

**Proof/Will**

Probate No. ESPR012403  
**NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**

The Iowa District Court  
in the HOWARD County  
In the Matter of the Estate of

JOAN L. HOPPE,  
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested  
in the Estate of  
JOAN L. HOPPE,  
Deceased,  
who died on or about  
February 8, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on March 1, 2024, the last will and testament of Joan L. Hoppe, deceased, bearing date of May 10, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated on March 4, 2024.

/s/Gina Moen  
Gina Moen, Proponent

Attorney for estate:  
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126 N. Elm St.  
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Date of second publication  
March 20, 2024

\*Designate Codicil(s) if any, with date(s).  
Probate Code Section 305

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**Trust Notice**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:**

DOROTHY P. VRBA REVOCABLE TRUST

To all persons regarding Dorothy P. Vrba, deceased, who died on or about February 15th, 2024. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of the Dorothy P. Vrba Revocable Trust dated on September 14th, 2018. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Howard County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on March 4th, 2024.

Terri L. Vrba  
1148 Hewitt Blvd  
Red Wing, MN 55066

Joseph P. Braun #AT0001120, Attorney for Trustee  
ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP  
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**Trust Notice**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:**

THE LEONARD SHATEK REVOCABLE TRUST

To all persons regarding Leonard Shatek, deceased, who died on or about February 20, 2024. You are hereby notified that the trustees listed below are the trustees of the THE LEONARD SHATEK REVOCABLE TRUST dated on July 29th, 2019. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Howard County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on March 11th, 2024.

Kenneth Shatek  
20298 Saint Avenue  
Cresco, IA 50628

Dean Shatek  
15248 180th Street  
Elma, IA 50628

Joseph P. Braun #AT0001120  
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**Howard County  
Board of Supervisors**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa, has set the 1st day of April, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse in Cresco, Iowa, as the time and place for a hearing to consider adoption of an Electric Line Easement between Howard County, Iowa and Interstate Power and Light Company, an Iowa Corporation.

At said time and place, arguments for and against the proposed Electric Line Easement will be heard and considered. A copy of the proposed Electric Line Easement is available for inspection at the office of the Howard County Auditor.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa this the 11th day of March, 2024.

Joe Pisney  
Howard County Board of Supervisors

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**Notice**

Property owners across Iowa will soon receive a new statement in the mail regarding potential property taxes and public hearing dates for cities, schools and the county. (Iowa Code 24.2A)

The purpose of this statement is to make taxpayers aware of the time and place of public hearings where they may voice concerns over the proposed levy rates before the budgets are approved. The city, school and county levies may be lowered after the hearings, but not increased.

The information is for taxes payable in September 2024 and March 2025. The statement is not a property tax bill, as it only includes proposed property taxes for cities, schools and the county and does not include levies for the community college, assessor's office, hospitals, townships and agricultural extension services. Taxpayers owning property in more than one tax district may receive multiple statements.

Included in the statement is the impact of the proposed city, school and county property tax rates on both a \$100,000 residential property and a \$100,000 commercial property. The actual impact of the tax rates on your property could be quite different than the examples in the statement, which do not factor any possible change in the assessed value or the assessment limitation (rollback).

Questions regarding the statements may be directed to the levying entity or county auditor (contact information is listed on the statement)

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**Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Protivin, Iowa, will hold a Public Hearing on the 2nd of April, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Protivin City Hall.

At this meeting, the Council proposes to approve the Voluntary Annexation for adjoining property along the north corporate boundary to be annexed into the City of Protivin, Iowa.

The Property to be annexed totals approximately 1.64 Acres, including 0.40 Acres of County Road V58 Right-of-Way, located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 13, Township 97 North, Range 11 West of the 5th P.M., Howard County, Iowa.

This hearing will be conducted during a Protivin City Council Meeting starting at 7:20 pm.

Any resident of Protivin wishing to be heard concerning the reasons for or objections to the Annexation must appear at said hearing and voice their opinions.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROTIVIN, IOWA.

