

**PROCEEDINGS:
IDA COUNTY BOS
MAY 16 MINUTES**

**Ida Grove, Iowa
May 16, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session May 16, 2025, 10 a.m. Members present were Chair Devlun Whiteing, Creston Schubert and Kyle Rohlk. Whiteing called the meeting to order. A motion to approve minutes from May 13, 2025, by Rohlk, seconded by Schubert. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Bob Anderson, from Architecture by Design Inc, met with the board to discuss current renovations and paint colors for the exterior of the courthouse. A motion by Schubert for exterior color of Tea, a sandstone color for the trim and fire escape color to remain the dark bronze, seconded by Rohlk. Motion carried all voting Aye.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet again on Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 9 a.m.

/s/ Kristy Gilbert
Auditor

/s/ Devlun Whiteing
Chair

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**PROCEEDINGS:
IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL • MAY 19 MINUTES**

**City of Ida Grove
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2025 • 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, 403 3rd Street**

Call to Order: Mayor, Nathan Weitt, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. **Roll Call:** Council present: Gregor Ernst, Jeff Miesner, Jason Schable, Reynold McLead & Jared Bogue. Others in attendance: Ethan Joy (JEO), Chip Schultz (Northland), Attorney Reininger and Clerk Sweeden. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Bogue, second by Ernst to approve. Motion carried 5-0. **Public Hearing - FY 2025 Budget Amendment #3:** A public hearing was held with no comments received. **Resolution 2025-29 Adopting FY25 Budget Amendment #3:** Motion by Miesner, second by Ernst to approve. Motion carried 5-0. **Consideration of Bids for the 2024 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project:** Four bids were received and opened on May 8, 2025. Base bid costs were determined following American Iron and Steel Standards. Pricing submitted as alternate bid #5 were additional project costs if the base bids came in significantly higher than the construction estimate, requiring the entire project follow the Build America, Buy America Act. All base bids were significantly higher than the construction estimate of \$9,000,000, thus low bidder is determined by combining the base bid and alternate #5 for totals as follows: Story Construction \$17,420,000; RP Contractors \$16,503,396; Building Crafts \$17,370,000 and Christiansen Construction \$18,442,183. Complete bid results are available at City Hall. Motion by McLead, second by Miesner to table action until July 7, 2025. Motion carried 5-0. **Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement:** A public hearing was held

with no comments received. **Resolution 2025-30 Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement:** Motion by Ernst, second by Miesner to approve. Motion carried 5-0. **Consider Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Funding Options:** Joy stated the bids coming in higher than expected and fairly close in price is a good indication of current market value of the project. The construction estimate of \$9,000,000 was established from a 2019 study so Joy expected bids to be around \$11-12 million. JEO received feedback from contractors that project phasing to work with the existing plant, structural issues & bad soils which were not accounted for in the prior study, as well as uncertainty with tariffs were the main drivers behind bid costs. Schultz reviewed four potential funding scenarios with council. The City's existing USDA loan approval in an amount up to \$10,177,000 has an interest rate of 1.5%. Any additional funds needed would be packaged as a new loan, likely with an interest rate of 3.375%. Currently, staff is awaiting an additional funding offer from USDA, and is hopeful to receive grant money/loan forgiveness due to the circumstances that this project would require unaffordable sewer rate increases. "Even in the best circumstances, this project is hard to sell to the citizens", stated McLead. No action will be taken until further information has been received and reviewed. **Public Comment: 402-408 Second Street:** Following a publication of notice in the 5/14/2025 edition of the Ida County Courier, no comments or feedback were received in regards to the future of the buildings. At the next council meeting, conditions for sale of the buildings will be reviewed for approval. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Miesner, sec-

ond by Bogue to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Clerk's Report, claims in the amount of \$173,354.83, financials, minutes of the 5/5/2025 meeting, permits & correspondence. Motion carried 5-0. **Resolution 2025-31 Setting Wages for New Hires:** Motion by Ernst, second by Miesner to approve Sadie Schirmacher, head lifeguard, \$11.25/hr.; Jenessa Kolar, lifeguard, \$11.00/hr.; Theresa Swensen & Heather Archer, on-call library assistants, \$10.00/hr. Motion carried 5-0. **City Hall Power Door Operators:** Council reviewed a quote in the amount of \$11,690 from Wheelchair Dynamics to install automatic door openers to both entry doors at City Hall. Additional costs would be incurred for electrical requirements. ADA standards do not require automatic door openers and due to cost, no action was taken. **KCAU - Hometown Proud:** Council denied the sponsorship requests in the amount of \$700 or \$2,000 for advertisement on KCAU. **Ballfield Playground Surface:** Council reviewed two quotes to patch the deteriorating playground equipment surfacing at the ballfields. Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to approve the repair estimate from Play Pro, not to exceed \$4,500, pending review of potential warranty. Motion carried 5-0. **Resolution 2025-32 Approving Pay App #8 to Cornerstone Commercial Contractors for the Downtown Facade Project \$320.15:** Motion by Ernst, second by Bogue to approve. Motion carried 5-0. **City Council Member News & Notes:** Bogue provided a splash pad construction update. **Adjournment:** Motion by Miesner, second by Bogue to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
Nathan Weitt, Mayor

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
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DRAFT FY2026-2029**

SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization & Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) are in the process of developing the DRAFT FY 2026 - 2029 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) with approval scheduled for June 26, 2025, for the both the SRTPA and the MPO.

The SIMPCO MPO area includes Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff in Iowa; Dakota City and South Sioux City in Nebraska; and Dakota Dunes, and North Sioux City, South Dakota. It also includes portions of Woodbury and Plymouth County, Iowa; Dakota County, Nebraska; and Union County, South Dakota.

The SRTPA area includes: the rural portions of Woodbury, Plymouth, Cherokee, Ida and Monona counties in Iowa.

The TIP is a four-year listing of transportation projects which are to be funded using State and Federal transportation dollars; this includes interstate, highway and street improvements as well as trails and transit improvements. The Draft FY 2026 - 2029 TIPS for both the SIMPCO MPO and the SRTPA are now available for public comment. The documents can be viewed on the SIMPCO website at: <https://simpc.org/divisions/transportation-planning>

Hard copies of the documents will be available by request by contacting SIMPCO, simpc@simpc.org or 712-279-6286.

SIMPCO staff will be holding a Public Input Meeting as an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the Draft FY 2026 - 2029 TIPS on June 10, 2025, from 4-5 p.m. This meeting will be held at SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA. You may also join this meeting by Zoom. Please call or email SIMPCO for login information 712-279-6286 simpc@simpc.org

Please submit all comments on the Draft FY 2026 - 2029 TIPS to Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director, SIMPCO: (712) 279-6286 or by email to mbostinelos@simpc.org by June 25, 2025.

SIMPCO Public Input Meetings are open to all individuals. Any person with a special need requiring reasonable accommodation or transportation to participate in a public input meeting should contact the SIMPCO office at (712)-279-6286 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

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