

PROCEEDINGS:  
IDA COUNTY BOS • JAN. 2 MINUTES

**Ida Grove, Iowa  
Jan. 2, 2026**

The Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session on Jan. 2, 2026, at 9 a.m. Members present Devlun Whiteing and Kyle Rohlk. Creston Schubert was absent. Whiteing called the meeting to order. A motion to approve minutes from Dec. 30, 2025, by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye. There were no public comments to the board.

A motion by Rohlk to approve Whiteing as 2026 Board Chair and Schubert as Vice Chair, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Ida County Emergency Management director, Ed Sohm, met with the board. They discussed options for public health.

A motion to approve claims for 12-26-2025 payroll claims for \$122,280.15 and 12-26-2025 payroll expense for \$171,679.23 by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve Iowa Department of Revenue \$12.50 by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve appointments of various boards and commissions representation by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing as follows: Mid-Sioux Opportunities- Rohlk, alternative; Western Iowa Workforce Development-Rohlk; Plains Area

Mental Health-Schubert; Siouxland Regional Transit Services and SRTPA and SIMPCO Housing Trust Fund-Whiteing, alternate-Schubert; Resource Enhancement REAP Committee-Whiteing; E911 Board-Whiteing, alternate-Rohlk; Youth Emergency Services (YES Center)-Schubert; Third Judicial District-Department of Correctional Services-Schubert; Ida County Public Safety Commission-and Emergency Management Commission: Whiteing, Schubert, and Rohlk; Regional Hazmat Commission-Rohlk; SIMPCO- Advisory Board-Whiteing; Public Health-Rohlk; Ida County Safety/Wellness Committee-Whiteing. Hungry Canyons/Loess Hills Development & Conservation Authority-Schubert; Rolling Hills Community Service Region-Schubert, alternate, Rohlk; EMS Board-Whiteing, Schubert, Rohlk. Motion carried, all voting, aye.

A motion by Whiteing, seconded by Rohlk to approve holidays for 2026/ January 2027 as follows: President's Day, Feb. 16; Memorial Day, May 25; Independence Day, July 3; Labor Day, Sept. 7; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 26 and 27; Christmas Holiday, Dec. 24 and 25; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 close at noon; New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2027. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

A motion to approve Compensation

Commission in eminent domain proceedings by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve Jenni Sohm as Battle Creek Ambulance EMSAC Representative by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve Resolution 26-1 Construction Evaluation Resolution by Whiteing, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve Resolution 26-2 Utilities Resolution by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion by to keep mileage rate the same for 2026 at .50 cents a mile by Rohlk, seconded by Whiteing. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Acknowledgement of manure management plans.

With there being no further business, the board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, at 9 a.m.

/s/ Kristy Gilbert  
Auditor  
/s/ Devlun Whiteing  
Chair

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PROCEEDINGS:  
IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL • JAN. 5 MINUTES

**City of Ida Grove  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday Jan. 5, 2026 • 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 members present: Gregor Ernst, Jason Behrendsen, Jason Schable, Jeff Miesner. Jared Bogue was absent. Attorney Reininger and Administrative Assistant Rehse were present. Thomas McGrath was present electronically. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Miesner, second by Schable to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Thomas McGrath - AT&T Equipment Modification:** McGrath proposed a standard AT&T upgrade for modifications to include installation and removal of equipment to the water tank. Three additional antennas will be installed on the tank, making a total of nine. Motion by Miesner, second by Schable to approve AT&T equipment modification. Ernst abstained due to conflict of interest. Ayes: Miesner, Schable, Behrendsen. Motion carried 3-0. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Ernst, second by Miesner to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Clerk's report, claims in the amount of \$129,767.12, financial reports, and minutes of the 12/15/25 meeting. Motion carried 4-0. **2026 Appointments:** Motion by Ernst to appoint Heather Sweeden as City Clerk, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Miesner to appoint Bradley Lansink as Fire Chief, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Schable to appoint Peter Goldsmith, Justin Reininger, and Ryan Gaskins City Attorneys, second by Ernst. Motion

carried 4-0. Motion by Behrendsen to appoint Gregor Ernst as Mayor Protém, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2026 -1 Naming Official Newspaper:** Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2026-1 Naming Official Newspaper for the City of Ida Grove as the Ida County Courier, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2026-2 Naming Depositories:** Motion by Miesner to approve Resolution 2026-2 Naming Depositories as United Bank of Iowa and Shelby County State Bank for the City of Ida Grove, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2026-3 Approving the Cherokee-Ida Solid Waste Commission Planning Area 2026 Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update:** Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2026-3 Cherokee-Ida Solid Waste Commission Planning Area 2026 Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Ida Grove, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. **2026 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** Motion by Miesner to approve the 2026 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate .68/mile, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. **Ida County Public Safety & Communications Commission Voting Representative:** Motion by Ernst to appoint Mayor Weill as Voting Representative for the Ida County Public Safety & Communication Commission, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Ernst to appoint Jason Schable as the Alternative Voting Representative for the Ida County Public Safety & Communications Commission, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0. **Contract for Water & Sewer Operator in Charge:** Council reviewed