Joane Kulish  
City Clerk

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**Notice**

City of Protivin Public Notice

The City of Protivin is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of a city shop. The project plans and bid requirements may be picked up at Panos Farm Supply in Protivin during regular business hours. For more information call Ken Panos at 563-569-8201. Sealed bids can be dropped off at the city drop box located on the north side of the Protivin Post Office or mailed to City of Protivin, PO Box 68, Protivin IA 52163. All bids must be received by April 19, 2024 and will be opened at the April 22, 2024 to be held at 5:30 at the Protivin City Hall located at 221 South Main Street.

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**Board of Sup. Howard County**

March 11, 2024  
**THE ELEVENTH DAY**

The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa met in regular session as required by law at the Office of the Howard County Board of Supervisors, Cresco, Iowa on March 11, 2024.

Unless noted in the minutes, all motions were passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Pisney at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were: Chairman in the Chair Joe Pisney, Dean Eastman, and Pat Murray. Absent; None.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Howard County Conservation Director Jeff Korsmo came before the board to discuss an Electric Line Easement at Lake Hendricks between Howard County and Interstate Power & Light Company.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve to set a public hearing for a Proposed Electric Line Easement on April 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report ending February 29, 2024. Motion passed.

Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss Secondary Roads Business.

1. Approve pavement marking quote.
2. Rescind February 26 motion to approve steel piling and beam bid from Pipe & Piling Supplies.

3. Approve steel piling & beam bid from Nucor Skyline Steel.
4. Other Road Issues.
5. Approve final payment for AF-42 Bridge.

A motion by Dean Eastman and seconded by Pat Murray to approve a quote for pavement markings from Camline Highway Marking in the amount of 6.79 cents per foot. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to rescind the February 26, 2024, motion to approve a steel piling and beam bid quote from Pipe & Piling Supplies in the amount of \$109,434.88. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the steel piling and beam bid from Nucor Skyline Steel in the amount of \$109,715.77. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Dean Eastman to approve the final payment for Bridge AF-42 to Taylor Construction in the amount of \$30,027.18 for a final project cost of \$1,745,065.88. Motion passed.

The board discussed drainage districts.

Chairman, Joe Pisney adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman, Auditor  
Howard County

Joe Pisney, Chairman  
Howard County Board of Supervisor

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**City of Lime Springs Special Election**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY ELECTION

All the qualified Electors of Lime Springs, Iowa, Howard County are hereby notified that a Special City Election will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m.

Polling place: Limes Springs, Lime Springs Community Center, Lime Springs, IA.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered, such as voters registering to vote on election day - and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by April 8, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone (563) 547-9203.

Any voter who is physically unable to

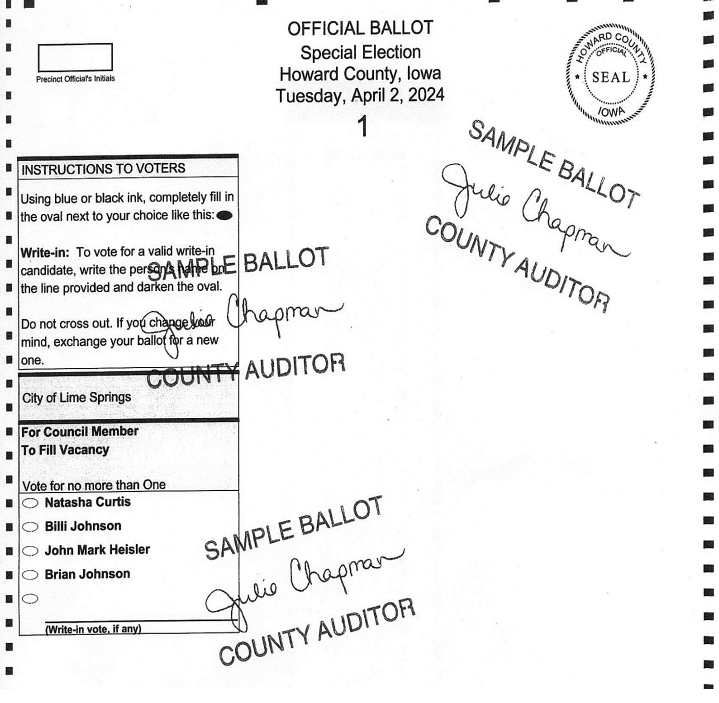
enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the Auditor's Office at 563-547-9203 or [jchapman@howardcounty.iowa.gov](mailto:jchapman@howardcounty.iowa.gov), for TTY access, dial 711 + 563-547-9203.

