

## Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc	1,071.10
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	34.54
Washington National Ins Co.	256.89
Fidelity Investments	1,200.00
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co	580.56
IPERS	105,583.92
Cedar County Health Fund	143,646.96
Nationwide Retirement Solution	140.00
Cedar County Treasurer	77,778.17
Cedar County Treasurer	10,432.00
Cedar County Treasurer	8,611.16
Cedar County Treasurer	496.49
Cedar County Treasurer	587.73
COUNTY TOTAL	350,419.52

## Legal Notice

November 3, 2023  
LEGAL NOTICE  
The Cedar County Board of Adjustment has been petitioned to conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in the Small Meeting Room in the basement of the Cedar County Courthouse, Tipton, Iowa. At this time, the Board will consider the following petitions:

- Croell Inc., 2010 Kenwood Avenue, PO Box 430, New Hampton (Owner) - Requesting an amendment to their Special Use Permit for the purpose of expanding their sand and gravel open pit mining operation at 219 210th St., Solon, Iowa into property located in the E 1/2, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, and NE 1/4, NW 1/4, and SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 28, T-81N, R-4W, also described as Lot 1, Netolicky's First Addition, consisting of 74.86 acres m/l, Cass Township. Said property is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. At said Public Hearing, any person present, and so wishing, will be given the opportunity to be heard, for or against, said petition. Any person so wishing may file a document with the Cedar County Zoning Administrator prior to the time of the hearing should the person wish the document to be read for them at the time of the hearing.

Philip LaRue  
Zoning Administrator  
WBT 45

## West Branch council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)  
West Branch, Iowa; City Council; October 30, 2023  
Council Chambers; Special Meeting; 7:00 p.m.  
Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Roll call: Council members present: Colton Miller, Jerry Sexton, Tom Dean, Joeee Stoolman and Nick Goodweiler.  
City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofeod, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Police Chief John Hanna, City Attorney Kevin Olson. Absent: City Clerk Leslie Brick and Public Works Director Matt Goodale. Staff attending via Zoom: Library Director Becky Knoche.

APPROVE THE AGENDA  
Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA  
Discussion and Council direction regarding the West Branch Police Department Based on challenges with police recruitment and the recent resignation of Officer Murdock, the West Branch Police Department is looking for direction from the City Council regarding their future. Kofeod provided three options for the Council to consider, all at a cost to other city departments and some city services. Sheriff Wethington refused two of Kofeod's options of merging departments and the hybrid of having the Cedar County Sheriff's office cover on-call time on a semi-permanent basis.

After much discussion, the Council felt that Kofeod's "Operation Blue Savior" was the city's best option for retaining the police department. As West Branch grows, a police department is needed for residents to feel secure. Some of the plans for attracting new officers to West Branch (at least three additional) include: higher wages for Hanna and Steen to closer match that of Cedar County, new officer starting pay to range between \$74,000 to \$84,000, and eliminating the need for on-call time. Kofeod's plan for funding this option are: eliminating city council annual pay (a savings of approximately \$17,000 per year), ending the Building Incentive rebate program (an estimated \$60,000 savings for the next four years when all eligible homes will expire), eliminating the parks and recreation department and ending the turf maintenance agreement (\$80,000), cutting the library budget (\$70,000), implementing an electric and gas franchise fee (\$150,000) and raising property taxes (\$150,000), cutting the City Administrator position to part-time (\$40,000), cutting the fire department reserve equipment fund (\$30,000), and installing solar panels to certain city facilities to save on energy costs (\$15,000).

The council discussed what these cuts may mean for the residents but all did not agree with the proposed cuts to parks & recreation or library. Some members, along with school district representatives at the meeting felt that those types of cuts would be detrimental to school district as those amenities are what help families choose West Branch. The Council decided to invest in keeping the West Branch Police department and consider Kofeod's options for raising revenues and cutting costs in order to attract and retain a healthy police department and maintain public safety. Wethington, Kofeod and Hanna will continue to work through a temporary agreement for patrol coverage while Hanna continues with his recruitment.

adjournment  
Motion to adjourn by Dean, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk  
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## Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CEDAR COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD H. PAUL, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR 019732  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Donald H. Paul, Deceased, who died on or about October 17, 2023:  
You are hereby notified that on October 27, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Donald H. Paul, deceased, bearing date of April 5, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Michael D. Paul and John E. Paul were appointed Co-Executors 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 October 27, 2023,

Michael D. Paul, Co-Executor of Estate  
652 E. Main Street  
West Branch, IA 52358  
John E. Paul, Co-Executor of Estate  
1935 Highway 38  
Tipton, IA 52772

Timothy S. Grady, ICIS#: AT0002956  
Attorney for Executor  
Leff Law Firm, L.L.P.  
222 S. Linn Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Date of second publication:  
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Probate Code Section 304  
WBT 44-45

## Cedar county board

BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES, FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE—WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV)  
TIPTON, IOWA  
October 24, 2023  
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 24, 2023 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present.

Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.  
Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.  
It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 10/20/2023 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436669 for \$5,048.98—self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda.

Ayes: All  
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to approve Board Minutes October 17, 2023.

Ayes: All  
Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #195250-195403 for period ending 10/14/23 and to be paid on 10/20/2023.

Ayes: All  
Discussion held on disposal of County records from organizations. Kaufmann gave examples of non-historic records like Supplemental Code of Iowa, Treasurer bank ledgers and deposits. In 2017 a motion made to keep all records permanently.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to decommission records that County gives to Historical Society once Board and Department head have reviewed list.

Ayes: All  
At 8:45 a.m. Weed Commissioner Foulks met with Board on 2023 Weed Commissioner Report. Foulks presented report for board to review. Discussion held on chemicals used and equipment.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve 2023 Weed Commissioner Report.

Ayes: All  
Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to appoint Bubba Chapman as a Supervisor Representative to Compensation Board.

Ayes: All  
Head Custodian Gritton met with Board to discuss updating elevator electrical panel. Discussion held on quotes. Board has questions for contractors and asked that Gritton schedule them to meet with Board next week.

EMA Director Freet met with Board to review conditional acceptance agreement from RACOM. Freet informed Board this for 911 radio system.

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign RACOM conditional acceptance agreement.

Ayes: All  
Micheal McGrady and Jeff Steiert with MCM Consultants met with Board to provide updates on EMS referendum. Freet mentioned concerns with advertisement as she feels citizens still don't know this referendum will be on ballot in November. Letters to editor will be placed in local papers next week.

Engineer Fangmann met with Board for Quit Claim Deeds for Cedar County Road Vacation Resolutions RCV2023-5 and RCV2023-6, Alleys in Cedar Bluff and Rochester and final voucher for project FM-C016(112)—55-16, Y14 Paving from Highway 130 north to Highway 30.

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign following Quit Claim Deeds: Daniel Lange, Nancy L. Semotan, Donald Glover & Lula Mae Clover & Trina Lee Rock, Gary & Roberta Tigges Revocable Trust, Gary and Penny Cox, David A. Annen, Christopher E. Bergman—Book 1710, Pages 52-59.

Ayes: All  
Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign final voucher for project FM-C016(112)—55-16, Y14 Paving from Highway 130 north to Highway 30.

Ayes: All  
Discussion held on a member for Supervisors appointment on Examining Board. Deputy Auditor Hamdorf will inform Assessor Griggs that Supervisors have selected Al Kroeger as their appointment. Discussion held on members for Board of Adjustment. Consensus of Board to reach out to Jeff Wallick and report back.

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 10:23 a.m., to October 31, 2023.

Ayes: All  
Jon Bell, Chairperson  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor  
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## Trader Ads

Book – On Iowa: Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the University of Iowa by Irving B. Weber, signed by author, "Best Wishes—Irving B. Weber—Age 95+, Sept. 29, 1996." Mint condition, 115 pages, many photos. \$13. Phone 563-886-3405, leave message. #45

Roycroft Shops 4.5-inch brown jug, mint condition, approx. 100 years old, more or less. Typical Roycroft symbol on bottom. \$12. Phone 563-886-3405, leave message. #45

Book – VJ Day in Photographs, 50th Anniversary. Pub. 1995. Large hardback, full of photo, 64 pages, edited by Christopher Westhorp. \$10. Phone 563-886-3405, leave message. #44

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 5,000 BTU Coleman catalytic heater for \$35. Leave message at 563-212-0202. #36

FOR SALE: Apartment-sized gas stove. Refurbished. \$450. Call 563-357-2606. #41tf

## Wanted

WANTED – JUNK appliances – will pick up. Farm steel, batteries and cars. 319-331-8122. #17tf

BUYING ALL Antiques: Fair Cash Prices for Antiques: Furniture, Signs, Toys, Crocks, Paintings, Documents, Oddities and Weird Stuff. 319.270.1251. #9tf

