Butler County Courthouse News

Death

Gerald Wangen, 90, Albert Lea, MN, died on Oct. 23

Sandra Carstensen, 82, Shell Rock, died on Oct. 24

Donald Geertsema, 79, Aplington, died on Oct. 29.

Marriages

Nathan Germundson, Greene, to Allison Corbin, Greene, on Oct. 6.

Oren Simpson, Shell Rock, to Krystal Johlas, Shell Rock, on Oct. 27.

Traffic Court

Speeding 55 or Und Zone (1 thru 5 over): Thomas Wirtz, Shell Rock; Cody Gouge, Mason City.

Speeding 55 or Und Zone (11 thru 15 over): Ida Powel King, Hephzibah GA.

Speeding 55 or Und Zone (16 thru 20 over): Stephanie Flores, Des Moines.

Driving While License Denied, Susp, Cancelled: Bryant Smith, Iowa City.

Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Way: Alba Aguillon, Parkersburg.

Failure to Maintain or use Safety Belts - Adu: Johnny Good, Dike; Leroy Kramer, Clarksville.

Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device: Trenton Dirks, Eldora; Jesse Furman, Alexander.

Fishing and Hunting – No License ovr $10 BUTU: Susan Knittel, Waverly.

Open Container – Passenger 21 Yrs Old or Older: Kyle Futrell, Shell Rock.

Unlawful Passing of School Bus – First Offense: Logan Spencer, Cedar Falls.

District Court

The court handled one probation violation.

Luke Burkett, 30, Dumont, pled guilty on Oct. 24 to Driving while Suspended. Burkett was sentenced to a $250 fine and must pay $142.91 in court costs and a $87.50 surcharge.

Ricky Cashatt, 53, Parkersburg, pled guilty on Oct. 24 to Carrying Weapons. Cashatt was sentenced to two years of suspended prison, two years of probation and a $625 suspended fine. Four other charges were dismissed.

Ashley Boyle, 26, Clarksville, pled guilty on Oct. 25 to At Large Prohibited (dog at large) in Clarksville. She was sentenced to a $65 fine and must pay $60 in court costs and a $22.75 surcharge.

Drew Johnson, 36, Clarksville, was found guilty on Oct. 25 of At Large Prohibited (dog at large) in Clarksville. He was sentenced to a $100 fine and must pay $60 in court costs and a $35 surcharge.

Civil Court

Onemain Financial Group, LLC vs. Darin Hansen. Judgment for the plaintiff on Oct. 29 in the amount of $8131.63 plus court costs.

Small Claims

Joe Wedeking Sr. vs. Connie Schnieder, Allison. Case dismissed on Oct. 30.

Crown Asset Management, LLC. vs. Dawn Nordman, Allison. Judgment for the plaintiff on Oct. 30 in the amount of $925.04 with pre-judgment interest at 4.23 percent plus court costs.

Crown Asset Management, LLC. vs. Dawn Nordman, Allison. Judgment for the plaintiff on Oct. 30 in the amount of $912.79 with pre-judgment interest at 4.23 percent plus court costs.

Capital One Bank USA, NA vs. Annette Babcock, Parkersburg. Judgment for the plaintiff on Oct. 26 in the amount of $2458.21 with pre-judgment interest at 4.44 percent plus court costs.

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Keanu George, Greene. Judgment for the plaintiff on Oct. 26 in the amount of $925.28 with pre-judgment interest at 4.44 percent plus court costs.

Property Transfer

Warranty Deed: Kathleen and William Palmersheim to Kathleen and William Palmersheim; S1/2 N1/2 S1/2 W20A SW SE 12-92-15; 2018-2504.

Warranty Deed: John and Robyn Holden to Brandy and Andrew Lyda; Shell Rock Original Town Lot: 6 Block: 29, Sely 44Ft Shell Rock Original Town Lot: 7 Block: 29; Nwly ½ Adam Street Between Sly ½ Shell Rock Original Town Block: 6, Nwly ½ Adam Street Between Sly ½ Shell Rock Original Town Block: 29; 2018-2506.

Warranty Deed: John and Dixie Martin to Gabriel Bunston; Beg SE Cor 29-93-18; 2018-2511.

