

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Eagle Grove

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Eagle Grove is requesting proposals for grant writing and administration services to assist with a project funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

The City is pursuing CDBG funds to complete a maximum of 7 Upper-Story Housing Conversion units in the Downtown District within the City of Eagle Grove.

The selected contractor will work with the City to ensure compliance with CDBG program requirements. Activities will include but are not limited to project reporting, preparation of disbursement requests, and other activities required under the state of Iowa's CDBG program. A full description of the work specifications are available at City Hall at City of Eagle Grove, PO Box 165, Eagle Grove, IA 50533.

Proposals to the City should include the minimum information:

- Experience with IEDA's CDBG program
 - Description of past grant administrative services provided
 - Description of organizational capacity to complete all necessary grant administration activities
 - References from previous clients of related work within the past five years
 - Cost of services
- Proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Proposals should be submitted to City of Eagle Grove, PO Box 165, Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to Bryce Davis, City Clerk, by calling (515) 448-4343 or by emailing b.davis@eagle-groveia.org.

Section 3 clause
This clause to be included in all RFPs/RFQs & publications

A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

C. The contractor agrees to send to

each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.

F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Eagle Grove Schools

EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EAGLE GROVE, IOWA 50533
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The Eagle Grove Community School District Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at the Emerson Building with President Jon Rowen presiding. Members present were: Directors Erin Halverson and Darren Robinson. Others present for the meeting included Superintendent Tolliver and Secretary Sadler. Director Crail and Schope were absent.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Robinson, to approve the proposed agenda. The motion carried. Ayes: Halverson, Rowen, Robinson. Nays: None. 2020-2021 BUDGET ESTIMATE AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Director Robinson, seconded by Director Halverson, to approve the Proposed Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the Notice of Public Hearing for April 13, 2020. The motion carried. Ayes: Halverson, Rowen, Robinson. Nays: None.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS AND LEVYING A SURPLUS TAX: Motion by Director Robinson, seconded by Director Halverson, to adopt and execute the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds and Levying a Tax for Fiscal year 2020-21 for the Redemption. The motion carried. Ayes: Halverson, Rowen, Robinson. Nays: None.

APPROVAL OF FY2019 AUDIT REPORT: Motion by Director Halverson, seconded by Director Robinson, to approve the Auditor's Report for year ended June 30, 2019. The motion carried. Ayes: Halverson, Rowen, Robinson. Nays: None.

ADJOURN: Upon a motion by Halverson, and a second by Director Robinson, President Rowen declared the meeting adjourned.

Reports and documents considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 448-4749, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ATTEST:
Board Secretary – Teresa Sadler
Board President – Jon Rowen

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Board of Supervisors

MARCH 9, 2020
Chairman Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9 a.m. Members present were Helgevoed, Rasmussen, and Kluss.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 2, 2020 were read and approved after one correction.

Approved claims for payment.

Held a conference call with Eric at ISG Engineering on the AgriBusiness Park.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoed to receive the Sheriff's revenue report. Motion carries.

Garrett Wilson from Family Heritage Insurance/Globe Life met with the Board to give a brief overview on the products they offer of which includes disability insurance, supplemental coverage, CancerCare, etc. No decision made at this time to offer to the employees.

Held an informational meeting with landowners in DD #117. Lee Gallentine (Clapsaddle-Garber Associates) and Dean Kluss (Supervisor) gave the landowners an update of the Bid Letting that took place on February 10, 2020. Gallentine reminded the landowners that the estimate for the Root Cutting and Tiling Lining option was \$150,000. He continued to explain that one (1) bid was received in the amount of \$375,175.

Gallentine went on to explain that there was concern from contractors as to the makeup of the tile. If the tile is made up of clay it would not survive the root cutting especially if it is cracked. If the tile is made up of concrete it has a better chance of holding up to the root cutting which is a chain whip process. He explained that the tile they viewed during the project surveying was concrete.

Dean Kluss briefly ran through the other three (3) options there were available in the Engineer's Report. Gallentine displayed the maps and stated the cost for each of these options.

Tile Replacement \$188,513
Reroute Tile \$165,550
Open Ditch \$186,175

Eric Rector brought up the thought of a CREP site which was discussed and determined that the landowner or tenant would need to facilitate that discussion with the NRCS office. It was noted that if the Open Ditch option was chosen that we would need to know if there will be an impact to NRCS for wetland determination.

