

**PROBATE:
DEBRA SCHULTZ**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
IDA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DEBRA SCHULTZ, Deceased.
CASE NO. ESPR009780
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Debra Schultz, Deceased, who died on or about January 23, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on February 4, 2025 the last will and testament of Debra Schultz, deceased, bearing date of November 6, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Cyndi S. Rock-Raasch was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated February 4, 2025
Cyndi S. Rock-Raasch
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Odebolt, IA 51458
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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
CITY OF IDA GROVE
ORD. NO. 624**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 624
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA, BY
AMENDING CHAPTER 12.10.090
REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND
ACCUMULATION
BE IT ENACTED**

by the City Council of the
City of Ida Grove, Iowa,
Chapter 12.10.090
is amended as follows:

**12.10.090 Removal of snow, ice
and accumulation.**

(1) It shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within 48 hours of the end of a weather event causing such accumulations, the city may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

(2) Any property found in violation of subsection (1), causing the city or its agents to remove the snow, ice and accumulations, will be subject to a fee of \$75.00 per hour (one hour minimum), for such snow and/or ice removal, plus a surcharge of \$100.00.

REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa on this 18th day of February, 2025.
Nathan Weilt, Mayor
ATTEST:
Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
1st Reading – February 3, 2025
2nd Reading – waived
3rd Reading – February 18, 2025
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**PROCEEDINGS:
IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL
FEB. 19 MINUTES**

**City of Ida Grove
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025
4 p.m.
City Hall, 403 3rd Street**

Call to Order: Mayor Protém, Gregor Ernst, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. **Roll Call:** Council present: Gregor Ernst, Jason Schable, Reynold McLead & Jared Bogue. Rec Center Director Clark, Library Director Scales, Library Board President Netherton & Clerk Sweeden were also in attendance. Councilman Jeff Miesner arrived later at 4:55 p.m. Mayor Nathan Weilt was absent. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by McLead, second by Schable to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **FY26 Budget Workshop:** Clark explained the proposed youth sports budgets. With fundraising and registration fee increases, all are projected to be self-sustaining. Discussion was held regarding ways to minimize the financial burden of the outdoor pool, including review of staffing requirements, fundraising and concession sales. There were several costly repairs associated with the Rec Center this past and current budget year. With the aging facility, it is anticipated additional repairs will be needed. Changes to membership options and pricing will become effective July 1st. The Board continues working towards becoming a 24-hour facility and is still hoping to hire a Deputy Director. No changes were presented for the Fire Department budget. Motion by Ernst, second by Schable to approve as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Miesner arrived at this time. Scales and Netherton explained the Library budget request, with the overall operating costs up 3.95% from the current budget and the City support of the requested increase up 7.25%. Staff and Board members have raised enough funds through grants, donations, fundraisers, etc. to move forward with building a pergola at the rear of the Library. Council thanked Scales and Netherton for their passion to provide excellent services to the community. Council then reviewed the Countywide Law Budget Request of \$400,430 for FY26, down from the current cost of \$524,285. The reduction in cost will allow for needed upkeep and repairs to general fund projects. **Other Business:** Sweeden will schedule additional budget meetings over the next couple weeks. **Adjournment:** Motion by Ernst, second by Bogue to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
Gregor Ernst, Mayor Protém
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**PROCEEDINGS:
IDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY • FEB. 18 MINUTES**

**MINUTES
IDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION
FEB. 18, 2025
BATTLE CREEK CITY HALL**

Mayor Gary Chase called the February 2025 meeting of the Ida County Public Safety and Communications Commission to order at 6:35 p.m. The following members were present:
Supervisors Devlun Whiteing and Kyle Rohlk. Mayors Gary Chase, Gary Wanberg and Charlie Pierce. In addition, Sergeant Corey Trucke attended to provide the Sheriff's report on behalf of Sheriff Wade Harriman.
Supervisor Devlun Whiteing made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Mayor Charlie Pierce. Motion carried.
Supervisor Devlun Whiteing made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Second by Supervisor Kyle Rohlk. Motion carried.
Sergeant Trucke then gave a brief report to the commission members. He stated that the Sheriff's Office logged a total of 871-hours on patrol in Ida County during the month of January 2025 and responded to 630-calls for service.
In addition, the Sheriff's Office made a total of 17-arrests in the month and booked 22-inmates into the county jail. Deputies issued 71-citations and served 48-civil processes.

