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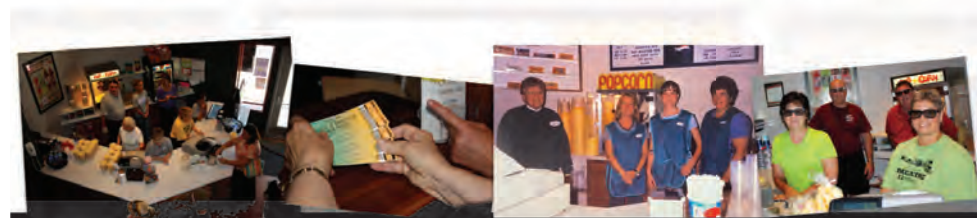
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& Sunday, September 28th @ 4:00PM

Online Only Bidding

Location: 7096 S 5th St., Manchester, IA 52057

Classic Cars/Trucks: '47 Dodge Truck, 6 cyl flat heat, 4 speed, complete restoration; '67 Dodge Coronet, 440 custom engine, torch flight trans, auto, complete restoration 8-9 years ago; '66 Chevy Nova SS, 406 engine, rotisserie rust restoration, '9" Ford rear end; '57 GMC project truck, Napco Conversion 4 WD, engine freshly rebuilt; '34 Dodge Truck "Rat Rod Project" 440 Chrysler engine non running, torch flight trans. Dashboard shifter; '48 IH KB-5 project truck, been sitting outside

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Signs: 6ft Texaco Porcelain w/post, DBL sided; Wolfs head dbl sided; Diamond motor oil dbl sided porcelain; Railway Express; L&M cigarette metal; DX porcelain; Metal Indian; Goodrich Tires Free Air porcelain, dbl sided; RR signs & lights; Several vintage gas & oil cans all shapes & sizes, including Skelly, Tagolene, Sinclair; There are hundreds of misc. signs & advertising pieces.; Several hundred pocket watches & knives

Auctioneer Notes: Karl loved auctions & Loved buying tools. Please note, this is a very partial listing. There is too much to list, that is why we made it a 2-day sale. Authenticity of items must be determined by the buyer. Please join us Saturday for the live auction. You will be able to view the real estate & the Sunday online items. Also, please take advantage of the viewing dates listed. Saturday, September 20th 9:00AM-11:00AM & Friday, September 26th 10:00AM-2:00PM. **Sale Order:** Saturday, September 27th - Auction Starts @ 9AM with in person bidding. Online bidding available approx. 11:00AM with Equipment Facts.

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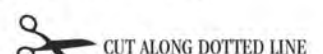
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By **AMY STOURAC**
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VINTON — If any uninvited guests attempt to take up residence in your home this fall, there's a new guy in town who might be able to help with what's bugging you—Colton Hale, the owner/operator of Colton's Pest Control, located in Vinton, Iowa.

Colton lived in the Cedar Rapids area until the third grade, and then moved to Atlanta, GA, and then to Tennessee. His family eventually relocated back to Cedar Rapids where Colton graduated from Kennedy High School in 2012.

For nearly a decade, Colton worked in the pest control business for another company before deciding to start a company of his own, just this year. He's hoping his years of experience will benefit his customers, and also hopes to give consumers an "economical, non-chain option" for their pest control needs.

Colton moved into the area when he bought a house in Vinton in April 2025, and said he chose to settle in the Vinton community for many reasons, among them, the "small town community vibe" with a potential market for a pest control business. Colton also shared that as a Christian, he "prayed on it," and said he felt "guided here." He also said that he has "really appreciated the way the community has had their arms open, so far."

Colton said his "whole goal is to not be a corporate entity," and that

he hopes to offer Benton County residents a "personal touch." He said he received feedback from Vinton residents and from the surrounding areas that the pest control options were mostly "corporate," with "general pricing."

"My goal is to be cheaper than the corporations, and to do a more thorough job. I'm living in a town of about 5000 people. I don't need to be rich from doing it. I mean, my whole goal is to not be some profiteer off of my community. My goal is to help the community any way I can," Colton said.

And, as Colton explained, Pest Control is a community problem, and a pest invasion can happen to anyone, anywhere, with all varieties of cleaning habits. And proactive prevention can also help keep pests out of neighborhoods.

"I think a lot of people don't realize that it's a community thing... you're only as good as your neighbor. So, like, if you got 10 people that are lined up on a block on the corner of a street that get pest control, you're going to have a much better chance of knocking down your pests in that area because you've got that block of protection," Colton said.

According to Colton, the most common infestation in the area is bed bugs and that the problem has increased in recent years, for a variety of reasons, including the influx of contractors from other areas after the 2020 derecho, as well as population shifts.

"Chicago is among the top five cities for bed bugs in the county, and we've had a huge shift of population from the suburbs of Chicago towards the Iowa area, and it's raised Cedar Rapids, from being not on the map to being considered one of the top places. And I'm sure the derecho didn't help that with all the contractors we had coming in from all over the place. We just had a lot of things that hit at the exact same time that changed how the ecosystem of that all worked," Colton said.

