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### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED AND CLAIMANTS OF BALDRIDGE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, INC.: BALDRIDGE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, INC. has filed Articles of Dissolution effective on the filing with the Iowa Secretary of State. All persons with claims against BALDRIDGE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, INC. must present them as follows:  
1. File a written Claim stating the factual basis for and amount of the Claim.  
2. Claims must be mailed postage pre-paid and addressed to Siegrist, Jones, Lipps & Bakke, ATTN: Brian Jones, 94 Main Ave. North, Britt IA 50423.  
3. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FILING OF CLAIM, ANY CLAIM AGAINST BALDRIDGE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, INC. WILL BE BARRED UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
BALDRIDGE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, INC.  
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### Legal Notice

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CEDAR COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN HOWARD DICK, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR 019970  
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John Howard Dick, Deceased, who died on or about April 9, 2026:  
You are hereby notified that on April 17, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.  
Notice is hereby 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 the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
Dated on April 20, 2026.  
Patricia A. McCabe, Administrator of the Estate  
370 Derbyshire Rd.  
Waterloo, IA 50701  
Richard R Morris, ICIS#: ATT0005452  
Attorney for the Administrator  
Beecher, Law Firm, P.C.  
620 Lafayette St. Ste. 300  
Waterloo, IA 50703  
Date of second publication: May 7, 2026  
(Date to be inserted by the publisher)  
Probate Code Section 230  
WBT 17-18

### West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)  
West Branch, Iowa; City Council; April 20, 2026  
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.  
Mayor Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Roll call: Council members present; Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, Chantry Noel and Tom Dean.  
City Staff present: City Clerk Alycia Friis, City Administrator Adam Kofoed, Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken, Police Chief Greg Hall, City Attorney Kevin Olsen, City Engineer Dave Schechinger.  
Attending by Zoom: Library Director Jessie Shaffer  
APPROVE THE AGENDA  
Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Miller, second by Horihan. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA  
Approve Minutes from the April 6, 2026 Special meeting.  
Approve Minutes from the April 6, 2026 City Council meeting.  
Approval of The Down Under Special Event Permit.  
Approval of New Members to the West Branch Fire Department.  
Approval of Bear Tracks 5K & 1 Mile Bear Attack 2026, Special Event Permit.  
Approve Claims for April 20, 2026.  
EXPENDITURES - 4/14/2026  
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS - PD, P&R-574.16  
BOOMERANG CORP-CEDAR JOHNSON RD PAY EST 9-14,512.13  
CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL - PW-1,025.86  
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES-DOT DRUG TESTING - PW-150.00  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY-MPI SUMMER REG - FRIIS-335.00  
MEDIACOM-CABLE SERVICES-41.90  
WERLING ABSTRACT COMPANY-CONTINUATION 8-31-22 TRACT 1&2-2,550.00  
TOTAL--19,189.05  
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 4/10/2026--62,317.82  
PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS  
ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-18,825.41  
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS - LIBRARY-461.28  
CEDAR COUNTY COOP-FUEL - FIRE-1,481.22  
CEDAR COUNTY TRANSFER STATION-TRASH REMOVAL-20.00  
CORRIDOR ENERGY COOP-STREET LIGHTS-352.74

CULLIGAN WATER-WATER SOFTENER SERVICE-31.49  
HD SUPPLY-JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FIRE/PD-79.80  
IOWA ASSN. MUN. UTILITIES-QUARTERLY SAFETY TRAINING DUES-1,027.00  
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-30.00  
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE - LIBRARY-142.02  
LRS HOLDINGS-TRASH & RECYCLING MARCH 2026 -20,250.00  
LYNCH'S EXCAVATING-MULTIPLE MAIN BREAK REPAIRS-15,018.35  
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-CUBBY PUMP REPAIR - P&R-443.10  
MCCANN LINDA-BOOKS - LIBRARY-50.00  
MENARDS-SHOP SUPPLIES - PW-15.64  
MOPPY MO'S-JANITORIAL SERV. - CITY, TH, P&R, FIRE, LIB-1,050.00  
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES - APRIL 2026-1,595.00  
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-77.34  
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL-PEST CONTROL - CUBBY PARK-488.88  
PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS- BACKGROUND CHECKS - P&R-72.50  
QUILL CORP-OFFICE SUPPLIES - LIBRARY & CITY-131.32  
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS-MIRROR SWITCH& SEAT BELT - FIRE-488.44  
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS -1,154.00  
USA BLUE BOOK-WATER PLANT SUPPLIES-1,363.91  
VEENSTRA & KIMM-MULTIPLE PROJECTS-32,231.58  
WEST BRANCH REPAIRS-REPLACE SEAT BELT - FIRE-160.00  
WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-1,455.74  
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 4-6-2026--402.30  
SISCO-FLEX & HEALTH CLAIMS 4-13-2026--424.96  
TOTAL--99,324.02  
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--180,830.89  
FUND TOTALS  
001 GENERAL FUND-65,308.35  
022 CIVIC CENTER-821.28  
031 LIBRARY-6,119.28  
110 ROAD USE TAX-8,696.95  
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-11,721.79  
321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-13,556.25  
331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECONS-16,990.93  
332 W MAIN ST IMPROVE-11,676.00  
600 WATER FUND-30,594.06  
610 SEWER FUND-14,844.92  
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-501.08  
GRAND FUND TOTAL-180,830.89  
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.  
PRESENTATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS / OPEN FORUM - NONE  
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA  
Public Hearing - Regarding Adoption of the Final Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027/ Move to Action.  
Mayor Laughlin called the public hearing to order at 7:03 pm. With no questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed by Mayor Laughlin at 7:04 pm.  
Public Hearing - Regarding the Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for West Main Street Overlay, City of West Branch, Iowa./ Move to Action.  
Mayor Laughlin called the public hearing to order at 7:04 pm. With no questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed by Mayor Laughlin at 7:05 pm.  
Third Reading of Ordinance 836 - Section 65.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch adding a stop sign intersection. / Move to Action.  
ORDINANCE NO. 836  
AN ORDINANCE SECTION 65.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH ADDING A STOP SIGN INTERSECTION.  
WHEREAS, the Police Chief recommends adding an Orange Street at its intersection with Cedar-Johnson Road.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
1. Amendment. Section 65.02 is hereby amended by adding subsection (99) which reads as follows: "99. Orange Street at its intersection with Cedar-Johnson Road."  
2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.  
3. Adjudication. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be 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.  
4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.  
Approved and adopted this 20th of April, 2026.  
First reading: March 16, 2026  
Second reading: April 6, 2026  
Third Reading: April 20, 2026  
Motion by Dean, second by Noel to approve the Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 836. AYES: Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried.  
Second Reading and Waiving of the Third Reading of Ordinance 834  
Amendment to Chapter 25 Historic Preservation Commission./ Move to Action. ORDINANCE 834  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA  
BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa:  
Section 1. Amendment. Section 25.01