and discussed beginning to contract an affidavit operator for water & sewer. JBE LLC had presented the following: for water only \$950/ month or water and sewer \$1,350/ month with hourly rate of \$75 as necessary. ISG Engineering had presented the following: for water only \$700/month or water and sewer \$950/ month with hourly rate of \$85 as necessary. Motion by Ernst to enter into an annual contract with ISG Engineering for Water & Sewer Operator in Charge for \$950/month with hourly rate of \$85 as necessary, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. **Increase Water/ Sewer Service Deposit for Renters:** Council discussed increasing the water deposit fee for renters and requested additional information for review at the next meeting. **Calhoun-Burns 2026 Bridge Inspection & Rating Agreement:** Motion by Ernst to approve the Calhoun-Burns 2026 Bridge Inspection & Rating Agreement as presented, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0. **408 Second Street - Future Plans:** After discussion council directed Rehse to look for upcoming grants that will be available and the requirements for such. No decisions were made. Miesner left the meeting at this time. **City Council Member News & Notes:** None. **Adjournment:** Motion by Behrendsen to adjourn the meeting, second by Schable. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Tonya Rehse,  
Administrative Assistant  
Nathan Weill, Mayor

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PROCEEDINGS:  
ARTHUR CITY COUNCIL • JAN. 5 MINUTES / CLAIMS

**1-05-2026**

The Arthur City Council met in regular session on the above date with Mayor Chase presiding. Council members present: Fried, Griffith, Lampman, Mumm. Absent - Anderson

Motion to approve the agenda and Consent agenda was made by Fried, second by Lampman. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Receipts, Expenditures, Minutes of 12-01-2025. **Guest:** Carmen Schuett.

**BILLS:**

Bomgaars.....  
Conditioner, Batts, Ice Melt. 339.50  
Carol Johnson.....  
Cleaner.....256.83  
Reimb. Ink Cartridge, T- Bowl  
City of Arthur ..Water Bill.....25.75  
Cleaner.....42.63  
Legals December Minutes.....58.45  
Conway Shield.....  
Face shield & boots.....558.10  
EFTPS....Fed/ Fica tax.....1,775.52  
Electric Pump.....  
Lift Station Repairs.....1,969.25  
Food Pride.....  
Turkeys, Hams & Sandwich's.....  
.....256.83  
Ida County Extension.....  
Spraying License.....110.00  
Ida County Sanitation.....  
Garbage Contract.....1,864.96  
Ida County Sheriff's Dept. ....  
1/4th Sheriff's Contract.....6,929.50  
Ida Grove Hardware.....  
Lithium Batteries.....77.97  
IMWCA.....  
2024-2025 Audit Pre. Adjustment...  
.....483.00  
IPERS .....IPERS .....1,063.91  
JBE. LLC.....Cont. Serv. ....350.00  
MBW Products.....  
Cut Steel Fence Post.....49.10  
Mid-Sioux Opportunity.....  
Dues.....500.00  
Mid-American Publishing.....  
EMR. LIB Thank You Ad.....23.10  
MidAmerican Energy.....  
Utilities.....1,220.11  
Odebolt Lumber .....  
Comm. Center Keys.....13.38  
Paul Arbegast.....  
Reimb. ICAP Grant.....868.38  
Sac County Mut. Tel. ....  
Phone/ Internet.....127.65  
SCSB .....Water Loan.....565.89  
Treasurer State of Iowa.....  
W/Holding Taxes.....759.18  
Treasurer State of Iowa.....  
WET Tax.....277.12  
UBI.....  
Harland Check Order.....156.62  
West Central IA Rural Water .....  
Purchased Water.....1,008.00  
Zach Collins .....  
Reimb. Railsback Polishing.100.00

**DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY**

- General – 16,136.07; Garbage – 1,864.96; Road Use – 2,627.73; Water – 3,179.74; Sewer – 3,023.32.

**RECEIPT SUMMARY** – General – 5,009.48; Garbage – 2,080.49;

Road Use – 2,136.38; LOST – 4,904.79; Water – 5,589.83; Sewer – 7,650.70.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** No Report.

**FIRE REPORT:** Office reelections were in November and are as follows.

**Chief:** Zach Collins  
**Asst. Chief:** Dan Gustafson  
**Foreman:** Kyle Whitzke  
**Asst foreman:** Ed Obery  
**Secretary:** Ben Auen  
**Training officer:** Elliott Bengford

Kyle Whitzke and new fireman Austin Fortier needed full bunker gear to safely and effectively work at an emergency scene, we did not have any gear that would fit them. I got in touch with a company called "Conway Shield" and they have a rep in Harlan to serve us. They came and measured those guys, and we had to order new bunker gear for them. Price is approximately \$5,000.00. We are aware that this will almost eat the rest of our budget for the year and still be able to pay insurance and what not. As far for the rest of the year we don't have any plans for purchases and hope that the trucks will not need any more repairs for a while.