Typically, home owners need help ridding their homes of bed bugs, as they can be quite resilient.

"They can withstand pretty radical heat and extreme cold," Colton said. "People will say, 'oh, it's winter time. I'm just gonna throw all my stuff in a storage unit. They'll freeze and die.' And no, they won't. They definitely do not."

Colton said that it is possible for people to get rid of bed bugs on their own, but that "you can do a lot more harm than good in the aspect of trying to do it yourself."

Colton approaches a bed bug problem with a "layered approach" that includes a "multi leveled system" that requires some preparation from the homeowner.

"A huge part of getting rid of bed bugs is just prep. A lot of it is just making sure you washed all your clothes, because they're hitchhikers, making sure that, essentially, when you do have that treatment that everything is clean, not neces-



PHOTO BY AMY STOURAC

Colton Hale of Colton's Pest Control

sarily has to be like perfect tidy, like you had a cleaning person come in, but to the point where everything's accessible. So we can do a full and complete treatment on it," Colton said.

Colton said he is hoping to keep his fees for treating homes around \$100 and is offering a first time customer discount.

"For residential stuff, that would include an exterior lawn treatment—basically a spray of your yard, essentially a wrap around the house, up and down the siding and the baseboards. If people choose to, I'm happy to do an interior spray, as well."

How to Spot a Mold Infestation in Your Home

By **METRO NEWS**

Homeowners know the work related to their homes is never done. Tasks ranging from routine maintenance to minor tweaks to large projects are part of homeownership.

Some of the work related to a home focuses on functionality, while other tasks might be all about aesthetic appeal. Potential health concerns related to a home also merit homeowners' attention. Mold is one such issue. Though it's impossible to pinpoint how much mold poses a health problem to a home's inhabitants, it's fair to suggest homeowners feel that no mold is ideal. According to the New York State Department of Health, exposure to indoor mold can cause nasal and sinus congestion; eye irritation marked by itchy, red

and watery eyes; wheezing and difficulty breathing; cough and other types of throat irritation; skin irritation, including rash; and headache.

The potentially harmful consequences of a mold infestation inside a home underscore how important it can be for homeowners to learn to identify when they have a mold issue at home.

- Learn what mold looks like. Mold patches increase in size the longer an infestation goes unchecked, so it might be easier to stop an issue after it's been around awhile. The NYSDOH notes that mold typically appears as fuzzy patches that may be discolored or even slimy.

- Recognize that mold also can be malodorous. Mold produces a distinct musty smell that is often the first symptom people recognize when they have

n infestation at home. If a musty smell is present in a room, try to follow it to its source. That may involve some trial and error, as mold can grow behind and even underneath surfaces, including carpets, wallpaper and cabinets. Mold also can grow behind walls, a situation that may necessitate working with a remediation professional.

- Know where to look. Though mold can grow anywhere in a home, certain areas in a home are more vulnerable to an infestation than others. Rooms affected by moisture are susceptible to mold growth. In bathrooms, mold may grow around sinks, shower stalls and curtains, and tiles. In kitchens, mold can grow on tiles and even on the seal around a refrigerator door. Mold also can grow on and around window air

conditioner units.

The NYSDOH notes that certain people may be more vulnerable to mold-related health problems than others. Such individuals include people with existing respiratory conditions and those with compromised immune systems. Homeowners can prioritize safeguarding their homes from mold infestations and, when necessary, work with remediation professionals to eliminate existing issues and reduce infestation risks going forward.

Protecting a home against a mold infestation is a simple yet important task homeowners can look to in an effort to keep their homes safe and healthy. METRO: TF259160

FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT

How to Make Bathrooms Safer for Seniors

Maintaining a sense of independence throughout retirement can inspire seniors to live their golden years to the fullest. For many seniors, nothing is more emblematic of their ability to stay independent than remaining in their homes. A number of variables can affect how long seniors stay in their homes, including the layout of the property and any potential safety threats that may arise as men and women age. Some small, safety-centric tweaks to a property can help men and women remain in their homes for as long as possible.

- Increase lighting in bathrooms throughout the home. Lighting is easily overlooked as a safety measure, but a well-lit space is easier to navigate. Increasing lighting in the bathroom and upgrading existing features to LED lighting can make it easier for seniors to navigate bathrooms at night. That's a notable benefit, as seniors may need to make routine bathroom trips overnight.

- Install grab bars. Grab bars are often found in public restrooms, but they're equally useful in the bathrooms or private homes, particularly in seniors' residences. Grab bars can be installed

on both sides of all toilets and in the bathtub/shower stall so seniors can get up and down easily and reinforce their stability on wet surfaces.

- Invest in bathroom storage systems. A cluttered bathroom is a potential safety hazard. Items in cluttered bathrooms can easily end up on the floor, and that goes for bathing items like shampoo and soap as well. A bathroom storage system for a vanity and an organizer for bathing items inside a shower or tub can decrease the chance that items end up on the floor, where they can pose an injury risk for seniors who might struggle to bend over to pick them up or slip on fallen items when bathing.