through 25.11, is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:  
25.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT: The purpose of this ordinance is to:  
a. Promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhancement, and perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance;  
b. Safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic, and cultural heritage by preserving sites and districts of historic and cultural significance;  
c. Stabilize and improve property values;  
d. Foster pride in the legacy of beauty and achievements of the past;  
e. Protect and enhance the City's attractions to tourists and visitors and the support and stimulus to business thereby provided;  
f. Strengthen the economy of the City;  
g. Promote the use of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance as places for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the people of the City.  
25.02: DEFINITIONS:  
a. Commission. The West Branch Historic Preservation Commission, as established by this ordinance.  
b. Historic District. An area which contains a significant portion of sites including archaeological sites, buildings, structures, objects and/or other improvements which, considered as a whole, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and  
1) embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or  
2) that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or  
3) is associated with events that have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of our local, state or national history; or  
4) possesses a coherent and distinctive visual character or integrity based upon similarity of scale, design, color, setting, workmanship, materials, or combinations thereof, which is deemed to add significantly to the value and attractiveness of properties within such area; or  
5) is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or  
6) has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.  
c. Historic Landmark. A site including archaeological sites, object, structure or building which,  
1. is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or  
2. is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or  
3. embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents a work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or  
4. has yielded, or may be

likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.  
25.03 WEST BRANCH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.  
a. The Commission shall initially consist of not less than Three (3) members who shall be residents of the City.  
b. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Members shall demonstrate a positive interest in historic preservation, possessing interest or expertise in architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, city planning, building rehabilitation, conservation in general or real estate.  
c. The original appointment of the members of the Commission shall be staggered with the majority appointed for two years, and the balance for three years, from January 1 following the year of such appointment or until their successor is appointed to serve for a term of three years.  
d. Vacancies occurring in the Commission, other than expiration of term of office, shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term of the member replaced.  
e. Members may serve for more than one term and each member shall serve until the appointment of a successor.  
f. Vacancies shall be filled by the City according to the original selection as aforesaid.  
g. Members shall serve without compensation.  
h. A simple majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.  
i. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson who shall preside over all Commission meetings and elect a Secretary who shall be responsible for maintaining written records of the commission's proceedings.  
j. The Commission shall meet at least three (3) times a year.  
25.04 POWERS OF THE COMMISSION:  
a. The Commission may conduct studies for the identification and designation of historic districts and landmarks meeting the definitions established by this ordinance. The commission may proceed at its own initiative or upon a petition from any person, group, or association. The Commission shall maintain records of all studies and inventories for public use.  
b. The Commission may make a recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Office for the listing of a historic district or landmark in the National Register of Historic Places and may conduct a public hearing thereon.  
c. The Commission may investigate and recommend to the City Council the adoption of ordinances designating historic landmarks and historic districts if they qualify as defined herein; and  
d. Provide information for the purpose of historic preservation to the governing body.  
e. Promote and conduct an educational and interpretive program on historic properties within its jurisdiction.  
f. Other Powers. In addition to those duties and powers specified above, the Commission may, with City Council approval:  
i. Accept unconditional gifts and donations of real and personal property, including money, for the purpose of historic preservation.  
ii. Acquire by purchase, bequest, or donation, fee and lesser interests in historic properties, including properties adjacent to or associated with historic properties.  
iii. Preserve, restore, maintain and operate historic properties, under the ownership or control of the Commission.  
iv. Lease, sell, and otherwise transfer or dispose of historic properties subject to rights of public access and other covenants and in a manner that will preserve the property.  
v. Contract, with the approval of the governing body, with the state or the federal government or other organizations.  
vi. Cooperate with the federal, state and local governments in the pursuit of the objectives of historic preservation.  
25.05 SEVERABILITY: Should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided by a court of this state to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.  
25.06 AMENDATORY PROVISIONS: The City may amend this ordinance to meet any unforeseen circumstances which may affect the duties and responsibilities of the Commission.  
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.  
Passed,  
adopted and approved this 20th day of April, 2026.  
1st Reading: April 6, 2026  
2nd & 3rd Reading: Waive - April 20, 2026  
Adoption: April 20, 2026  
Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 834. AYES: Dean, Miller, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. Motion by Miller, second by Noel to waive the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 834. AYES: Miller, Noel, Horihan, Sexton, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.  
Second Reading and Waiving of the Third Reading of Ordinance 835  
Amendment to Chapter 25 Historic Preservation Commission./ Move to Action.  
ORDINANCE NO. 835  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 29 HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REGULATIONS  
BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa:  
Section 1. Amendment. Amending the Administration, Boards, and Commissions area of the City of West Branch Code of Ordinances, the addition of Section 29, Historic Preservation District Boundaries and Regulations:  
29.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT  
The purpose of this ordinance is to define the boundaries and regulation of the West Branch Historic Preservation District in order to preserve and protect the historic, architectural, and cultural resources of the City of West Branch. These boundaries and regulation of the West Branch Historic Preservation District shall be governed by the Historic Preservation Commission with the advice and consent of the City Council.  
29.02 DESCRIPTIONS