Sergeant Trucke highlighted a few arrests, which included a Jan. 3 arrest of an Ida Grove man on a parole violation warrant, and a Jan. 19 arrest of a Denison, Iowa man on several narcotic related charges. There was nothing to report under communications or during the jail portion of the meeting.
During personnel, Sergeant Trucke advised the commission that Deputy Blake Beller has resigned his position effective March 5. He has accepted a police officer position with the Le Mars Police Department. In his exit interview financial reasons was the main reason given for his decision to accept the offer.
Deputy Kirk Kinnaman completed his DARE instructor certification course last week. He will begin instructing the DARE program at the Galva-Holstein Upper Elementary in the next few weeks. Sheriff Harriman is stepping away from instructing DARE after 25-years of teaching the important curriculum to 5th grade students in Ida County.
Sergeant Trucke then gave the commission that Nicole Brandt is doing great in the communications center and will attend jail school and telecommunicator training this spring.
There was no unfinished business to discuss.
Under new business, Sergeant Trucke handed out the FY 2026 budget and discussed it with the commission.
The FY 2026 budget calls for to-

tal spending of \$2,971,363. Total city support is projected to be \$884,204, with an additional \$50,000 in financial support coming from Ridge View and OABCIG schools for the continuance of the School Resource Officer program. That leaves county support at \$2,037,159.
The budget allows for the agreed upon increase in spending by the county for employee benefits for health insurance and a 4.5% wage increase for all job classifications. These increases will take effect July 1, 2025.
The new unified law enforcement formula also goes into effect on July 1, 2025. All revenue collected by the Sheriff's Office will be credited to the county general fund.
Other than employee related line items in the budget, the only other increases were to pay for motor vehicle costs and increased insurance costs, such as worker's compensation and liability insurance.
Next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the District Courtroom at the Ida County Courthouse.
Mayor Gary Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mayor Charlie Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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**PROCEEDINGS:
IDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY • JAN. 22 MINUTES**

**MINUTES
IDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION
JAN. 22, 2025
ARTHUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Gary Chase called the January 2025 meeting of the Ida County Public Safety and Communications Commission to order at 6:57 p.m. The following members were present: Supervisor Devlun Whiteing; Supervisor Kyle Rohlk; Supervisor Creston Schubert. Mayor Gary Chase; Mayor Gary Wanberg; Mayor Kathy Breyfogle and Mayor Charlie Pierce. Also, present, Sheriff Wade Harriman.
Mayor Charlie Pierce made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Kyle Rohlk. Motion carried.
Supervisor Devlun Whiteing made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Second by Sheriff Charlie Pierce. Motion carried.
Sheriff Wade Harriman then gave a brief report on recent activities at the Sheriff's Office. He told the commission that his office logged a total of 921.5-hours on patrol in Ida County during the month of December 2024 and responded to 552-calls for service.
He also told the commission that his office made 22-arrests during the month and issued a total of 53-citations in December. In addition,

there were 50-civil processes served by deputies in the month.
Sheriff Harriman told the commission that in the 2024 year his office made a total of 257-arrests, with narcotic related charges being by far the highest crime category. He also stated that the jail booked in 247-individuals during 2024. There were 206 booked on misdemeanors and 41-booked on felonies. The daily average inmate population in the jail was 6-inmates/day.
His office also issued 1,555-citations and served 557-civil processes. In addition, the responded to 8,084 calls for service.
There was nothing to report under communications.
During the jail portion of the meeting, Sheriff Harriman told the commission that the Sheriff's Office was looking at utilizing opioid money the county had received to purchase a system in the jail that would monitor the breathing of inmates when they are awake or asleep. The County Attorney was reviewing whether this would be an appropriate use of the money based on the criteria of how the money can be used.
Under personnel, Sheriff Harriman told the commission that Deputy Blake Beller is a finalist for a position with the Le Mars Police Department as an officer. His primary reason for applying was financial. Le Mars currently tops out their of-

ficers at \$95,000/year.
Deputy Kirk Kinnaman will be attending a two-week DARE instructor course in Minnesota. He will be teaching DARE at the Galva-Holstein Upper Elementary taking over for Sheriff Harriman, who has taught DARE for the past 25-years.
There was no unfinished business. Under new business, Sheriff Harriman laid out his goals for 2025 to the commission. They included:
1. Maintain full staffing levels
2. Ensure all his staff is properly trained and capable of responding to the needs of the citizens, with a specific emphasis on
a. School/workplace violence
b. Solve all cases that involve an act of violence
c. Work diligently to target for investigation those who deal drugs in Ida County
3. Collaborate with the county and cities to ensure the Sheriff's Office has the resources to accomplish all their goals
Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Battle Creek City Hall.
Supervisor Creston Schubert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mayor Gary Wanberg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
OABCIG FY26
CALENDAR HEARING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OABCIG Community
School District
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED CALENDAR
FOR THE
2025-2026 School Year**

Location of Public Hearing: Conference Room, OABCIG High School, 900 John Montgomery Dr., Ida Grove, Iowa, 51445. Date of Hearing: Monday, March 10, 2025, 6:30 P.M. The Board of Directors of the OABCIG School District will hold a public hearing to consider the school calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year. Any person may appear at the time and place of hearing and file, or voice objections to the proposed calendar.
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**PROCEEDINGS:
IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL • FEB. 18 MINUTES**