- Renovate your existing shower. Seniors whose current bathrooms house a traditional shower setup that requires them to step over a tub can renovate the space and replace that feature with a walk-in shower. A walk-in shower does not require seniors step over a bathtub, greatly reducing the risk of falls while bathing. Some additional shower renovations include installing a bench so seniors can sit down while bathing, ideally while using a handheld shower head.

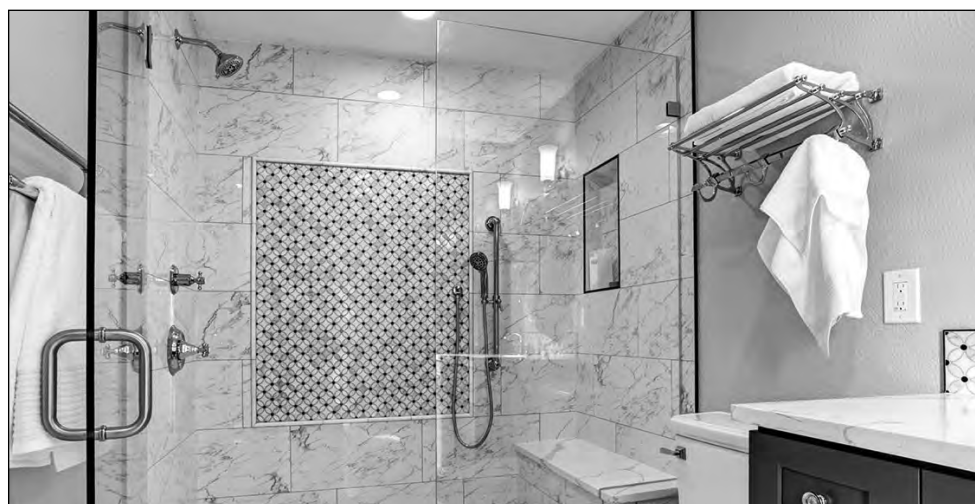


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A walk-in shower with a bench and a handheld shower head can make bathing safer for seniors than a more traditional bathtub and shower setup.

- Purchase non-slip materials for the bathroom. Non-slip floor mats in a bathroom are essential for anyone, and especially beneficial for seniors. A non-slip vanity storage bin and toothbrush holder also can ensure daily accessories remain accessible.

- Elevate toilet heights. Elevating toilet heights in bathrooms throughout the home can make it easier for seniors

to sit down and get up when going to the bathroom. Toilets compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are roughly 18 inches taller than standard toilets, which can make a big difference for seniors.

These are just a handful of ways seniors can make their bathrooms safer as they aspire to stay in their homes longer. METRO:FH259136

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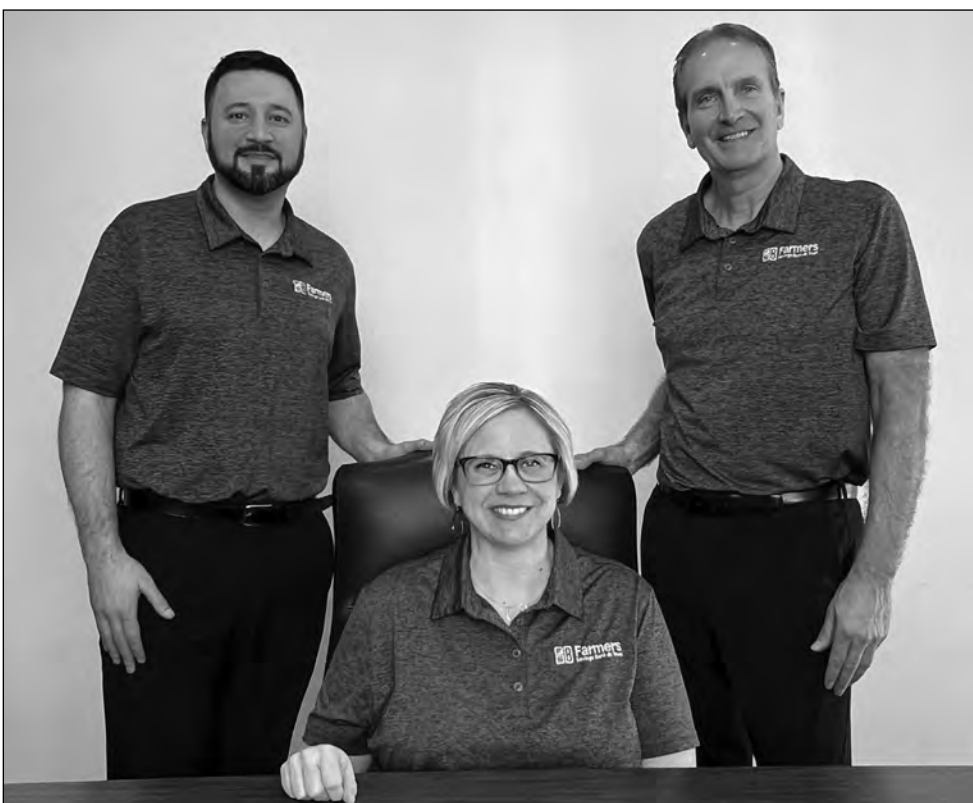


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Fall Home Improvement Tips from the Experts: Benton County Title Company

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Tips from the Experts

Prepare early! Seal up windows and doors to keep the heat in and pests out. Clean your gutters before snow and ice start to build up. And don't forget to disconnect and store your garden hoses — it's a small task that can prevent big problems later. Home maintenance is never-ending, but fall is a great time to get ahead of it.