"West Branch Historic Preservation District" consists of all of those properties located within the West Branch Historic Preservation District boundaries. (See map included in the Appendix to this Code of Ordinances.) All of the terms of this chapter apply to property located within the West Branch Historic Preservation District.  
B. Properties adjacent to the Historic Preservation District may be added to the district upon application of the property owner to the City office. (See form of application in the Appendix to this Code of Ordinances.) If these added properties transfer ownership, they shall remain in the Historic Preservation District unless removed through alterations of district boundaries by the City of West Branch Historic Preservation Commission (hereafter, "Commission").  
29.03 PERMIT REQUIRED  
It is unlawful for any person to begin new construction or to make any external alterations or repairs, including signs, in any manner whatsoever to any building within the confines of the Historic Preservation District, or to install or change a sign within the Historic Preservation District, without first obtaining a permit as provided herein. Permits may be found and turned it at the City office.  
29.04 APPLICATION  
Applicants for permit under this chapter must file with the City Administrator an application in writing on a form furnished for such purpose, which shall give the following information:  
1. Name of applicant and property owner.  
2. Permanent address of applicant and full address of property owner.  
3. A detailed description of the nature of the proposed construction, external alteration and/or repair to the building.  
4. A drawing or sketch of proposed construction or external alteration.  
5. The intended start and finish dates for alteration and/or repair.  
6. Current photographs of the property with details of the area(s) where proposed construction, external alteration and/or repair to the building will occur.  
7. Applicant shall provide additional information upon request. (See the Appendix to this Code of Ordinances for Permit Application Form.)  
29.05 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AUTHORITY.  
The City Administrator, or designee, and the City of West Branch Historic Preservation Commission (hereafter "Commission") will have authoritative review rights on construction, alterations, and/or repairs to ensure they meet design standards.  
The City Administrator, or designee, and the Commission Chair will have authoritative review rights for applications specifically for window signage without review by the full Commission.  
The West Branch City Council (hereafter the "Council") shall serve as an arbitrator on all appeals.  
29.06 INVESTIGATION AND INSURANCE.  
1. Upon receipt of application for permit under this chapter by the City Administrator or designated alternate, the application shall be checked for compliance with the City of West Branch Building Codes within five (5) calendar

