

## PROBATE Tiffani Jean Ward

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR HANCOCK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
TIFFANI JEAN WARD, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR012209  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Tiffani Jean Ward, Deceased, who died on or about December 1, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on February 27, 2024, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court,

as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the 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 on February 27, 2024.

/s/: Jordan M. Nelson  
Jordan M. Nelson,  
Administrator of the Estate  
1018 Crestmore Way  
Mason City, IA 50401  
John G. Sorensen,  
ICIS# AT0007494  
Attorney for the Administrator  
Sorensen Law Office  
22 North 3rd Street  
Clear Lake, IA 50428  
Date of second publication  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION LEGAL NOTICE

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, IOWA

TO: Gilberto Gonzalez whose whereabouts are unknown and upon whom personal service and summons cannot be had, respondent in said proceedings:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on the 28th day of February 2024, Mirtha P. Gonzalez, as petitioner, filed a petition against you in the District Court of Hancock County, Iowa, Case ID CDDM002218, the object and prayer of which petition is Dissolution of Marriage as well as

the granting of legal and physical custody of the children of the marriage being awarded fully to Mirtha P. Gonzalez.

You are required to answer the said petition on or before the 19th day of April 2024, or said petition against you will be taken as true.

Mirtha P. Gonzalez,  
Petitioner  
Billing Name & Address  
Jason Finch & Associates, PC, LLO  
212 S. 74th Street, Suite 100  
Omaha, NE 68114  
Phone: (402) 384-2464  
Attorney for Petitioner

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## GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA • PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET SUMMARY

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Location of Public Hearing: Garner-Hayfield-Ventura CSD Media Center 605 West Lyons Street Garner, Iowa 50438 | Date of Hearing: 04/08/2024 | Time of Hearing: 06:15 PM  
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 24/25 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the 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 the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2025	Re-est. 2024	Actual 2023	Avg % 23-25
Taxes Levied on Property	1 6,637,383	7,077,466	6,604,498	% 0.2
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2 119,905	126,130	79,832	% 22.6
Income Surtaxes	3 146,656	472,047	449,858	% -42.9
Tuition/Transportation Received	4 1,600,377	1,429,992	1,425,567	
Earnings on Investments	5 302,429	101,102	293,649	
Nutrition Program Sales	6 600,000	363,144	357,778	
Student Activities and Sales	7 286,169	433,812	281,919	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8 437,905	367,516	359,470	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9 0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10 4,759,785	4,643,436	4,488,014	
Instructional Support State Aid	11 13,134	0	0	
Other State Sources	12 1,275,866	1,274,281	1,247,448	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13 0	0	0	
Title I Grants	14 98,000	96,742	102,581	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15 585,198	573,005	843,855	
Total Revenues	16 16,862,807	16,958,673	16,534,469	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17 0	0	0	
Transfers In	18 129,567	127,652	125,766	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19 8,446	8,447	911,491	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20 0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21 17,000,820	17,094,772	17,571,726	
Beginning Fund Balance	22 10,047,039	9,517,075	7,656,223	
Total Resources	23 27,047,859	26,611,847	25,227,949	
*Instruction	24 9,842,412	8,720,815	8,594,953	% 7.0
Student Support Services	25 375,000	353,867	468,247	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26 646,970	625,619	640,317	
General Administration	27 267,955	343,340	413,747	
School Administration	28 752,000	692,971	656,015	
Business & Central Administration	29 98,107	90,326	128,636	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30 1,574,717	1,495,350	1,549,018	
Student Transportation	31 601,471	586,998	588,273	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A 4,316,220	4,188,471	4,444,253	% -1.5
*Noninstructional Programs	32 967,318	754,771	739,972	% 14.3
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33 1,955,530	1,729,657	768,135	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34 602,604	593,698	584,925	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35 484,859	431,803	434,929	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A 3,042,993	2,755,158	1,787,989	% 30.5
Total Expenditures	36 18,168,943	16,419,215	15,567,167	
Transfers Out	37 129,567	127,652	125,766	
Other Uses	38 22,000	17,941	17,941	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39 18,320,510	16,564,808	15,710,874	
Ending Fund Balance	40 8,727,349	10,047,039	9,517,075	
Total Requirements	41 27,047,859	26,611,847	25,227,949	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		9.91173		

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## GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA • PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		
Location of Public Hearing: Garner Hayfield Ventura CSD Media Center 605 West Lyons Street Garner, Iowa 50438	Date of Public Hearing: 4/8/2024	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: <a href="https://www.garner.k12.ia.us/">https://www.garner.k12.ia.us/</a>		

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written 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 budget.