VGFA members, two EMS workers, and Benton County Title staff at the EMS mural installation in July, 2025.

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Tips from the Experts

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Remedies for Creaky Floors

By METRO NEWS

Hardwood floors are coveted features in many homes. The National Wood Flooring Association says wood floors are the most environmentally friendly flooring options available. In the United States, the hardwood forests that provide flooring products are growing twice as fast as they are being harvested. Furthermore, wood floors can last for many generations and require fewer raw materials to produce than other flooring options. That means less waste may end up in landfills.

Hardwood floors can endure for decades in a home, but over time those same floors may need some tender loving care to keep them looking good and working as they should. Squeaky floors are a common nuisance that homeowners may experience. Squeaking is often caused by movement and friction between floorboards. Treating the problem involves identifying the underlying issue.

Loose hardware

Squeaky floors may be due to the loosening of the hardware holding the floor in place, says The Home Depot. When nails or screws no longer are secured tightly, the boards can rub together. The noise heard is the sound produced by rubbing. Tightening or replacing the hardware can help reduce the squeaking.

Counter-snap kit method

This Old House says this kit method is a great way to fix squeaks without damaging the floor. Once the source of

the squeak is located, drill a 3/32-inch pilot hole through the hardwood flooring. Then insert a screw through the kit's depth-control fixture and into the pilot hole, and drive it until it automatically snaps off below the wood surface. Follow this up by filling the hole with wood putty that matches the floor color. Once the putty is dry, lightly sand the area to blend.

Use a shim or shims

Sometimes the floor may squeak because of a gap between the joists and the subfloor. Filling the gap with a small piece of wood called a shim can help alleviate the gap or gaps.

Drive up screws

If a squeak is just in one spot, The Home Depot says that you may be able to drive short screws from below into the subfloor.

Small gaps

For small gaps between boards, sprinkle talcum powder or powdered graphite between squeaky boards to reduce friction. Wood filler applied with a putty knife also may work. For larger gaps, use a liquid filler designed for wood floors.

Homeowners also can visit their local home improvement center for other hardware solutions designed for under-floor repairs to remedy squeaks. Many work from underneath the floor and involve mounting plates or brackets to sure up the floor.

Squeaky floors can be problematic, but noises can be banished with some repair work. METRO: FH259127



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The Basics of Window Replacement Projects

By METRO NEWS

Windows in a home are easily taken for granted. Even though residents look through their windows every day, it's only when issues arise that people tend to give the windows much thought.

Even if windows may not be foremost on the minds of homeowners, they are a notable component of every home. New windows also can be an expensive addition to a home, so it benefits all homeowners to gain an understanding of window replacement projects before they start shopping around for new windows.

- Windows are more complex than new homeowners may realize. Homeowners will need to choose between three commonly available window materials when picking new windows for their homes. Vinyl windows typically are the most affordable option, and opinions vary considerably regarding these products. Some tout their resistance to moisture, but others feel they lack the aesthetic appeal of costlier alternatives like fiberglass. Vinyl windows also can't be painted, which some homeowners may find problematic. Fiberglass windows can be painted and are known for their strength and durability. Aluminum windows are strong and durable as well, but they may not provide as much thermal protection as some other options. Each window type has its own unique pros and cons, and homeowners are urged to do their homework to determine the best fit for them.
- Consider variables unique to your home. Climate is an important consideration when choosing windows, and that of course is unique to each homeowner. How hot or cold the local climate can be will affect how well windows insulate a home, so a window that's best for one particular region may not be ideal for another. Homeowners are urged to investigate which window materials are best suited to their local climates. All windows protect against the elements, but some might provide more adequate insulation, which can help keep utility bills low and everyone inside a home more comfortable.
- Homeowners may need to decide between replacement windows or new construction windows. The window experts at Pella note that new construction



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New windows can be an expensive addition to a home, so it benefits all homeowners to gain an understanding of window replacement projects.

windows are the primary option for newly constructed homes or room additions. Replacement windows are typically installed when homeowners need new windows but do not want or need to remove existing exterior cladding or trim. Replacement windows tend to be considerably less expensive than new construction windows, but the latter option merits consideration before making a final decision.

- It can be budget-friendly to replace more than one window at a time. Some, though not all, window installation companies charge a non-negotiable project fee, so it can be more financially savvy to replace more than

one window at a time. Replacing windows piecemeal may require homeowners to pay the project fee for each installation, whereas homeowners who replace multiple windows at the same time will only incur that fee once. If homeowners know many windows in their home are in need of replacement, it can be financially advantageous to replace all that need it at once rather than breaking the project up and paying multiple project fees.