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
WEST BRANCH School District				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The WEST BRANCH School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/11/2026 05:30 PM		Contact: Angie Klunkammer	Phone: (319) 643-7213 ext: 102	
Meeting Location: Hoover Elementary Library				
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.				
EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Instruction	9,643,041	0	9,643,041	
Total Support Services	4,934,897	0	4,934,897	
Noninstructional Programs	1,510,974	0	1,510,974	
Total Other Expenditures	5,376,206	234,090	5,610,296	Additional AEA Special Ed Flowthrough
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,465,118</b>	<b>234,090</b>	<b>21,699,208</b>	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of WEST BRANCH				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The City of WEST BRANCH will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/4/2026 07:00 PM		Contact: Heidi Van Auken	Phone: (319) 643-5888	
Meeting Location: Council Chambers at City Office 110 N. Poplar Street West Branch, IA 52358				
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	2,601,043	0	2,601,043
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	2,601,043	0	2,601,043
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	644,630	0	644,630
Other City Taxes	6	437,569	0	437,569
Licenses & Permits	7	65,000	0	65,000
Use of Money & Property	8	30,800	0	30,800
Intergovernmental	9	1,364,086	0	1,364,086
Charges for Service	10	2,558,313	0	2,558,313
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	21,400	0	21,400
Other Financing Sources	13	5,285,755	0	5,285,755
Transfers In	14	2,052,795	0	2,052,795
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15,061,391</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,061,391</b>
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	1,322,583	17,584	1,340,167
Public Works	17	869,732	0	869,732
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	837,862	8,580	846,442
Community and Economic Development	20	307,279	55,000	362,279
General Government	21	360,338	7,000	367,338
Debt Service	22	789,653	152,000	941,653
Capital Projects	23	5,114,827	0	5,114,827
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	9,602,274	240,164	9,842,438
Business Type/Enterprise	25	3,068,755	70,000	3,138,755
<b>Total Gov Activities &amp; Business Expenditures</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12,671,029</b>	<b>310,164</b>	<b>12,981,193</b>
Transfers Out	27	2,052,795	0	2,052,795
<b>Total Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14,723,824</b>	<b>310,164</b>	<b>15,033,988</b>
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	337,567	-310,164	27,403
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	30	6,560,222	0	6,560,222
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	31	6,897,789	-310,164	6,587,625
<b>Explanation of Changes:</b> Amending expenses for Library (grant); Economic Development (right of way purchase, CAT grant for Hoover Foundation, P&Z engineering costs); Debt Service (2025 bond debt payment); Water (water meters, water main breaks, utility services, WET tax); and Trust & Agency.				

## FARMLAND FOR SALE

**LINN CO. - NEW LISTING!** 54.99 Acres located 2 miles SE of Cedar Rapids along a hard-surfaced road. Includes 43.02 cropland acres with a 56.30 CSR2. Also includes a 3-bed/1-bath home, out-buildings and mature timber. **2037 Ivanhoe Rd., Ely - \$16,350/acre.**

**LINN CO. - NEW LISTING!** 64.11 Acres located 2 miles SE of Cedar Rapids along a hard-surfaced road. Includes 63.64 cropland acres with a 70.50 CSR2. **\$14,500/acre.**

**MUSCATINE CO. - NEW LISTING!** 62.94 acres located 3 miles south of Blue Grass. Includes 40.00 acres of productive farmland, mature timber and a 30.00 acre pasture. **\$9,500/acre.**

**SCOTT CO. -** 55.18 Acres in Davenport along I-280. 45.09 crop acres with an 80.20 CSR2. **\$16,500/acre.**

## DEVELOPMENT LAND

**CEDAR CO. -** 5.44 Acres in city limits on hard-surfaced roads, SE side of Lowden. A timbered lot near access to utilities with existing garage. **\$239,000.00**

**LINN CO. -** 43.93 Acres on the east side of Center Point. Well-timbered lot with direct access to nature trail. **\$27,500/acre.**

## RESIDENTIAL LOT FOR SALE

**CEDAR CO. - PRICE REDUCED!** A 1.49-acre lot located 3 miles south of West Branch, close to the Village of Downey. **71 330th St., West Branch \$419,500.00 \$109,500.00**

**Mt. Vernon, IA**  
**319.895.8858**

*All Acres are 'More or Less' unless noted*  
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Also Offering Professional Farm Management & Appraisal

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days. It shall also be referred upon receipt to the Chairperson of the West Branch Preservation Commission.

2. Applications for construction, alterations and/or repairs not in compliance with City of West Branch Building Codes will be returned to the applicant with a complete explanation of changes necessary for compliance.

3. Permits are reviewed no later than the scheduled commission meeting immediately following receipt of the application, with reports shared within 10 days of those meetings. The Commission shall approve or disapprove the application by majority vote based on the Basic Standards for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of Historic Structures, Standards for Signage Design and Display, Checklist and Example of Prohibited Signs. (See Appendix to this Code of Ordinances.)

4. Upon receipt of the application and report from the Commission, the City Administrator, or designee, will issue a permit to authorize construction, alterations and repairs receiving approval of the Commission. The permit shall be issued within twelve (12) calendar days from the date of approval. The permit fee shall be \$10.00.

5. Upon receipt of a report rejecting the application from the Commission, the City Administrator, or designee, will notify applicant of the rejection and the reason therefor. The applicant will also be informed in the same notification that the rejection can be appealed through the Council at the following regular meeting, or that a revised application may be submitted to the Commission for review.

6. The Council shall serve as an arbitrator on all appeals. The Council shall decide within 30 days of an appeal. An appeal of the decision of the Council, if any, must be made with the Clerk of District Court within 60 days of the decision of Council.

29.07 VIOLATION. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; if such violation continues, each day's violation shall be considered a separate offense.

29.08 NONCONFORMING SIGNS. All signs installed or displayed on September 9, 1991, are allowed to remain. All signs installed or displayed subsequent to September 9, 1991, and all future signs, including replacements or modifications, must fully comply with this chapter.

