

# Legals

## WEFEL REVOCABLE TRUST

### TRUST NOTICE WITH WILL WITHOUT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: JANET C. WEFEL REVOCABLE TRUST EXECUTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

To all persons regarding Janet C. Wefel, deceased, who died on or about November 1, 2024. You are hereby notified that Michael G. Wefel is the trustee of the Janet C. Wefel Revocable Trust Executed September 26, 2018. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Butler 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 all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse 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 date of 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.

Notice is further given that the will of the decedent has been admitted to probate without present administration in the above-named court, that such will designates the trust as the residual beneficiary of the estate, that all persons indebted to the estate of the decedent are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned trustee, and that any person or entity possessing a claim against the estate must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice if required, or the claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated: March 5, 2025  
Janet C. Wefel Revocable Trust Executed September 26, 2018  
Michael G. Wefel, Trustee  
33253 160<sup>th</sup> St  
Plainfield, IA 50666  
Travis J. Schroeder, AT0010099, Attorney for Trustee  
Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC  
115 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE, Ste 1200, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
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## PROBATE BUSSE ESPR017609

### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT BUTLER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTOR F. BUSSE, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR017609

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Victor F. Busse, Deceased, who died on or about the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on 2-12 -, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Victor F. Busse, Deceased, bearing the date of the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Gary A. Busse was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be for-

ever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.  
Gary A. Busse  
208 Western Avenue  
Maquoketa, IA 52060  
Executor  
Habbo G. Fokkena  
P.O. Box 250  
Clarksville, IA 50619  
Attorney for Executor  
Date of the second publication 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.  
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## PROBATE WEFEL ESPR017612

### IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUTLER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANET C. WEFEL, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR017612

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JANET C. WEFEL, Deceased, who died on or about November 1, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 11, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Janet C. Wefel, deceased, bearing date of September 26, 2018, 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 (4)

months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one (1) 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: March 5, 2025  
Michael G. Wefel  
33253 160<sup>th</sup> St  
Plainfield, IA 50666  
Travis J. Schroeder, AT0010099, Attorney for Petitioner  
Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, PLC  
115 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Suite 1200  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
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## CITY OF CLARKSVILLE • PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CLARKSVILLE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 12-097  
CLARKSVILLE Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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

Meeting Date: 3/25/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Clarksville City Hall 115 W Superior St. Clarksville, Iowa

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)  
clarksvilleiowa.com

City Telephone Number  
(319) 278-4531

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Certified 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service		35,644,312	36,145,328	36,145,328
Consolidated General Fund		298,343	298,343	302,536
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit		0	0	0
Aviation Authority		0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance		59,140	59,140	66,397
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.		0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement		0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement		24,481	24,481	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)		35,451	35,451	46,219
Other Employee Benefits		70,510	70,510	57,002
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)		0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service		35,644,312	36,145,328	36,145,328
Debt Service		29,056	29,056	43,492
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX		516,981	516,981	515,646
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE		14.50389	14.30285	14.26592
Taxable Value for City Ag Land		408,301	459,215	459,215
Ag Land		1,226	1,226	1,379
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE		3.00375	2.66977	3.00295
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>				
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	<b>Current Year 2024/2025</b>	<b>Certified 2024/2025</b>	<b>Budget Year 2025/2026</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Residential		672	744	10.71
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	<b>Current Year 2024/2025</b>	<b>Certified 2024/2025</b>	<b>Budget Year 2025/2026</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Commercial		2,966	3,326	12.14

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 through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

### Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Property and liability insurance rates have increased, as well as debt service asking amount has increased as compared to last year.

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## CITY OF CLARKSVILLE • MINUTES 3.3.2025

### CITY OF CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

March 3, 2025  
The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on March 3, 2025 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members, Ruth Saulsbury, Jennifer Kielman, Jessi Reints and Taran Sherburne by phone. Other City employees present were: Karmella Heuer, Deputy Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Chief Mackey and Reserve Officer Brown.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve agenda as listed for March 3, 2025. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.

Motion Reints, Saulsbury to approve consent agenda including February claims & Financial reports, Minutes (2/17/2025), and Alcohol License for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.

Ruth Saulsbury expressed concerns with the Bess Battery Storage Facility and what negative impacts it could have on towns along the Shell Rock River even though the company may be located in Glenville, MN.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to table employee wages. Ayes: Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: Saulsbury. Absent: Doty.  
Discussion the process of filling

Seasonal Maintenance position. Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve purchase of foul ball netting at the Softball Diamonds from Iowa Sports Supply in the amount of \$850. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.

Motion Reints, Sherburne to approve fencing quote from Miller Fencing & Flag at the Ball Diamonds in the amount of \$1,243.26. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.

Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve purchase and installation of water heater from Wedeking Custom Comfort in the amount of \$575.90. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve Clerk attendance and mileage reimbursement for Spring Conference for the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association on April 10 & 11. Cost of the conference is \$150. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.

Motion Kielman, Reints to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 6:55pm. Ayes: Saulsbury, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Doty.  
Jerald Heuer, Mayor  
Attest: Karmella Heuer, Deputy Clerk  
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## BUTLER CO BOS • MINUTES 2.25.2025

### MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Greg Barnett and Wayne Dralle present. Moved by Barnett second by Dralle to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to approve the minutes as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment was received. Derek Kramer, Shell Rock, was present to discuss concerns about the Logistics Park. He noted that he has lived near the train tracks for 45 years and the railroad traffic has

increased with the Logistics Park expansion which results in blowing their horns throughout the night. He inquired about establishing a "quiet zone" between certain hours of the night. John Riherd, Engineer, stated that he would contact personnel that he knows through the DOT and the Railroad to initiate that conversation.