**City of Ida Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025
5:30 p.m.
City Hall, 403 3rd Street**

Call to Order: Mayor, Nathan Weill, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. **Roll Call:** Council present: Gregor Ernst, Jeff Miesner, Jason Schable & Reynold McLead. Jared Bogue arrived later at 5:33 p.m. Attorney Reininger, JEO's Ethan Joy & Justin Broekemeier and Clerk Sweeden were also in attendance. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ernst, second by Miesner to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by McLead, second by Schable to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: clerk's report, claims in the amount of \$273,308.98, financials, minutes of the 2/3/2025 & 2/11/2025 meetings and permits. Motion carried 4-0. **Ordinance 624 - Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulation - Final Reading:** Motion by Ernst, second by Schable to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2025-13 Adopting Ordinance 624:** Motion by McLead, second by Schable to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2025-14 Setting Date of Public Hearing on the FY26 Proposed Property Tax Rate:** Motion by Ernst, second by McLead to approve setting date of public hearing on FY26 proposed property tax rate for Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. **Airport Winter Operations:** Bogue arrived at this time. Sweeden explained the Iowa DOT is standardizing comments on the Airport Master Record pertaining to winter operations and requests confirmation of the City's winter operation process. Currently, the City operates under option 4 - snow removal delayed at times; confirm runway conditions prior to use. After considering other options, mo-

tion by McLead, second by Bogue to change winter operations to option 3 - no snow removal, airport closed when snow conditions exist. Motion carried 5-0. Council stated snow removal operations at the airport may still be completed as time allows. **Robin Hill Trust Update:** City Hall has been contacted by a couple citizens with interest in purchasing the property. Council reviewed correspondence from the IA DNR - Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Department that included information on potential requirements and liability if the property were to transfer ownership. Council directed to obtain an aforementioned letter from a former attorney summarizing potential liability regarding the site. **Process for Sale of City Property:** McLead presented information from the Iowa League of Cities and Iowa Code Chapters 364 and 403 pertaining to the process and options for selling city property. No action taken. **Move into Closed Session as per: Section 21.5 (1) Closed Session** A governmental body may hold a closed session only by affirmative public vote of either two-thirds of the members of the body or all of the members present at the meeting. A governmental body may hold a closed session only to the extent a closed session is necessary for any of the following reasons: c. to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion by Ernst, second by McLead to move into closed session at 5:52 p.m. Roll call voting aye: Ernst, Miesner, Schable, McLead, Bogue. Motion carried 5-0. **Move into Open Session:** Motion by Ernst, second by Miesner to move into open ses-

sion at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. **King Construction Pay App #14 \$3,213.82:** Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to table until the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. **King Construction Pay App #15 \$2,237.25:** Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to table until the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. **King Construction Pay App #16 \$19,237.50:** Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to table until the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. **King Construction Pay App #17 \$24,639.15:** Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to table until the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. **JEO Engineering Fees Amendment #3 \$64,524:** Motion by Ernst, second by Miesner to table until the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. **Well #9 Motor Repair \$33,378.50:** Motion by Miesner, second by Bogue to have King Construction repair the failed motor as part of the water improvement project in the amount of \$33,378.50. Additionally, council advised to obtain two additional quotes for the motor repair. Motion carried 5-0. **City Council Member News & Notes:** Bogue provided a splashpad update. Sweeden submitted a grant application to Ida County Community Betterment Foundation for solar powered mobile charging stations and is currently working with SIMPCO and the Ida Grove Foundation to submit a grant application to the DNR for repairs to 411 Second Street. **Adjournment:** Motion by Ernst, second by Bogue to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
Nathan Weill, Mayor

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
IDA COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
Board of Supervisors of IDA COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The Board of Supervisors of IDA COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 3/11/2025 10:00 AM		Contact: Ida County Auditor		Phone: (712) 364-2626
Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors Room				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,219,251	0	5,219,251
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	132,000	0	132,000
Net Current Property Tax	4	5,087,251	0	5,087,251
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	50	0	50
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	7,000	0	7,000
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	3,867,216	0	3,867,216
Intergovernmental	8	3,315,777	0	3,315,777
Licenses & Permits	9	7,200	0	7,200
Charges for Service	10	276,325	0	276,325
Use of Money & Property	11	100,090	0	100,090
Miscellaneous	12	235,514	769,826	1,005,340
Subtotal Revenue	13	12,896,423	769,826	13,666,249
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	769,826	769,826
Operating Transfers In	15	3,853,985	769,826	4,623,811
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	16,750,408	2,309,478	19,059,886
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,533,793	769,826	3,303,619
Physical Health and Social Services	19	451,794	0	451,794
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,102,574	63,022	1,165,596
Roads & Transportation	22	6,029,410	0	6,029,410
Government Services to Residents	23	451,966	0	451,966
Administration	24	1,155,271	0	1,155,271
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	2,533,605	0	2,533,605
Capital Projects	27	2,035,000	769,826	2,804,826
Subtotal Expenditures	28	16,293,413	1,602,674	17,896,087
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,853,985	769,826	4,623,811
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	20,147,398	2,372,500	22,519,898
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-3,396,990	-63,022	-3,460,012
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024	33	7,604,479	0	7,604,479
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,137,216	-63,022	3,074,194
Fund Balance - Committed	37	625,075	0	625,075
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	445,198	0	445,198
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2025	40	4,207,489	-63,022	4,144,467
Explanation of Changes: EMS Bond proceeds for EMS Building Line 21 Rebates to Flint Hills and Sioux Valley				