29.09 AMENDATORY PROVISIONS. The City may amend this ordinance to meet any unforeseen circumstances which may affect the regulation of historic districts and landmarks.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

Passed, adopted and approved this 20th day of April, 2026.  
1st Reading: April 6, 2026  
2nd & 3rd Reading: Waive - April 20, 2026

Adoption: April 20, 2026  
Motion by Dean, second by Noel to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 835. AYES: Dean, Noel, Miller, Horihan, Sexton. Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to waive the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 835. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Dean, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 838 Amendment to Chapter 165, Section 11, Zoning Regulations. / Move to Action. Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 838. AYES: Dean, Miller, Sexton, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Second Reading and Waiving of the Third Reading of Ordinance 839 Amendment to Chapter 165, Section 51, Zoning Regulations. / Move to Action. ORDINANCE NO. 839 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 165 - ZONING REGULATIONS

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa:

Section 1. Amendment. Amending Chapter 165 to add Section 51 in its entirety to the Chapter: Adding Section 165.51 Accessory Dwelling Units per Senate File 592 : A minimum of one accessory dwelling unit on the same lot as a single-family residence is hereby allowed, with the following conditions (written and directed by Senate File 592 07/01/2025; State of Iowa Code Section 331.301)

165.51 RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS(ADU) (1) An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all applicable building regulations as defined in Chapter 103A of the Code of Iowa.

(2) An accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed one thousand square feet, or fifty percent of the size of the single-family residence, whichever is larger.

(3) An accessory dwelling unit shall be prohibited or limited only to the extent that a state historic building code restriction, as adopted by a city in accordance with section 103A.43, subsection 3, a deed restriction, or a rule of a common interest community, as defined in section 499C.1, limits or prohibits the construction or use of an accessory dwelling unit. The imposition of an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment regulating accessory dwelling units that is more restrictive when applied to a common interest community than when applied to a single-family residence is prohibited.

(4) If a manufactured home as defined in section 435.1, subsection 3, or a mobile home as defined in section 435.1 subsection 5, is used as an accessory dwelling unit, the manufactured home or mobile home shall be converted to a real property by being placed on a permanent foundation and assessed for real estate taxes pursuant to section 435.26.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph "a" or by state law, a city shall not impose any of the following limitations or restrictions:

(1) Requirements related to the placement or appearance of an accessory dwelling unit that are more restrictive than those imposed on a single-family residence including but not limited to the following: maximum building heights; minimum setback requirements; minimum lot sizes; minimum building frontages; maximum lot coverages; density requirements; and aesthetic or architectural standards or requirements. Additionally, a city shall not require an accessory dwelling unit to match the exterior design, roof pitch, or finishing matters of the single-family residence.

(2) Regulations on the use of an accessory dwelling unit as a rental property that are more restrictive than those provided for in subsections 9 and 16 of this section, section 414.1, subsection 1, paragraph "e" and chapter 562A.

(3) A requirement that the lot containing a single-family residence and an accessory unit have additional parking beyond that required for a single-family residence or payment of a fee in lieu of

providing additional parking. (4) Restrictions on the occupancy of either the single-family residence or the accessory dwelling unit by any of the following manners: requiring the property owner to be a resident; requiring a familial, marital or employment relationship to exist between the occupants of the single-family residence and the occupants of the accessory dwelling unit; or restricting the occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit based on income or age.

(5) A requirement of new or separate utility lines between the accessory dwelling unit and public utility service connections. However, if full utility access that includes a separate metering system for the billing purposes cannot be provided to the accessory dwelling unit, then the city can require new or separate utility lines.

(6) Imposition of a different city impact fee structure or development standard for an accessory dwelling unit than those used for a single-family residence on the same lot.

(7) The requirement of improvements or repairs to public streets or sidewalks beyond those imposed on the single-family residence on the same lot.

(c) A city shall approve an accessory dwelling unit permit application that meets the requirements set forth in paragraph "a" and by the state law without discretionary review or hearing and consistent with the time frame assigned to the approval of a single-family residence. An Accessory dwelling unit permit application shall not have a review timeline or schedule in excess of a city's normal review schedule for a single-family residence. If the city denies an accessory dwelling unit permit, the reason for denial shall be provided in writing to the applicant and include any remedy necessary to secure approval.

(d) A city ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment regulating accessory dwelling units in a manner that conflicts with this subsection is void. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a city from adopting and ordinance, motion, resolution or amendment that is more permissive than the requirements provided in this subsection.

(e) For the purposes in this subsection: (1) Accessory dwelling unit means an additional residential dwelling unit located on the same lot as a single-family residence that is either attached to or detached from the single-family residence.

(2) Detached includes being part of an accessory structure such as a detached garage.

(3) Dwelling unit means the same as defined in section 562A.6, subsection 3.

(4) Single family residence means the same as defined in section 562A.6 subsection 15 except to the extent that a single-family residence may share utility lines with the accessory dwelling unit if full utility access that includes a separate metering system for billing purposes can be provided to the accessory dwelling unit.

Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Adjudication. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof no adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed, adopted and approved this 20th day of April, 2026.  
1st Reading: April 6, 2026  
2nd & 3rd Reading: Waive - April 20, 2026

Adoption: April 20, 2026  
Motion by Dean, second by Sexton to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 839. AYES: Dean, Sexton, Miller, Noel, Horihan. Motion by Miller, second by Horihan to waive the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 839. AYES: Miller, Horihan, Noel, Dean, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Second Reading and Waiving of the Third Reading of Ordinance 837 Amendment to Chapter 17, Section 4, City Council / Move to Action. ORDINANCE NO. 837 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 - CITY COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 17.04 is hereby amended by removing the current time of 7:00 p.m. listed within section 17 and replacing it with 6:00 p.m. 17.04 COUNCIL MEETING.

Procedures for giving notice of meetings of the Council and other provisions regarding the conduct of Council meetings are contained in Section 5.06 of this Code of Ordinances. Additional particulars relating to Council meetings are the following:

1. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Council are on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Council Chambers at the City Office Building. The time of said meetings shall be 6:00 p.m. If such day falls on a holiday, the meeting is held at a mutually agreeable time, as determined by the Council.

2. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon call of the Mayor or upon the request of a majority of the members of the Council. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[5])

3. Quorum. A majority of all Council members is a quorum. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[1])

4. Rules of Procedure. The Council shall determine its own rules and maintain records of its proceedings. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[5])

5. Compelling Attendance. Any three members of the Council can compel the attendance of the absent members at any regular, adjourned, or duly called meeting, by serving a written notice upon the absent members to attend at once.

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Adoption: April 20, 2026  
Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 837. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. Motion by Miller, second by Noel to waive the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 837. AYES: Miller, Noel, Sexton, Horihan, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-34 Approving Pay Estimate Number 3-1 in the amount of \$341,878.81 to Peterson Contractors, Inc. for the Channel Widening Flood Improvements Project / Move to Action. Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-34. AYES:

Sexton, Miller, Noel, Dean, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-35 Approving the General Agreement between the US Department of the Interior National Park Service and the City of West Branch, Iowa regarding Law Enforcement Assistance / Move to Action.

Motion by Miller, second by Noel to approve Resolution 2026-35. AYES: Miller, Noel, Horihan, Sexton, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-36 Approving the General Agreement between the US Department of the Interior National Park Service and the City of West Branch, Iowa regarding Fire/EMS Department Assistance / Move to Action.

Motion by Noel, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-36. AYES: Noel, Dean, Miller, Sexton, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-37 Adopting the Final Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 / Move to Action.

Review of the FY27 General Budget and where the community property tax funds are going, along with the 10 areas that are a change or continuation from the previous budget.

Motion by Dean, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2026-37. AYES: Dean, Horihan, Sexton, Noel, Miller. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-38 Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Soliciting Written and Oral Comments on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment / Move to Action.

Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-38. AYES: Sexton, Miller, Horihan, Noel, Dean. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-39 Approving a Website Services Agreement between Revize Software Systems and the City of West Branch, Iowa regarding website design, build and services / Move to Action.

There was a discussion about the new requirements for government entity websites. By April 26, 2027, the City of West Branch must ensure that their website follows the WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards for website accessibility to people with disabilities. Currently the website does not meet those standards and will need to be upgraded. After researching 4 different proposals, city administration staff found the Revize product to be the highest ease of use for staff, while offering the needed upgrades to comply with regulation, provide the capability for fillable forms within the site for better efficiency for our residents and an ability to split the overall cost out over 5 years with no interest added to the payments.

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-39. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Kofoed shared that the U of I students that have been working on the West Branch CIP, Housing, Historic Preservation, etc., would be presenting their final presentations on May 7th, here in West Branch. He also wanted to thank Matt Goodale, Heidi Van Auken and Jessi Simon for their continued support and work through this process.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - None CITY ENGINEER REPORT - The bidding for the West Main Street project will close on Thursday, April 30th. Boomerang will be here next week to complete the work on Cedar-Johnson Road, as the weather has pushed this work out. PCI has continued to work with the Wapsi Creek Widening project and has gotten a lot of work done with the top soil spreading, seeding and such.

STAFF REPORTS- None COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS - The mayor and council offered their congratulations to Finance Officer Van Auken on obtaining her Certified Municipal Clerks license. Mayor Laughlin inquired about the time frame of getting the new door/lock system for Town Hall. This would allow a code to be created for renters to use to enter the building when they have booked a reservation there. It would allow the removal of the key system and renters having to ensure they have picked up a key ahead of time from City Hall. Kofoed to follow up with the company that has been selected to do this work to ensure that it is on track for installation asap. There was a question about when the chip and seal work through town and that Greenville Road would need to be one of the roads on the radar for this work.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Sexton. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor ATTEST: Alycia Friis, City Clerk WBT 17