The public test of Howard County's voting equipment to be used in the April 2, 2024 Special Election will commence at 9 a.m. on March 27, 2024 in the Howard County Courthouse and will continue until completed. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Howard County Auditor's office at the number or email address listed above.

I, Julie Chapman, hereby certify that the sample ballot below is the first rotation of ballots on which the voters will cast their votes at the Special Lime Springs City Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

The following offices will appear on the ballot:

Lime Springs City Candidates  
For Council Member (To Fill Vacancy)  
Vote For No More Than One  
Nataasha Curtis  
Billi Johnson  
John Mark  
Brian Johnson



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**Check out old issues of Howard County newspapers.**  
<http://cresco.lib.ia.us>

COUNTY NAME: HOWARD COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	COUNTY NUMBER: 45
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The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows:  
Meeting Date: 4/1/2024 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: 137 N Elm St Board Room Cresco, IA 52136  
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available)  
www.howardcounty.iowa.gov

County Telephone Number  
(563) 547-9203

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2024/2025
Taxable Valuations-General Services	719,333,750	755,454,137	755,454,137
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	5,058,061	5,058,061	5,223,249
Tax Rate-Countywide	6.99767	6.69539	6.87728
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	532,656,603	560,945,429	560,945,429
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	2,103,994	2,103,994	2,172,289
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	3.95000	3.75080	3.87255
Rural Total	10.94767	10.44619	10.74983
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2024/2025	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	382	319	-16.49
Rural Taxpayer	598	498	-16.72
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2024/2025	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	382	319	-16.49
Rural Taxpayer	598	498	-16.72

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:  
The continuation of essential services for the constituents of Howard County.

CITY NAME:      NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF PROTIVIN - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY      CITY #: 45-424

PROTIVIN      Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/2/2024   Meeting Time: 07:00 PM   Meeting Location: Protivin City Hall Meeting Room located at 221 South Main Street, Protivin IA

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number  
(563) 569-8401

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax   2023 - 2024	Budget Year   Effective Property Tax   2024 - 2025	Budget Year   Proposed Property Tax   2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	10,307,805	11,722,120	11,722,120
Consolidated General Fund	86,276	86,276	95,258
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	17,189	17,189	23,535
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	1,426	1,426	1,417
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	1,440	1,440	4,555
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	10,307,805	11,722,120	11,722,120
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	106,331	106,331	124,765
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	10.31562	9.07097	10.64355
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	100,900	106,111	106,111
Ag Land	304	304	319
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.86492	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an   Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year   Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year   Proposed 2024/2025	Percent   Change
City Regular Resident	564	493	-12.59
Commercial property with an   Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year   Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year   Proposed 2024/2025	Percent   Change
City Regular Commercial	564	493	-12.59

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

**Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:**  
The city has a lot of aging infrastructure in need of repairs and/ or replacement and the city property and liability insurance has more than doubled in recent years.

CITY NAME: LIME SPRINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF LIME SPRINGS - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

CITY #: 45-423

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:  
Meeting Date: 4/2/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: City of Lime Springs Fire Station  
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number  
(563) 566-4405

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	17,392,003	19,557,214	19,557,214
Consolidated General Fund	144,941	144,941	158,240
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	23,722	23,722	26,735
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	2,570	2,570	2,575
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	11,861	11,861	23,764
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	17,392,003	19,557,214	19,557,214
Debt Service	20,222	20,222	29,705
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	203,316	203,316	241,019
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	11.69025	10.39595	12.32378
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	238,777	285,315	285,315
Ag Land	0	0	0
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Resident	639	571	-10.64
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	639	571	-10.64

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:  
insurance costs increased and Debt Service increased with update of Water & Wastewater with along with Street Projects.