Window replacement projects require careful consideration so homeowners identify the best products for their home. METRO:FH259138

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Tips from the Experts
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Tips to Maximize Closet Space

By METRO NEWS

Who couldn't use a little more closet space at home? As individuals accumulate more belongings, they need places to store all of these items. While modern homes may be built with extra storage in mind, older homes often place a premium on closet space. Homes built earlier than the 1980s may have small closets in bedrooms and only one or two additional closets around the home for linens and other items.

The most obvious solution to a lack of closet space is to build more closets. But too often home floor plans cannot accommodate new closets. Therefore, homeowners may have to get creative to maximize their space.

Sort and discard

Individuals can take some time to empty closets and assess what is in them. Sometimes more space can come from simply thinning out belongings that are no longer used. Take off the plastic coverings on dry cleaning and discard bulky shoe boxes.

Invest in thinner hangers

Clothes hangers come in all types, but the thinnest and most durable ones tend to be the no-slip velvet variety. Such hangers keep garments from slipping off and feature an ultra-thin design, says Real Simple magazine.

Use storage containers

Grouping items together and condensing them can free up space. Tuck belts, handbags and other items into storage bins that can be labeled and stacked. Loose items can look more cluttered and even take up more space when spread out.

Pair shelves with rods

For those with enough space, hanging a few shelves in unused areas in the closet can provide more storage space. If there is sufficient space above the rod, install a shelf and place seldom-used items up high.



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Homeowners may have to get creative to maximize their space.

Get a closet system

A customized closet system will certainly provide the best chances to maximize closet space. These companies will measure the closet and assess the contents to draw up a design that will give homeowners what they need. Closet systems also can adjust and grow with lifestyle changes.

Choose other storage solutions

In addition to closets, people can identify other

spaces to store items. This can include bins under beds, storage benches or ottomans, the back sides of doors, or in furniture with built-in drawers. Individuals also can purchase free-standing closets or armoires that can fill in when rooms do not have enough closet space or no closet at all.

Maximizing closet space comes down to some creativity, de-cluttering and utilizing additional furniture to meet needs. METRO:FH259134

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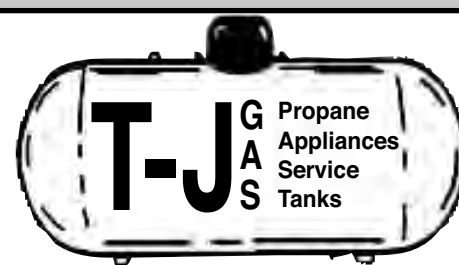
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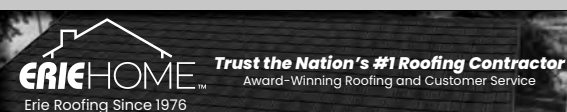
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July 15, 2025

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippettt and Volz present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Benton County Service Center. Members of the public are invited to join in during open session or watch the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>. Full Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyiowa.gov

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To approve both sets of minutes from July 8, 2025. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To approve engagement letter with Eide Bailly for FY 25 Audit. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To approve the Veteran's Affairs Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2025. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve the General Assistance Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2025. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2025. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve Recorder's Report ending June 30, 2025. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. for William Hines in part of the NW ¼ SW ¼ of 25-85-10. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To re-appoint Dale Henry to the Veteran's Affairs Commission with term ending June 30, 2029. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/ Tippettt seconded: To approve Resolution # 25-60, Adopting Benton County EMS Trust Fund Policy pursuant to Iowa Code Section 422D.1. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve Contract between Benton County and I& S Group Inc. for county inspection of MidAmerican Energy Company pipeline known as the ICCR618 Natural Gas Pipeline Project. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Matt Betterton met with the board to follow up with concerns he brought to their attention in January regarding the assessment of his chiropractic clinic. Betterton stated that he reached out to Andreesen prior to the letter he sent to the board and was appreciative for the 33% reduction adjustment made for his 2023 taxes. Betterton agreed with the fair market value on his property, but was referring to the improper classification/possible clerical error since 2012. Assistant County Attorney Derek Marsh explained the review process and time limits involved and how the authority for adjustments would be addressed with the Board of Review not the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Review can only look at properties that have been petitioned within the deadline to do so. Betterton said he was told by Andreesen there was nothing more he could do. Assessor Larry Andreesen explained how build-ings are graded and the discussed the differences between dental/medical and office/businesses and how there is some grey area. The Benton County Assessor contracts with Vanguard Appraisals who serves the State of Iowa and creates the manuals they follow. Supervisor Tippettt stated he has met with both Andreesen and Betterton at separate times. It was suggested that Betterton reach out to the Iowa Department of Revenue and no action was taken.

Supervisors reported on recent committee meetings they attended. Tippettt had a Board of Health meeting, reported that they have been busy with various activities and also have a few interns helping out. They will be coming to an upcoming supervisors meeting with an update on some of the short funding on a grant. Volz attended Heartland Insurance meeting and shared some handouts he received, one table showing Benton County coming in at the top for claims with vehicle damage mainly from deer and some work-man's comp claims. Heartland will be hosting their fall seminar on September 11. Volz also added that there will be mock OSHA audits this fall also and some more required training due to House File 706. Seeman had conservation Board meeting, ECIDOG transit and visited the new Frontier expansion celebration in Belle Plaine.