INTERNET-7,193.90 LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-1,162.85 LYNCH'S PLUMBING-SERVICE-1,120.20 MATHESON TRIGAS-SUPPLIES-532.71 MEDICAL ENTERPRISES-SUPPLIES-61.00 MENARD'S-SUPPLIES-512.40 MOC TEZUMA, MILTON-TRANSLATOR-218.75 OAKS, TAMMY-TRAVEL, PHONE-263.08 PHELPS-SERVICE-91.98 PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION ASSOCIATES, LLC-ATHLETIC TRAINING-4,500.00 PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY LLC-SERVICE-1,712.00 PYRAMID SERVICES INC-SUPPLIES-58.78 QUADIANT LEASING USA, INC.-POSTAGE-224.07 QUIL CORPORATION -SUPPLIES-21.12 RYNER, DAWSON-SUPPLIES-124.00 SCHOOLBUS SALES-SUPPLIES-117.46 STAPLES-SUPPLIES-167.98 WEST BRANCH TIMES-ADVERTISING-304.50 WILLIAM MCGILL AND CO-SUPPLIES-103.25 ZOOM ID-ACADEMIC LETTERS-1,640.00 Fund Number 10 156,840.73

Checking Account ID 1 Fund Number 33 CAPITAL PROJECTS BACK COUNTRY TREE CARE-SERVICE-2,215.00 CEC-ACE BLDG FIBER REPAIR-836.50 LYNCH'S PLUMBING-REPAIRS-1,542.50 PEAK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.-HVAC PROJECT-32,328.80 PLUMBERS SUPPLY COMPANY-GLYCOL-1,274.88 SYSTEM WORKS LLC-MECHANICAL COMMISSIONING-14,000.00 WESTERN NRG-SECURITY RENEWAL -9,802.38 Fund Number 33 62,000.06

Checking Account ID 1 Fund Number 36 PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT AONE GEOTHERMAL-SERVICE-500.00 ASCENDANCE TRUCKS EASTERN IOWA, LLC-REPAIRS-4,499.30 BMO-AED-6,196.90 LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/INTERNET-3,400.50 LIBERTY DOORS INC-HS DOOR REPAIRS-1,130.00 MARCO-COPIER-1,680.66 PRESIDENTIAL BUILDERS, LLC-SERVICE-4,500.00 SCHOOL BUS SALES-CAMERAS-1,120.00 TC NETWORKS, INC.-CABLING-683.04 WALSH DOOR & SECURITY-SERVICE -2,919.66 Fund Number 36 26,630.06

Checking Account ID 2 Fund Number 61 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO-SUPPLIES-3,271.61 EMS DETERGENT SERVICES-SUPPLIES-753.45 MARTIN BROTHERS-SUPPLIES-15,854.32 Fund Number 61 19,879.38

Checking Account ID 2 Fund Number 21 STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND ALVAREZ, MARK-SUPPLIES-169.97 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO-SUPPLIES-153.44 B R SPORTS LTD-SKATING UNIT-1,300.00 BMO-SUPPLIES-28,999.91 BSN SPORTS-G SOCCER UNIFORMS-8,501.31 COE COLLEGE JAZZ SUMMIT-JAZZ SUMMIT-300.00 DECKER SPORTS-BASEBALL JERSEYS-4,226.00 DRISCOLL, BRIAN-SUPPLIES-779.98 ELITE AWARDS PLUS-SUPPLIES-94.50 ELITE SPORTS - S O C C E R SHIRTS-3,043.50 FRANKLIN COVEY-MEMBERSHIP-4,500.00 GRACE, STEVEN-MILEAGE AND TRAVEL-964.91 IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION-CONFERENCE-200.00 IOWA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOC-MEMBERSHIP-90.00 IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOC-REGISTRATION-220.00 KEELER, JENNIFER-STATE DANCE TRAVEL-282.08 LARSON, TAYLOR-SUPPLIES-127.51 LEE BROTHERS SOUND-DJ-650.00 LISBON COMMUNITY SCHOOL-JAZZ FESTIVAL-150.00 LOWE'S-SUPPLIES-1,222.02 MATHESON TRIGAS-SUPPLIES-320.00 MID-PRAIRIE CSD-GOLF ENTRY FEE-90.00 NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION-SUPPLIES-714.50 POULA, LYNNETTE-J TERM SUPPLIES-8.00 REED, CHRISTOPHER-TRAVEL-47.91 REGINA CATHOLIC SSCHOOLS-TRACK ENTRY FEE-180.00 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-ELEM BOOK FAIR-380.48 SOLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS-GOLF ENTRY FEE-125.00 TREPANIER, REESE-BBALL STAT-250.00 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA DANCE MARATHON-DANCE MARATHON-8,264.31 WAPLELO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT-CO ED TRACK ENTRY FEE 8-80.00 WEST BRANCH TIMES-PUBLISHING-800.00 WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATES-FUNDRaiser-1,037.23 Fund Number 21 68,282.58

Checking Account ID 3 Fund Number 91 CUSTODIAL FUND-STUDENT ASSISTANCE CARILLO, LINDA-BACKPACK PROGRAM-123.67 JOHANNSEN, BETH-BACKPACK SUPPLIES-140.89 RUSHTON, AMANDA-BACKPACK SUPPLIES-240.55 Fund Number 91 505.11