	Current Year Tax Dollar Levy FY 2024	Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2024	Budget Year change in Property Tax Dollars Levied FY 2025	Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025
General Fund Levy	1	4,347,264		4,347,264	4,734,831
Instructional Support Levy	2	479,296		479,296	492,576
Management	3	1,665,209		1,665,209	788,659
Amana Library	4	0		0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	368,633		368,633	393,077
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	217,064		217,064	228,240
Reorganization Equalization	7	0		0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	0		0	0
Debt Service	9	0		0	0
Grand Total	10	7,077,466		7,077,466	6,637,383

	Current Year Tax Rate FY 2024	Final Property Tax Rate FY 2024	Budget Year change in Property Tax Dollars Levied FY 2025	Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2025
Grand Total Levy Rate		11.00341		10.57592	9.91173

Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	601	459	-23.63
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	601	459	-23.63

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:

There is no property tax dollar increase

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## WEST HANCOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3.18.24

### REGULAR MEETING WEST HANCOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 18, 2024

The West Hancock Community School Board of Directors met in regular session in the West Hancock Middle School Boardroom. Board President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Johnson, Burgardt, Harle, Bixel, Swanson, Purvis and Wilson. Absent: None. Others present: Superintendent Kronemann, Business Manager DeGroot, Principals Peterson, Verbrugge and DeHart, Director Sickels. Staff members, a student and Ben Hassebroek from The Leader.

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Harle, to approve the items listed under the consent agenda. Carried: 7-0

Presentation by Preschool staff. Administrative reports were given. Motion by Harle, seconded by Wilson, to accept the resignation of Jillian VanEpps as 3 year old preschool and para. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Bixel, to accept the resignation of Jeff Watkins as Transportation Director. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Harle, to approve the hire of a Transportation Director from one of the two candidates pending a background check. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Bixel, to approve Melinda Tremmel as volunteer golf coach. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Swanson, to accept the resignation of Tyler Jansen as JH Head boys' basketball coach. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Burgardt, to set the second budget hearing date for April 15, 2024 at 6 p.m. in Britt. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Swanson, to renew our contract renewal for the natural gas risk pool. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Burgardt, to approve the hire of Paul Sonius as Drivers' Education instructor for this year. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Harle, seconded by Bixel, to renew our AEA purchasing agreement for next school year for food, small wares, and ware wash. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the classified staff pay and handbook for the 2024-25 school year. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Burgardt, to approve the certified staff pay, contract and handbook for the 2024-25 school year. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Harle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Carried: 7-0

**West Hancock  
CSD Board Report**

Name, Description .....Amount  
Checking Account Id 1  
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS,  
MONTHLY ADMIN FEE ..... 62.40

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRICITY/  
GAS ..... 31,425.48  
AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 771.12

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY  
CO, MILK ..... 84.90  
BOWMAN, MYRA, MILEAGE.....

..... 100.00  
BRITT FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES  
..... 204.71

CENTRAL RIVERS AEA, SUPPLIES/SERVICE..... 80.00  
CITY OF BRITT, WATER/SEWER/  
BUILDING PERMITS..... 1,038.37

CITY OF KANAWHA, WATER/SEWER ..... 538.42  
COMMUNICATIONS 1 NETWORK,  
PHONE/INT.ACCESS/REPAIRS/  
CABLE ..... 589.86

CONSTELLATION - NEW ENERGY,  
NATURAL GAS..... 2,398.48  
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO,  
SUPPLIES..... 275.73

DEGROOTE, BETH ..... 13.50  
EDMENTUM, SUPPLIES ..... 325.00  
GOEPEL, SETH, REIMBURSEMENT  
..... 75.00

GOLD-EAGLE COOPERATIVE,  
SUPPLIES/FUEL ..... 2,977.66  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS/  
APPEALS, GAMBLING REPORT  
..... 200.00

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, FEES,  
..... 470.00  
JACK'S O.K. TIRE SERVICE,

WHEEL ALIGNMENT ..... 991.80  
KRONEMANN, WAYNE, REIMBURSEMENT..... 21.02

MARCO, SUPPLIES..... 158.10  
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL,  
REGISTRATION/FEES..... 213.10

MECHANICAL AIR SYSTEMS CO.,  
REPAIRS/SUPPLIES ..... 1,366.02  
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP,  
PUBLISHING ..... 68.58

MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM.,  
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES ..... 858.00  
NEW COOP, INC., GAS/DIESEL/  
SUPPLIES ..... 2,439.51

NORTH IOWA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,  
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSIT ..... 60.00

PETERSEN COACHING COMPANY  
INC ..... 499.00  
PHILS AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR..... 1,676.74

PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY - MC,  
SUPPLIES ..... 84.66  
POPPLERS MUSIC INC., MUSIC.....