We had a new smart tv and wall mount donated to the fire department for training videos and what-not.

We only had 2 first responder calls in December.

Last month's training was watching training videos of search and rescue and interior fire attack.

This month's training will be everyone fully dressed in their bunker gear and SCBA doing search and rescue and "fire attack" in the dark in the station.

**EMR REPORT:** Two medical calls, they passed their Audit in December.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** No Report.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Released water from the Lagoon. Put a new computer board in the shop furnace. Took Christmas lights down.

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Protém – Lampman, Commissioners: Streets and sidewalks – Anderson and Griffith. Water, sewer and properties – Lampman, Fried and Mumm.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:** Lampman made a motion to appoint Chase as the E911 Board Appointee second by Mumm. All ayes Motion carried.

**Resolution # 00.2026** A motion was made by Lampman to approve the Ida – Cherokee solid waste plan, second by Fried. All Ayes, motion carried.

**Resolution # 01.2026** BE IT RESOLVED that Boerner & Goldsmith Law Firm PC be appointed as City Attorney's for the city of Arthur. A motion was made by Lampman,

second by Fried. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution # 02.2026 Adopt City Depository.** BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Arthur Iowa, approves the UNITED BANK OF IOWA, Ida Grove, Iowa, and SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK, Ida Grove, Iowa as the depositories for all funds of the city of Arthur. Fried made a motion, second by Mumm. All ayes. Motioned carried.

**Resolution # 03.2026** BE IT RESOLVED that the Arthur City Council re- appoint current employees at the current wages for the City of Arthur, Iowa. A motion was made by Griffith, second Lampman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution # 04.2026** BE IT RESOLVED that the Arthur City Council approves the appointment of Mid-America Publishing Corp. as the official newspaper of the city of Arthur. Mumm made a motion, second by Fried. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2026/2027 BUDGET:** Discussions were made about the budget, and more discussions will follow next month.

**ANNUAL WAGES FOR 2025:**

Anderson \$5,960.46  
Arbegast \$46,933.51  
Chase \$1,300.00  
Childers \$2,261.00  
Fried \$325.00  
Heidi Anderson \$225.00  
Lampman \$325.00  
Deb Argo \$325.00  
Kristy Arbegast \$250.00  
Johnson \$1,212.59  
Jane Petersen \$1,051.26

**MAYOR COMMENTS/ CONCERNS:** None.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:** Santa came to town Dec. 6. The council was responsible for the soups, sandwiches, desserts and goodie bags that Santa handed out. The council would like to thank the Library Board for the books and crafts. We would like to thank all those who attended as well as the following that donated towards the event: Ida County Pork Producers, Kitchens & More, Ida Family Chiropactic, Fancy Threads, Eason Electric, UBI, Food pride, Arthur Trading Co., Dan and Chase Roder, SCMT, Ida County sanitation, JBE LLC., Carmen Schuett. and the anonymous donors. We look forward to next year.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** None.

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** 4.

There being no further business the council adjourned.

Mayor Chase  
ATTEST:  
City Clerk / Manager  
Paul Arbegast

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PROCEEDINGS:  
IDA COUNTY BOS  
DEC. 30 MINUTES

**Ida Grove, Iowa  
Dec. 30, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session on Dec. 30, 2025, at 9 a.m. Members present Devlun Whiteing, Creston Schubert and Kyle Rohlk. Whiteing called the meeting to order. A motion to approve minutes from Dec. 23, 2025, by Rohlk, seconded by Schubert. Motion carried all voting Aye.

There were no public comments to the board.

A motion by Schubert to open the public hearing for Budget Amendment for EMS at 9:15, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye. There were no public comments. A motion by Schubert to approve the Budget Amendment, Resolution 25-52, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye. A motion by Whiteing to close public hearing at 9:19, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye. A motion by Rohlk to approve Resolution 25-53, Budget Appropriation, seconded by Schubert. Motion carried all voting Aye.

At 9:20 the board opened snow removal bids and pest control bids. There was one snow removal bid by Rehse Construction and two pest control bids: one for Olson Pest Control and Gilbert's Pest Control. A motion by Schubert to approve Rehse Construction for snow removal bid, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye. A motion by Schubert to approve Gilbert's Pest Control bid, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve Tentative Agreement with AFSCME Council 61 by Rohlk, seconded by Schubert. Motion carried all voting Aye.

A motion to approve ICAP insurance renewal with the changes of a \$5,000 property deductible and \$1,000 Auto Physical Damage by Schubert, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Details for Resolution 25-52 Budget Amendment for EMS and 25-53 for Budget Appropriations can be found at [idacountyia.iowa.gov](http://idacountyia.iowa.gov) or contact the Ida County Auditor's Office.

With there being no further business, the board adjourned to meet on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, at 9 a.m.

*/s/ Kristy Gilbert*  
Auditor

*/s/ Devlun Whiteing*  
Chair

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