The time of 10:00 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date for the first consideration of Ordinance #80, Animal Protection and Control. The chair declared the first consideration open for public comment. Auditor Rippel stated that this would be repealing Ordinance #37, since Ordinance #80, is titled differently and not just amending the prior animal one. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the proposed ordinance, comments and questions were allowed by the public along with the Supervisors. Issues such as what is considered a dangerous animal, dog bites and when and how quarantined is enforced and at who's discretion. This led to the talk about possible need for an animal control officer. Supervisor Tippettt referred to Chapter 351 in the code regarding vaccination requirements. Supervisor Seeman questioned if there would need to be permits for those people in the county who raise foxes and minks or when would variances be granted. Sheriff Upah and First Deputy Josh Karsten were also present to provide input and also answer questions about how these calls are reported and tracked. The Sheriff employees are all doing their due diligence with these animal cases, no different than if it were humans. The "calls for service" all have a logged history from every call that comes in and dispatchers enter it into the system. It was agreed that this is just a start for making changes, and it might need to be slowed down and done correctly to allow for more input and time to research additional concerns. The 2nd reading is being held next week, so the Attorney's office will make some changes and make the new draft available. It was agreed that the protection of people is the number one goal and priority of the ordinance, although their needs to be responsibility stressed to be on the pet owners as well.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the first consideration of Ordinance #80, Animal Protection and Control, repealing Ordinance #37, Vicious Animals in Benton County, Iowa and to authorize the County Attorney's office to do some research for things in question along with changing some verbiage. All three members voting aye thereon. Motion carried at 11:13 a.m.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:15 a.m. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
 ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

July 16, 2025

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippettt and Volz present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Benton County Service Center.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To enter into 28E contract with the City of Mt. Auburn for providing law enforcement services for a total annual amount of \$1,690 to be paid quarterly and not to exceed 26 hours total. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Ordinance #80 and the hearing dates. The Board along with the County Attorney agreed to take this slow, continue to gather feedback but that the board may not be prepared to adopt it after the 3rd reading. No action taken.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To enter Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)c: To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried at 1:02 p.m. Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To exit closed session at 1:20 p.m. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To take no action after what was dis-

cussed. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To adjourn meeting at 1:31 p.m. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
 ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Vendor Publication Report