## Pets

LOST KITTY! Gray long haired male house kitty, last seen in the area of Roosevelt and Main Street in Lowden. If seen or caught, please call 563-941-5256. #43

## For Rent

THREE BEDROOM house, newly carpeted and painted. Available Nov. 1st. \$900 per month plus deposit. Call 641-891-5550. #44-45

## Storage For Rent

WEST BRANCH Mini Storage, 1264 East South Street, Tipton. 10 x 24 ft. stalls. Reasonable rates. 1-319-643-7150. C10tf

## Notice

CLASSIFIED ADS must be paid for prior to running in the paper. C28tfnc

## Card of Thanks

In Appreciation – I wish to express my gratitude to Tipton Police, Cedar County Sheriff's Office, and Medical Personnel who provided aid and assistance on Saturday, Oct. 29. Your efforts will not be forgotten.

Jerry Rogers P.S. If you drive by our house on 240th Street, honk—Reedie will be smiling and waving from above!

The family of Dorothy Russell would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all the food, cards, memorial gifts, phone calls and visits. A special thank you also to the wonderful staff at the Clarence Nursing Home, Above and Beyond Hospice and Chapman Funeral Home for the compassionate care she received. We truly appreciate your support during this difficult time in our lives.

Gwendy & Kirby Phillips & family  
Candice & Denny Hulse & family  
Larry & Suzanne Russell & family

## Classifieds Get Results!



## The City of West Branch, Iowa, seeks a Full-Time Street Maintenance/ Public Works Employee

Mowing, mechanical, concrete, and a willingness to learn are highly desirable skills. Comes with low deductible health insurance or stipend, IPERS retirement, incentive wages for certifications to keep pay competitive. Hiring scale is \$21.50 and \$22.00 with CDL. Applications due by November 19, 2023 to adam@westbranchiowa.org EOE.

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PRICE DROP	315 6TH AVE. CLARENCE   \$110,000	413 8TH AVE. CLARENCE   \$285,000
PENDING	406 7TH AVE. CLARENCE   \$150,000	406 8TH AVE. CLARENCE   \$170,000
PENDING	1075 260TH ST. TIPTON   \$385,000	302 7TH AVE. CLARENCE   \$105,000

## First United Methodist Church

607 Lynn Street, Tipton, IA

## Mission Auction

November 12



**Soup Lunch 11:15 am**  
**Auction Noon**

and **Soup Lunch**

Proceeds from the auction go towards youth camp scholarships.

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**IOWA CITY & CEDAR RAPIDS MLS**

**NEW LISTINGS**

202 2ND AVE, STANWOOD, \$104,900  
Pay attention to this home. It is looking for a new owner to put it back to all its glory. Inside needs work in every room. Garage had rooms added but can be put back to its normal size. Lots of storage and closet space. Home had geothermal and has not been used for quite a while. There are certainly broken water lines which will have to be repaired. 2nd lot to the East that is fenced in comes with this property. Home is sold as is.

**FEATURED PROPERTIES**

<b>202 SAND TRAP CIRCLE, TIPTON \$405,000</b>	<b>206 SUNRISE DR, TIPTON \$367,000</b>	<b>1005 SYCAMORE ST, TIPTON \$199,999</b>
<b>305 E ELM ST, LONE TREE \$148,400</b>	<b>416 E 4TH ST, TIPTON \$74,900</b>	<i>Let us help you find your dream home!</i>

**SUBDIVISIONS, LOTS, ACREAGES & COMMERCIAL**

1394 210TH ST. TIPTON, \$937,500  
35 ACRES +/-

LOT 1 - \$59,000 LOT 2 - \$59,000  
LOT 3 - \$60,000 LOT 4 - \$52,000  
LOT 5 - \$60,000 LOT 6 - \$62,000  
LOT 7 - \$63,000 LOT 8 - \$63,000  
LOT 9 - \$60,000

ACREAGE ALERT!! WEST BRANCH'S NEWEST SUBDIVISION JUST EAST OF WEST BRANCH WITH LOTS RANGING IN SIZE FROM 2.40-3.25 ACRES. CREEK ON EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY. CHARLES AVE ADJACENT TO LOTS WILL BE SEAL COATED IN SPRING. LOTS 7 & 8 SHARE DRIVEWAY. LOTS 508 SHARE COMMUNITY WELL. 1 OUTBUILDING, 1 GAZEBO & SWIMMING POOL PERMITTED BEHIND HOME. . . . .  
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