Quit Claim Deed: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, HUD to Bank of America; E1/2 Clarksville Orig Twn & Ch Blks Lot: 1 Block: 4, E1/2 Clarksville Orig Twn & Ch Blks Lot: 4 Block: 29; 2018-2530.

Warranty Deed: Kathryn Dann to Eugene and Laneysa Stirling; Comm NE Cor NE 1-92-17; 2018-2532.

Warranty Deed: Paul and Linda Avis to Taylor and Morgan Heideman; Subd Deer Ridge Add Lot: 19 SE NE 28-90-15; 2018-2540.

Misc Deed: Shane Vossberg Estate, Steve Mace Adm to Jeremy Flener; Und ½ Int: Beg NE Cor Aredale I & M T S Co 1st Add Lot: 1 Block: 9 SW SW 29-93-18 2018-2543.

Warranty Deed: Shelley Vossberg and Steve Mace to Jeremy Flener; Und ½ Int: Beg NE Cor Aredale I & M T S Co 1st Add Lot: 1 Block: 9 SW SW 29-93-18 2018-2544.

Court Off Deed: Thelma Kublank Estate, Nathan Fredrick Ex to Gordon and Cassidy Abkes; Parcel D SW SW 16-91-15; 2018-2549.

Warranty Deed: Kathryn Huisman to D W Huisman; Clarksvil

New water quality funding

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recently highlighted how the long-term water quality funding passed and signed into law earlier this year is being used to scale up water quality efforts in Iowa.

"Having dedicated, long-term water quality funding in place is critically important as we continue to expand our focus on edge of field conservation practices that have been proven to significantly reduce nitrate levels. We are excited to highlight the first examples of how Iowans will benefit from this legislation that provides more than $280 million for water quality efforts over the next 11 years," Naig said.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship received an additional $2 million this fiscal year. This new funding will focus on edge of field conservation practices that benefit water quality. Work is being concentrated on implementation of wetlands, saturated buffers and bioreactors that reduce nitrogen loss to streams in priority watersheds.

The Department is dedicating additional resources and restructuring responsibilities within the Water Quality Initiative program to support the growing demand from farmers and increased funding availability for these practices. New roles are being added within the Department to support one-on-one outreach efforts to prospective landowners on a number of conservation practices, with an emphasis on infrastructure-based practices that address nitrogen loss.

"We are putting additional 'boots on the ground' to provide technical capability and help effectively deliver these key nutrient reduction practices at an increased pace and scale. We are moving from demonstration to broader implementation of these practices as water quality funding ramps up over the next few years," Naig said.

Edge of Field Coordinator

Shane Wulf has been hired for a new role as an edge-of-field coordinator and will focus on scaling up implementation of these practices within priority watersheds. In this role, Shane will provide technical assistance to local Soil and Water Conservation District offices, farmers and landowners to increase the capacity to deliver nutrient reduction practices.

Shane previously worked as a water quality project coordinator in Miller Creek Water Quality Initiative Demonstration Project in Black Hawk County where he gained firsthand experience implementing edge-of-field conservation practices.

Watershed Implementation Coordinators

In addition, three new watershed implementation coordinators will focus on scaling up nutrient reduction conservation practice delivery in the North Raccoon, Middle Cedar and South Skunk priority watersheds. They will continue to support successful water quality initiative demonstration projects and serve as regional technical resources to expand water quality efforts within larger, targeted priority watersheds.

Lee Gravel is the new North Raccoon watershed implementation coordinator and will work locally to increase the adoption of proven conservation practices within the watershed. He previously was a water quality project coordinator with the Buena Vista Soil and Water Conservation District.

Clark Porter will focus on the Middle Cedar watershed, including building on the success of the Miller Creek project.

Doug Gass has been hired as the watershed implementation coordinator for the South Skunk watershed, including a focus on the Squaw Creek watershed northwest of Ames. He has been hired by Iowa State University in partnership with the Department.

Water Quality Funding

Earlier this year the Iowa Legislature passed and Gov. Reynolds signed legislation providing a growing source of funding to support water quality efforts in Iowa over the next 11 years. The legislation will provide $3.9 million this fiscal year and increase to more than $27 million annually in 2021.