Benton County, IA Payment Date Range: 08/13/2025 - 08/26/2025			
Vendor Name	Vendor Number	Payable Description	Total
Payments			
ACCESS SYSTEMS	48815	Cons Copier Mnts	261.43
ALISHA BURMEISTER	49980	Burmeister Mileage Reimb.	188.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	10530	SR utilities	720.89
ALLISON HICKS	49851	Hlst Prev Workshop Reimb.	
	228.42		
ALTORFER INC	02600	SR parts	6,124.62
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	49660	IT Supplies	1,138.69
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	12940	Aflac	3,003.75
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY	40110	Sheriff Jail Provisions	463.55
ANTON SALES	02620	SR sign materials	125.00
AREA SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL INC	00152	Opiod Fund Services	3,498.66
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	49179	Sheriff Vehicle Parts	53.16
AUXIANT/PSF	50884	PSF Admin Fees	1,225.50
B W MEEKER D.O	16770	ME Fee	125.00
BAM TRANSPORT, LLC	51621	SR tires	166.99
BARGEN INCORPORATED	48912	SR crack filling	79,952.50
BENTON CO SHERIFF OFFICE	01190	MH Sheriff Transport	537.43
BENTON CO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		COMMISSION 48505	Cons.
		Garbage Service	10.00
BENTON COUNTY	36740	Flex-Medical	4,109.34
BENTON COUNTY CO-INS	47410	Health-EE Ded-Non Union-After Tax	20,073.86
BITUMINOUS MATERIALS LP	14810	SR seal coat	34,479.99
BRYAN HEAVY EQUIPMENT INC.	51612	SR equipment rental	4,500.00
BUCHANAN CO SHERIFF	06310	Sheriff Service of Notice	48.70
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	01215	GIS Supplies	111.99
CENTRAL IA DISTRIBUTING	42990	SR custodial supp	650.00
CENTURYLINK	02103	E911 Phone	35.04
CITY OF VINTON	00390	SR utilities	3,564.05
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	00126	SR annual query/Weed pre-employment	465.00
		SR diesel	2,128.20
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	01662		
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION	02460	SR shop supplies	230.11
COUNTRY FOODS	07610	GBRS recycling	50.00
CRAWFORD QUARRY CO	06950	SR rock	30,723.55
DAVID EILANDER	51187	ME Fee	250.00
DAVID H. PETERSEN	51616	Sanitarian Well Closure	700.00
DAVID R. FIESTER	51620	Co. Atty Legal Fee	5,752.15
DAWN MARKLAND	48862	Markland Meal Reimb	68.93
DEB CUMMINGS	50602	SR postage reimb	38.00
DENCO HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CORP	45680		
E CENTRAL IA RURAL ELECT	01620	SR full-depth patching	96,887.20
E O JOHNSON BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	51333	CONS Utilities	6,249.60
FAITH HUNT	50858	Hist Prev Copier Maint	154.78
FAREWAY STORES INC	00690	Cons. Mileage Reimb.	371.00
FARMERS SVGS BANK & TRUST	07330	Sheriff Jail Provisions	11.94
FOUNDATION 2 ADM OFFICE	39740	SS	85,994.42
		Sheriff Liaison 3rd Quarter Salary FY25	13,456.52
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	00760		
GIGFIRE LLC	51132	Board Proceedings	587.35
GILBERT'S SEPTIC SERVICE	01839	Cons Phone	190.00
GRAINGER	30400	Cons. Septic Tank Maint.	1,300.00
GRIEDER OIL CO INC	04690	SR equip mnts	159.92
GRIEDER STANDARD	32920	SR diesel	2,758.07
HENDRYX ELECTRIC	05430	Transportation Fuel	1,002.83
HOME GROWN PET INC.	51051	Cons. Porta Pot Rental	98.00
IA PUBLIC EMP RET SYSTEM	07351	Cons. Animal Feed	71.91
ICEA SERVICE BUREAU	01868	lpers-Regular (01)	63,337.28
INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	49300	SR AID Grant Project	38,434.71
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	28890	IT Service Fee	6.00
ISAC GROUP UNEMPLOY FUND	29870	Cons. Picnic Table	2,990.00
JIMMY WHEELER	51371	SUTA	498.98
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	02069	Hist. Prev. Mileage Reimb.	43.44
JOHNSON CO MEDICAL EXAMINER	25630	Sheriff Misc Bldg Supplies	134.89
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF	08820		
K CONSTRUCTION INC.	51493	ME Autopsy Fee	750.26
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL	01490	Co. Atty Service of Notice	56.00
KIMM'S MINI MART SERVICE	00512	SR bridge construction	2,085.50
KLUESNER SANITATION, LLC	51319	Cons Uniform	1,375.00
		Conservation Fuel	646.27
		Courthouse/Sheriff/Service Center Garbage	438.00
KOOP'S AUTOMOTIVE SALES & SERVICE	02089		
KROMMINGA MOTORS-VINTON	17040	Cons. Vehicle Maint.	425.99
KURT'S ENTERPRISES	31180	Cons. Misc Supplies	93.95
L L PELLING CO	35870	GBRS recycling	4,965.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	07070	SR seal coat	68,543.93
LINN CO EMERGENCY MGMNT	12960	SR parts/tools	67.32
		Haz Material Training-Buchanan Co EMA	1,410.00
LINN CO SHERIFF	01740	Co. Atty Service Of Notice	530.00
LINN CO TREASURER	01830	SR 28E Project	51,771.09
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	37250	SR gasohol	19,728.15
M VICTORIA COLE LAW FIRM PC	47836	Conservation Legal Fees	3,535.97
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY INC	50041	Life Insurance Supplement	344.46
MADORIN'S TOWING & RECOVERY	00755		
MARENGO FARM & HOME	09040	Sheriff Vehicle Towing	205.00
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	32020	CONS Misc. Parts	57.81
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	01324	SR parts	1,140.13
MCDOWELLS	00910	SR welding supplies	194.18
		Courthouse building maintenance	17.39
MENARDS-CEDAR RAPIDS SO.	21520	Cons Lumber	620.26
MID COUNTRY MACHINERY INC	01599	SR parts	458.21
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	21490	Service Center Fire Alarm Inspection	573.24
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	04960	SR parts	850.81
MIKE SILHANEK	49164	Silhanek Mileage Reimbursment	36.40
MOTORHEAD MAYHEM SERVICE & REPAIR	51298		
MYERS POLARIS, INC.	51213	Sheriff Vehicle Mnts	145.43
		Cons Insurance	
MYRON PARIZEK	38410	Deductible	1,000.00
NEW CENTURY FS INC	09870	SR conference parking	13.00
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL	23360	Sheriff Fuel	12,144.09
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	49778	NM Life	25.00
OFFICE EXPRESS/LASER TECH USA INC	02234	SR diesel	3,689.37
		Sheriff Custodial Supplies	1,307.83