Checking Account ID 3 68,787.67 Checking Account ID 4 Fund Number 62 ELC ALLIANT UTILITIES-UTILITIES-1,243.10 BARNHART'S CUSTOM SERVICES-SALT AND SAND-355.00 BMO-SUPPLIES-3,952.62 CARTER, JOANNA-SUPPLIES-130.00 CINTAS CORP-SERVICE-760.97 CITY OF WEST BRANCH-UTILITIES-968.80 CULLIGAN WATER TECHNOLOGIES-SUPPLIES-341.95 IOWA CPR GIRL-COURSE-595.00 JOHNSON CO REFUSE -SERVICE-288.28 LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE-698.93 MID WEST ALARMS-INSPECTION-379.50 PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-SUPPLIES-3,719.09 ROCK TECHNOLOGY-SERVICE-209.00 SPURLIN, CALLIE-SUPPLIES-29.35 Fund Number 62 13,671.59

Checking Account ID 4 Fund Number 59 KABELA, SAMANTHA-TRAVEL-1,068.18 KAY L CHAPMAN CPA PC-AUDIT-4,750.00 KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-PSEO-34,035.20 LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-PHONE/

WEST BRANCH SCHOOL BOARD Regular Board Meeting 04/13/2026 05:30 PM Hoover Elementary Library 148 N. Oliphant St. West Branch, IA 52358 MEETING MINUTES

Attendance Voting Members Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board President Mrs. Lindsay Shultz, Board Vice President Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member Mr. Keith Schultes, Board Member Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member - via zoom

Non-Voting Members Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent Mrs. Sara Oswald, High School Principal Mr. Brian Walthart, Middle School Principal Mr. Dave Hlas, Elementary Principal Mrs. Angie Klunkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary Gregory Norfleet, Liz Schultz, Cole Krutzfield

1. Call to Order/Budget Hearing FY2027 Board President Whaley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Vision, Mission & Destination Statements Board Member Sexton read the statements.

3. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting results: Unanimously Approved A. Presentation of Budget FY2027

Dr. Jimmerson presented the FY2027 budget.

B. Public/Board Comments There were no comments.

C. 2026-2027 Certified Budget Motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented. Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting results: Unanimously Approved D. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 4. Call to Order/Public Forum (Regular Board Meeting)

Board President Whaley called the regular Board meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

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## West Branch school board

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5. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 6. Honors, Commendations and Success Stories Several success stories were shared.

7. Consent Items Motion to approve the consent items consisting of March Board minutes, financial statements and April bills. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 8. Administrative Reports The Administrators shared their respective reports. Dr. Jimmerson updated the Board on the elementary principal hiring process, the HVAC project and the storm damage.

9. Personnel Items A. Contracts Motion to approve the contracts for Katie Merfield, Elementary Special Education Teacher/Interventionist, Blake Ganpat, 7th/8th Science Teacher. Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved B. Letters of Assignment Motion to approve the letters of assignment for Becky Knoche, Elementary Associate, Addi Gramenz, Full-time childcare provider, Alex Heithoff, Kids Club Coordinator.

Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes Voting results: Unanimously Approved C. Resignations Motion to approve the resignations for Ashley Graves, 7-8 Science Teacher, John Holveas, 7-8 Social Studies Teacher, Dave Hlas, Elementary Principal, Morgan Mason, High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Jake Stenberg, Activities Director. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Voting results: Unanimously Approved 10. Middle School Assistant Softball Coach Motion to approve hiring an assistant coach for middle school softball. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 11. Director of Teaching and Learning Agreement Motion to approve the Director of Teaching and Learning Sharing Agreement with Tipton.

Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes Voting results: Unanimously Approved 12. 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates Motion to approve 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting dates as presented. Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes Voting results: Unanimously Approved 13. Local Government Risk Pool Motion to approve participation in the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool and

Participation for FY 2027 including the 28E agreement. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 14. 2026-2027 WBESA Negotiated Agreement Motion to approve the 2026-2027 certified staff negotiated agreement as presented. Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 15. 2026-2027 WBESA Negotiated Agreement Motion to approve the 2026-2027 education support association negotiated agreement as presented. Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 16. 2026-2027 Non-Certified Staff Salary & Wages Motion to approve the 2026-2027 non-certified staff salary and wages as presented. Motion made by: Mr. Keith Schultes Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Voting results: Unanimously Approved 17. Board Policy Review Motion to approve the first and final readings of Policies (no changes): 901.10, 901.10A, 902.01, 902.02, 902.03, 902.04, 902.05, 902.06, 902.06R1, 902.06R2, 902.07, 902.08, 902.10, 902.11, 902.12, 902.12R1, 903.01, 904.01, 904.02, 904.02R1, 904.03, 904.03E1, 1000, 1001.01, 1001.02, 1001.03, 1001.04. Made by: Ms. Lindsay Shultz Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes Voting results: Unanimously Approved 18. Board Policy Updates Motion to approve the first reading of Policies: 104, 104R1, 104E1, 104E2, 104E3, 104E4, 104E5, 104E6, 701.01R1, 701.01E1, 701.01E2. Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes Voting results: Unanimously Approved 19. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Motion made by: Mr. Pete Swisher Motion seconded by: Mr. Keith Schultes Voting results: Unanimously Approved Chairperson Secretary WBT 17

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