The Department will receive approximately $2 million of the funding this year, $4 million next year and then more than $15 million annually from FY2021 to FY2029. The remaining funds will go to the Iowa Finance Authority to support communities upgrading wastewater treatment facilities to better protect water quality.

"We have made great progress and are building a culture of conservation across the state. With this long-term dedicated water quality funding, we will build on that success and accelerate the adoption of water quality practices that benefit all Iowans," Naig said.

This new funding will complement the efforts of the more than 250 organizations that are providing $42.2 million to support water quality efforts across the state. Examples include:

$18.2 million from six USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program grants.

$1 million grant from EPA focused in the Des Moines River Basin and will be used to support the construction and demonstration of edge of field practices.

$110,000 from Ducks Unlimited for several water quality wetlands..

$50,000 from the Iowa Pork Producers Association to help offset the costs for pig farmers to install saturated buffers or bioreactors on their farm land.

$2 million from the USDA's Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative (MRBI) that will support eight of the Water Quality Initiative watershed projects.

Background on Iowa Water Quality Initiative

The Iowa Water Quality Initiative was established in 2013 to help implement the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, which is a science and technology-based approach to achieving a 45 percent reduction in nitrogen and phosphorus losses to our waters. The strategy brings together both point sources, such as municipal wastewater treatment plants and industrial facilities, and nonpoint sources, including farm fields and urban stormwater runoff to address these issues.

The Initiative seeks to harness the collective ability of both private and public resources and organizations to deliver a clear and consistent message to stakeholders to reduce nutrient loss and improve water quality.

The initiative is seeing some exciting results. This fall, 2,800 farmers invested an estimated $9 million in funding to match $5 million in state cost share funds to adopt cover crops, no-till or strip till, or use a nitrification inhibitor when applying fall fertilizer. Participants include more than 1,000 farmers using a practice for the first time and nearly 1,800 past users who are trying cover crops again and are receiving a reduced rate of cost share.

A total of 64 demonstration projects are currently located across the state to help implement and demonstrate water quality practices. This includes 14 targeted watershed projects, seven projects focused on expanding the use and innovative delivery of water quality practices and 43 urban water quality demonstration projects.

More than $420 million in funding has been documented for efforts in support of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy last year. This represents a $32 million increase of funding in support of Iowa water quality programs and conservation efforts over the previous year.

More information about the initiative can be found at www.CleanWaterIowa.org.

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"I have a real passion for Parkersburg… I'm privileged and honored to get the role and to serve in that role," he said. "I'm in a learning mode right now. I'm not one of these guys who's just going to walk through the door with all kinds of ideas to change the world."

City Engineer Lee Gallentine was on hand to discuss a change to the contract with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates for the Railroad Street water main project to add liquidated damages, and a pay estimate for the sewer lining was approved.

Police Chief Dave Jara reported that the North Johnson Street traffic study is now complete, and the information has been passed on to an engineering company. Maggie Burger of Speer Financial was also on hand to discuss the city's valuation and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) base. Before the 2008 tornado, Parkersburg had approximately $84 worth of valuation within its limits, and the number today is around $127 million.

"You're kind of a success story to come from tragedy," Burger said.

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Greg Barnett with members Rusty Eddy and Tom Heidenwirth present. Also present were Engineer John Riherd, Sheriff Jason Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter, Stacie Brass, The Accel Group and Mark Feckers and John Smith, New Hartford, Iowa.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Board met with Stacie Brass, The Accel Group to recap the Insurance Committee's discussion on renewal for 2019. The renewal rate is an increase of 11% over 2018 rates. All full-time employees are eligible for County health insurance. Also present were Recorder Janice Jacobs and Treasurer Vicki Schoneman. No action was taken.