Board reviewed an appoint of to the Board of Adjustment. Misty Kofron, Planning & Zoning, stated that Kevin Toben has agreed to serve a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment. Motion by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve Kevin Toben to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed State of Iowa Agreement. Sara Trepp, IT Director, explained that there is a Mem-

orandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State to include CrowdStrike on all Election workstations. Motion by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve the MOU with the Secretary of State. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board considered letter of support for application for National Association of County Engineers (NACE) State Director position. Riherd is seeking to apply as the representative for the State of Iowa. Motion by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the letter of support. All ayes. Motion carried.

An Engineer's update was provided. Bid letting on deck overlay south of Unverferth on T55 and three additional bridges on T25. Five bids were received with three bids coming under the Engineer's estimated

cost of approximately \$1,223,000. Riherd will provide full details of the winning bid in the future. Secondary Roads crew has road maintenance training scheduled.

During the FY26 Budget Workshop, Leslie Groen, Auditor, stated that Rural Supplemental can be used for certain areas within the budget. Groen prepared budgets utilizing the maximum salary raises and the 3% raises, while comparing high versus low levy rates. Discussion was had to determine the salary raises to be used on the proposed budget statement mailing. Groen explained budgets and levy rates can be decreased from the published rates and expenses but not increased. Deb McWhirtler, a Butler County Compensation Board member, shared her opinion regard-

ing their work and the recommendations they provided. County Recorder Janice Jacobs reminded the Board they chose to re-establish the Compensation Board, the purpose of that board and the work they do.

Eddy felt we should move forward budgeting with a 3% increase while Barnett and Dralle shared thoughts on utilizing the Compensation Board's FY26 recommendations for the FY26 Proposed Budget statement mailing. Groen will prepare the initial proposed budget utilizing the Compensation Board's FY26 recommendations.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Updates for DCI Ben-

nezette 2 #71200, Woodford Creek Farms 170/171 #58327, RIG 3 Bennezette #60134 and Kurt Wolf #58535.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Dralle to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:54 A.M. to March 4, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. All ayes. 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 February 25, 2025.

Attest: Leslie Groen, Butler County Auditor  
Wayne Dralle, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
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## BUTLER CO 911 SERVICE BOARD • BUDGET ESTIMATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
Butler County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:  
Meeting Date: 3/25/2025 Meeting Time: 10:00 AM Meeting Location: Butler County Courthouse: Supervisors Room

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-Estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed Expenditures	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge
1. Surcharge Fund	234,748	375,900	372,400	0	602	169,002	2,000		202,000
2. Operating Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	234,748	375,900	372,400	0	602	169,002	2,000	0	202,000

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## BUTLER CO • PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

COUNTY NAME: BUTLER COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	COUNTY NUMBER: 12
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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: 3/25/2025 Meeting Time: 08:00 AM Meeting Location: Butler County Courthouse Basement EOC

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.butlercounty.iowa.gov

County Telephone Number  
(319) 346-6547

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026
Taxable Valuations-General Services	992,200,312	1,018,822,308	1,018,822,308
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service	5,968,025	5,968,025	6,251,851
Taxable Valuations-Debt Service	1,125,060,630	1,152,720,263	1,152,720,263
Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service	535,518	535,518	389,181
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	6,503,543	6,503,543	6,641,032
<b>Tax Rate-Countywide</b>	6.49093	6.32234	6.47397
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	704,328,925	723,026,818	723,026,818
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	2,608,257	2,608,257	2,706,586
<b>Tax Rate-Rural Additional</b>	3.70318	3.60741	3.74341
<b>Rural Total</b>	10.19411	9.92975	10.21738

Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	301	338	12.29
Rural Taxpayer	472	533	12.92

Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	1,327	1,510	13.79
Rural Taxpayer	2,085	2,382	14.24

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 \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:  
New EMS Levy, new General Relief Director position and increased expenses, increased Courthouse maintenance, salary increases and property insurance increases.

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## NORTH BUTLER CSD • WORK SESSION 3.7.2025

**NORTH BUTLER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Work Session March 7, 2025

The board work session was called to order by Board President Ty Crawford-Miller at 6:00 p.m. in Allison Media Center. Board members present were Ty Crawford-Miller, Jordan Nolz, Heather Shook and Laurie Shultz; others present were Superintendent Bryan Boysen, Business Manager/Board Secretary Shellee Bartlett. Board member absent: Amanda Lund.  
Moved by Nolz, seconded by

Shook, to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.  
Garrett Pochop, Piper Sandler, reviewed the district's debt limit and bonding capacity figures.

Nick Hildebrandt from Emergent provided a comprehensive overview of North Butler's facility assessment and how to better utilize the square footage of both school buildings to optimize student learning needs.

Moved by Nolz, seconded by Shook, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Carried unanimously.  
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## CITY OF ALLISON • WORKSHOP 3.3.2025

**CITY OF ALLISON COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
MONDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2025

Workshop Meeting:  
Mayor Henrichs opened the workshop at 5:15 p.m. The council members present were Bangasser, Galey, Henning Heuer. Absent: Stirling. Galey made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Heuer. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:  
Council reviewed an invoice that was submitted due to a sewer water problem with a basement due to a full manhole. The Council was made aware that this has happened a few times before and made the decision to cover the invoice in the amount of \$4,626.68. They also discussed getting a camera to go down and see what is continuing to cause the issue so that this can be resolved.

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Galey to approve paying \$4,626.68 due to a city sewer issue. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the budget for FY 2026. The numbers reviewed will be entered into the budget form and reviewed at the Council meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and then a date will be set for the public hearing for the final budget.

The action to discuss the holiday schedule was tabled.  
Adjournment:  
Henning made a motion to adjourn at 7:02p.m. Second by Bangasser. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Scot Henrichs – Mayor  
Attest: Alexis Wiegmann – City Clerk  
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