..... 41.95  
PRITCHARD AUTO COMPANY,  
PARTS ..... 53.95

SANGER, MARK, REIMBURSEMENT  
..... 135.01  
SWENSON'S HARDWARE, SUPPLIES  
AND PARTS ..... 1,786.83

TRULSON AUTO PARTS, PARTS/  
SUPPLIES/SERVICE ..... 361.06  
VERBRUGGE, RUTH, REIMBURSEMENT  
..... 13.89

VISA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES ..... 5,021.94  
WASTE MGMT OF NORTHERN IOWA,  
GARBAGE SERVICE - BRITT/KAN..... 4,015.72

Fund Number 10..... \$61,497.51  
Fund Number 22  
MANAGEMENT FUND

SU INSURANCE COMPANY, SUPPLIES/  
MAINT. INSURANCE ..... 17,976.00

Fund Number 22..... \$17,976.00  
Checking Account ID 1..... \$79,473.51  
Checking Account ID 2

NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGY,  
TECH SUPPORT..... 12,600.00  
Fund Number 36..... \$12,600.00  
Checking Account ID 4

AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 179.11  
ATHLETIC PHYSICAL THERAPY,  
TRAINING/SERVICE ..... 282.52

BRITT FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES  
..... 279.33  
CENTRAL RIVERS AEA, SUPPLIES/  
SERVICE..... 105.00

DEHART, MICHELLE, REIMBURSEMENT  
..... 239.22  
ELDRIDGE PLAYS AND MUSICALS,  
SUPPLIES..... 315.40

FORGE & BUILD NORTH IOWA LUMBER &  
Design, SUPPLIES ..... 84.33

GIFTS SEW SWEET, SHIRTS/SUPPLIES  
..... 20.72  
GRIMCO, INC, EQUIPMENT ..... 250.47

HAGEN, MARIAH ..... 27.00  
HENRY SCHEIN ..... 251.92

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION,  
DUES/FEES/TICKETS ..... 978.00

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
..... 270.00  
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION,  
FEES/REGISTRATION ..... 60.00

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOC,  
SUPPLIES/FEES/CONFERENCE ..... 221.00

JOLLY FARMER, SUPPLIES ..... 446.47  
JOSTENS, INC, ANNUAL/SUPPLIES  
..... 1,974.10

PEPSI-COLA GENERAL BOTTLERS, POP  
..... 371.24  
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY BANDS  
..... 90.00

STUPPY INC, SUPPLIES ..... 90.51  
SWENSON'S HARDWARE, SUPPLIES  
AND PARTS ..... 8.98

Urban Air ..... 264.99  
VISA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES ..... 3,320.94  
Fund Number 21..... \$10,131.25  
Checking Account ID 5

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND  
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO,  
MILK ..... 3,908.05

BRITT FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES  
..... 18.26  
HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL, LLC,  
PEST CONTROL..... 300.00

MARTIN BROS. DISTRIBUTING CO.,  
SUPPLIES..... 19,779.36  
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO, SUPPLIES  
..... 1,002.24

Fund Number 61..... \$25,007.91

## PROBATE | Timothy A. Johnson

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR HANCOCK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY A. JOHNSON,**  
Deceased

**PROBATE NO. ESPR012111  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To all persons interested in the Estate of Timothy A. Johnson, deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the 30th day of November, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Timothy A. Johnson, deceased, bearing the date of October 29, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jacob J. Johnson and Joshua J. Johnson were appointed as co-executors 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 or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever 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 6th day of January, 2023.  
Attorney for the Executor  
THE JOHNSON LAW FIRM, PLC  
BY: Philip M. Johnson  
Attorney for Estate

216 N. Commercial Ave  
PO Box 109  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Co-Executor of the Estate  
Jacob J. Johnson  
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Kanawha, IA 50447

Co-Executor of the Estate  
Joshua J. Johnson  
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Belmond, IA 50421

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## CITY OF CORWITH • ORDINANCE NO. 228

**ORDINANCE NO. 228  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CORWITH, IOWA, BY AMENDING EXISTING 6-5-8 WATER RATES  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORWITH, IOWA,**

**SECTION 1.** That 6-5-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Corwith, Iowa, that currently reads as follows:

**6-5-8 WATER RATES.** Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per property serviced within the City limits:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))  
The first 2000 gallons \$33.00 (Minimum Bill)  
All over 2,000 gallons \$ 9.55 per 1,000 gal.

The minimum charge shall be \$33.00 per household or business building per billing month.

**Be amended to read as follows:**

**6-5-8 WATER RATES.** Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per property serviced within the City limits:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))  
The first 2000 gallons \$43.00 (Minimum Bill)  
All over 2,000 gallons \$12.05 per 1,000 gal.

The minimum charge shall be \$43.00 per household or business building per billing month.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2024, after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** by the City Council of Corwith, Iowa, on this 12th day of March 2024.

Matt Hobscheidt, Mayor

ATTEST: Cindy Tebben, City Clerk

### Roll Call Vote:

Craig Steenhard

Michele Garman

Dave Wagner

Kimber Mullenbach

Michelle Hankins