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve the following:

RESOLUTION #910

RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS

Whereas, precinct election officials have substantial responsibilities for the conduct and integrity of elections in Butler County; and,

Whereas, the County Auditor has recommended that recognizing the public service of the precinct election officials is in the public interest; now,

Therefore, we find that recognition of public service on behalf of the precinct election officials in the form of expenditures for food, beverages, and tokens of service such as election pins, coffee mugs, and items of a similar nature are a public purpose.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tom Heidenwirth
Rusty Eddy
Greg Barnett

NAYS: None

ADOPTED this 23rd day of October, 2018

ATTEST: *Lizbeth Williams*, County Auditor

Board met with Mark Feckers and John Smith, New Hartford, Iowa regarding standing water on their property northwest of New Hartford. Engineer Riherd presented an elevation map to verify that the creek bed is higher than their land and there is no fall for the water to drain. County has no options to alleviate the problem.

No public comment received.

Board approved claims as submitted.

Moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 A.M. to Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on October 23, 2018.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Butler County

Iowa Department of Management
Form F638 - R (Published Summary)
FY 2017/2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Butler County ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget
For the fiscal year ended: June 30, 2018

County No: 12
8/24/2018

Budget Accounting Basis: CASH		General (A)	Special Revenue (B)	Capital Projects (C)	Debt Service (D)	Permanent (E)	Actual Totals (F)	Budgeted Totals (G)	
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES									
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,524,203	2,316,238		233,974		6,074,415	6,534,084	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2						0	0	2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3						0	421,800	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	3,524,203	2,316,238		233,974		6,074,415	6,112,284	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	153	119		10		282	1,010	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	31,827					31,827	41,000	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	301,169	1,194,039		18,966		1,514,174	1,533,847	7
Intergovernmental	8	1,298,284	4,896,008		21,287		6,215,579	6,749,878	8
Licenses & Permits	9	22,571	22,979				45,550	36,400	9
Charges for Service	10	492,907	14,070				506,977	473,355	10
Use of Money & Property	11	331,361	13,593	13,094	1,108		359,156	295,562	11
Miscellaneous	12	240,394	155,854				396,248	149,160	12
Subtotal Revenues	13	6,242,869	8,612,900	13,094	275,345	0	15,144,208	15,392,496	13
Other Financing Sources:									
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14			3,100,134			3,100,134	750,000	14
Operating Transfers In	15	217,843	2,063,400		446,057		2,727,300	2,457,115	15
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16		2,665				2,665	0	16
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	6,460,712	10,678,965	3,113,228	721,402	0	20,974,307	18,599,611	17
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES									
Operating:									
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	1,773,658	457,832				2,231,490	2,415,781	18
Physical Health Social Services	19	1,283,844					1,283,844	1,477,377	19
Mental Health, ID & DD	20		640,388				640,388	640,402	20
County Environment and Education	21	446,007	349,811				795,818	975,747	21
Roads & Transportation	22		5,885,104				5,885,104	5,900,000	22
Government Services to Residents	23	524,290	9,208				533,498	604,293	23
Administration	24	1,821,347					1,821,347	2,045,347	24
Nonprogram Current	25	772					772	2,500	25
Debt Service	26				705,109		705,109	707,955	26
Capital Projects	27	394,298	1,073,812	736,588			2,204,698	3,304,783	27
Subtotal Expenditures	28	6,244,216	8,416,155	736,588	705,109	0	16,102,068	18,074,185	28
Other Financing Uses:									
Operating Transfers Out	29	392,178	2,232,222	102,900			2,727,300	2,457,115	29
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30						0	0	30
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	6,636,394	10,648,377	839,488	705,109	0	18,829,368	20,531,300	31
Changes in fund balances	32	-175,682	30,588	2,273,740	16,293	0	2,144,939	-1,931,689	32
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2017	33	3,723,072	3,534,491	311	22,647		7,280,521	5,762,595	33
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budget)	34						0	0	34
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35						0	0	35
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	1,078,286	3,565,078	2,274,051	38,940		6,956,355	0	36
Fund Balance - Committed	37						0	0	37
Fund Balance - Assigned	38						0	0	38
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,469,104	1	0	0	0	2,469,105	3,830,906	39
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2018	40	3,547,390	3,565,079	2,274,051	38,940	0	9,425,460	3,830,906	40

Additional details are available at:
Notes to the financial statement, if any:
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