairman Carl Legore, Member Robin D. Batz, County Auditor Access Systems Leasing..... PH/EMS/Treas/Aud ..... Copier Lease Agreement ...... Alpha Wireless Comm. Co Sheriff Office Radio ..... Programming/Testing......740.00 Al's Corner Oil Company ...... 2022 RE Taxes 1st Half & 2021 Rollback.....7,816.49 Amy McAlister.... Mileage 10242023-10262023..... Vanguard Meeting ......170.00 AT&T Mobility .... First Net Services ..... 09202023-10192023 ......767.82 B & W Control Specialists Inc..... Labor & Equipment Roadside 1/2 County ......23,789.78 Ben Ringgenberg..... CPR Instructor Renewal Fees.. 

Cardmember Service Maintenance 09192023-10172023. ......457.30 Carlson Auto Body & Repair..... Ambulance Repair - Batteries... Carroll Apothecary Inc EMS Medications Oct23.....764.53 Carroll Co. Sheriff..... Oct. 2023 Jail Room & Board... Carroll Co. Solid Waste Oct. 2023 1.31 Tons Recycling...... 19.65 Carroll Control Systems LLC. AC Service EMS......264.00 Carroll Dental Clinic...... Oct. 2023 Inmate Dental Extractions Cathy Voith ..... District 1 Meeting Mileage .....69.20 Central IA Distributing, Inc..... Vault Toilet, Towels, Supplies ... Central IA Juvenile Detention Oct. 2023 Detention......4,925.32 Central Square Technologies .. 911 System Site Visit......455.88 Centurylink..... E911 Special Circuits......13.58 Cerro Gordo Co. Sheriff..... Service of Small Claims..... SCSC505621......32.46 Champion Chrysler..... Gas Cap Seal Leak ......132.00 Change Healthcare..... PH Claims Processing Sept. 2023 City of Manson..... Swr/Wtr Srv-Manson ......47.89 City of Pomeroy..... Ci/Lndfl/Swr/Wtr Srv-Pomeroy..... City of Rockwell City..... Contech Engineered Solutions LLC Culligan of Fort Dodge ... EMS Water Oct. 2023......22.00 Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co..... Notary Stamp Stephanie Feldhans Donald Schultz ..... Sfty/Steel Toed Boots ......150.00 Fareway....Shop Sply/Rc....134.61 FFF Enterprises, Inc..... Spikevax Vaccine ...... 11,333.11 Gentry Hardware ...... Sawzall Shop Supply......1,146.29 Glaxosmithkline LLC..... Flu Vaccine ......5,796.49 Gophers Garage..... Headlight 13-3 ......63.10 Government Forms and Supplies.. My Vote Counted Stickers ... 101.99 Grav Sanitation..... Grbg. Srv/Manson ......43.00 Haley Equipment Inc ......

IT Savvy I I C Laptop Hardware Upgrade ....74.00 JCL Solutions-Janitor's Closet.. Jim Hawk Truck Trailers Inc ..... Joan Wagner ..... Mileage 09292023-10312023. Joe's Tire & Auto Inc..... Tires/Stk ......8,307.09 JW Construction Inc. DD 14 OD C-09-2022 ..... Remove Obstruction......2,200.00 .762.28 Filters/346 Krissy's Kreations Photo Studio .... Staff Photo......125.00 Lake City Hardware Inc..... Custodial Supplies......126.28 Lawson Products Inc ...... Parts/Stk .....1,502.01 Leah Henkelman Mileage TIF Workshop 10.16.23 . Lohrville Ambulance Service ..... FY24 1st Quarter Payment. Nov. 2023 Renewals..... ..363.81 New Sewer Line to Nature Center. .....4,580.15 Matheson Tri-Gas Inc ...... Battery/13 ...... 120.00 Mediacom..... Courthouse Internet/Phone ... 11122023-12112023 ......1,391.54 Menards Inc..... Led Bulbs......69.99 Metro Waste Authority ..... Oct. 2023-Dec. 2023 ...... RCC Service Fee.....2,072.23 Meyer Electric..... Outside EMS Station Lights .. 150.00 Mid-America Publishing Corp ..... BOS Minutes 10.10.23 .......960.31 Mid Iowa Insurance, Inc.. Bldg/Contents-Eng ......259,363.00 MidAmerican Energy ...... Courthouse Elec/Gas ..... 10092023-11072023......2,591.19 Mohr Sand, Gravel & Const, LLC... PC Conc. Patch/N65 ...... 1,570.00 Morrows Standard Service ..... Outside Rpr/212&217......105.00 NACVSO ..... 2024 Membership Dues ......50.00 NAPA Auto Parts-Manson... Filters/Stk......863.21 Napa of RC/Haley Eqp ..... Natva Sturm..... Uniform Allowance......100.00 New Century FS ..... Gasohol/Diesel #2/DEF ..35,514.73 New Opportunities Inc .....

#### Oct. 2023 Family Development ... ....750.00 Center Costs.....

Secure Shred Solutions LLC Courthous Info Protection Oct. 2023
649.50 Stan Houston Equipment Co. Inc Hand Tools
933.36 Stratford Gravel Inc
U S Cellular Sheriff Phone 10122023-11112023 
UnityPoint Health
172.96 Verizon Wireless. Sheriff Air Cards 09122023-10162023531.51 Visions Auto Glass & Repair Outside Rpr/3551,400.00 Wahl-McAtee Tire & Serv 13-6 Front Brakes, Rotors, Hub, Bearing
231, 121, 129, 225, 321, 230, 222 

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