P & K MIDWEST INC	02246	Cons. Misc. Parts	78.52
PERFORMANCES SYSTEMS JANITORIAL	51615	Sheriff Jail Floor Scrubber	152.88
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC	50378	SR tires	7,578.36
POWESHIEK CO AUDITOR	48495	ME Autopsy Fee/Transportation	2,692.00
		Cons. Electrical Supplies	1,693.80
PRICE INDUSTRIAL INC.	49093	Treasurer Postage	2,593.34
PURCHASE POWER	01011	Sheriff Vehicle Parts	8,339.90
RACOM CORPORATION	10810	Sheriff Vehicle Mnts	572.74
RED SHED AUTO	49160	GBRS recycling	1,855.20
REPUBLIC SERVICES OF IOWA	48791	SR equip rental & DEF SR mileage	6,332.00
ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLY	24960	Sheriff Bldg Mnts	170.00
ROD SCHMUECKER	51115	SR tool repair	90.00
ROGER ROUSE	47798	SR tires	2,636.48
RUSSO OUTDOOR POWER PLUS	51613	SR safety supplies	501.60
RYAN LINDAMAN CO. LLC	51269	MH Service of Notice	74.65
SADLER POWER TRAIN	04990	SR petty cash	87.30
SCOTT CO SHERIFF OFFICE	48220	Sheriff Office Supplies	224.00
SECONDARY ROAD DEPT	01290		
SHADOE VOGT	51494	VA Care of Soldiers Graves	115.00
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY	16490	SR tools	167.45
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	33070	Sanitarian well testing	313.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	03480	IOWA OFFICE INTERIORS	00060
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT		Treasurer Office Supplies	1,328.79
		Sheriff Jail Provisions	18.97
TERRY EHLINGER	51617	SR decals	390.00
THARP DESIGN & LETTERING	40710		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING CORP	01910	Law Library Update	969.50
THYS MOTOR COMPANY	02158	Sheriff Vehicle Mnts	914.53
TK ENTERPRISES	51596	Historical Preservation Training	730.00
TOWN & COUNTRY WHOLESALE	25620	Sheriff Jail Custodial Supplies	155.96
		SR aboveground storage tank reg	80.00
TREASURER ST OF IA	07360		
TREASURER ST OF IA	45280	SR parts	776.49
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES EAST LLC	50838		
UNITED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES INC	02135	Historical Preservation Comm	
	25.28		
UNITED STATES CELLULAR	29020	DHS Phone	644.20
US FOODS INC	02066	Sheriff Jail Provisions	3,357.49
VERIZON WIRELESS	48350	Cons Phones	207.40
VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	51336	SR cleaning of mats/mops/rags	379.32
		EMA Software	225.00
VGM GROUP IN	49378	SR diesel	908.96
VICTOR OIL COMPANY	49617	Sheriff Vehicle Supplies	186.50
VINTON AUTO PARTS INC	11940	CONS Animal Feed	15.96
VINTON EXPRESS	51520	Sheriff Inmate Acute Care	1,953.31
VIRGINIA GAY HOSPITAL	00700	VA Promotional Supplies	3,741.04
VISA	36430	Hist. Prev. Project Hotel Reimb.	146.20
WENDI WINKIE	51618	SR shoulder rock	91,030.11
		Sheriff Fuel	118.00
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	42300	SR tool subscription	48.00
WEX BANK	00983		
WOODS FAMILY TOOL SALES LLC	51349		
YOUNG PLUMBING & HEATING CO	47813	Sheriff Bldg Mnts	144.27
Grand Total:			855,207.98

September 2, 2025

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippettt and Volz present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Benton County Service Center. Members of the public are invited to join in during open session or watch the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>. Full Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyiowa.gov

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To approve the agenda adding an item for approval of the EMS claims. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve minutes from August 26, 2025. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/ Tippettt seconded: To set land use hearing date for Jearid Merchant in part of the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 30-85-9, for Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims to be paid out of the EMS Trust Fund:

Legacy Emergency Vehicles, for vehicle maintenance for North Benton Ambulance-\$4,830.00, Belle Plaine Ambulance-\$5,611.43 for supplies, Atkins First Responders-\$25,877.45 for first responder vehicle equipment and Urbana First Responders-\$194.13 for equipment for a total of #36,513.01. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippettt seconded: To approve and authorize signature on the FY26 Service Agreement for Benton County to participate with Iowa State Association of Counties(ISAC) HIPPA Program effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$1,750. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Steve Miller, part-time driver for the Transportation Department effective September 5, 2025. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Resolution #25-74, Abatement of Taxes pursuant to Iowa Code 445.63 on parcel 830-01200 in the amount of \$456 and 050-09000 for \$56. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel explained about a call her office received from Janis Bateman. She would like to donate or display a framed picture of the Braille School in the courthouse. The board all agreed this could probably be allowed in the display case or somewhere on the first floor of the courthouse.

Tippettt moved/Volz seconded: To set the all employee meeting for required training to be held on Monday, September 15, 2025 from 8-10 a.m. in the courthouse courtroom. The Auditor is directed to publish notice that we will be closed to the public during this time. Tippettt, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tippettt reported on his recent meeting at Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, regarding a lawsuit filed on the detention center. Tippettt reported that our Board would be having a closed session in regards to this at an upcoming meeting. Supervisor Volz brought up a concerned citizen inquiring on the speed limit on gravel roads, if legislation had reduced that. Assistant Attorney Derek Marsh would look into that. Supervisor Seeman reported on his recent Housing Trust Fund and ECICOG meetings. ECICOG was applying for a 3.5 million dollar grant to participate in. This has to do with lead in homes that were built in 1978 or earlier. If there is a child 6 years old or younger living in a house that showed positive for lead, they could qualify. More information to come on that.

A citizen in attendance at the meeting asked about the 3rd reading for the Vicious Animal Ordinance. That has still been placed on hold, and that process would start over after the edits have been made.

Volz moved/ Tippettt seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:29 a.m. Volz, Seeman and Tippettt voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
 ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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