Gallentine was instructed by the Board of Supervisors to send the Engineer's Report to the NRCS office to see what impact an Open Ditch would be. Randall Thayer and Dean Kluss will present the idea of a CREP site to the NRCS office. Pending feedback from the NRCS office the Open Ditch option will be put out for bid.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoed to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

ATTEST:
Dean Kluss, Chairman
Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Eagle Grove

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, is hereby serving as Public Notice that on April 6, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 210 E. Broadway in the City of Eagle Grove, to consider the plans, specifications, and bid documents of the Downtown Revitalization Façade Project which consists of the renovation and improvement of 12 downtown building facades.

This meeting will be held to give residents information concerning the proposed project. Citizens are encouraged to attend and express their preferences about the proposed activities. Anyone having questions about this project, or if you require special accommodations to attend the hearing, such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact City Hall at 515-448-4343.

Bryce Davis
City Administrator
City of Eagle Grove

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Probate

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE NO. ESPR017172

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WRIGHT COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL S. BURRAS, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carl S. Burras, Deceased, who died on or about March 3, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of March 2020, the last will and testament of Carl S. Burras, deceased, bearing the date of the 1st day of Oct., 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Sandra Thomason 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 or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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 18th day of March, 2020.
Sandra Thomason
Executor of Estate
209 S.W. 9th St.
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

Dani L. Eisentrager, ICIS#: AT0008960
Attorney for Executor
Eisentrager Law
109 S. Commercial, P.O. Box 346
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Eagle Grove

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF EAGLE GROVE WASTEWATER SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM NEPA REVIEW. THIS PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED IN PART OR WHOLE BY SRF FUNDING.

The proposed project was reviewed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for eligibility for a categorical exclusion from NEPA review specified in the 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 6.204. The project meets all criteria described in the above reference, and it was determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will not be prepared.

This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of supporting information that is on file at the DNR's Des Moines, Iowa office. The Categorical Exclusion documentation for this project is available online at www.iowaSRF.com/ER. The DNR will not take any administrative action on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the publication of this Notice. Persons disagreeing with the above environmental decision may submit comments to the DNR during this period. Please direct your comments to Casey Laskowski at casey.laskowski@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-0261.

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Advertising questions?
Email Cari at
wrightcosales@midamericapub.com

For What It's Worth



I think we can all agree that the Coronavirus has been overwhelming. There's so much information, so many things we think and worry about. You turn on the television - there it is. You open up Facebook - there it is. And of course, we've been covering it in the newspaper. There have been some very serious conversations about the topic, and there have been memes poking fun at the panic. I am writing this column this week as a way of finding the silver lining to a very stressful situation.

No one wants to be quarantined for weeks on end and miss out on all the exciting plans we may have had. For example, in our household, we were looking forward to the spring Extreme softball season our two youngest daughters participate in. It's fun to get out and watch their games, visit with other parents, and take in the fresh air after a long winter. We're also missing studio dance. Recital is supposed to be April 18, and at this point (unless it changes, which we all know is very likely if the past week is any indicator) aren't scheduled to be allowed back to practice until the week of April 14. Will the show go on? We don't know, we have to wait and see.

However, let's look at the good that may be coming from this. In a world of social media, it's become all too easy to just Snap each other, check things out on Facebook, or send a text message instead of picking up the phone to actually have a conversation. Now that we CAN'T (or are not recommended) to get together face-to-face, WE WANT TO. Maybe this is a good thing to remind us the human interaction is important. And then there's kindness. Again, in a world of social media that makes it all too easy to argue or express opinions harshly, it's heartwarming in times like these to see people put their differences aside and work together for the common good - worrying about the well being of other people. I've seen/heard/read all kinds of examples of this. Lisa Russell, owner of Slay in Eagle Grove, has been posting FREE online yoga videos for kids to help them relieve the stresses they might have from facing the unknown of COVID-19. I've seen numerous people post on Facebook that they are willing to deliver groceries, medicine, and other supplies to the high risk population of Eagle Grove so they can stay home where it is safe. I've talked to T.J. Huntley of Huntley's PitStop who is making and delivering meals at cost to make sure the homebound are fed. Eagle Grove School District employees are volunteering to come out and help distribute free meals for kids between the ages of 0 - 18. I've seen teachers making Youtube videos for the students to learn at home. For example, kindergarten teacher Stacy Osborn posted a "Beat the Teacher" video that challenged the kids to read the word on the flashcard before she does. Coaches have been posting volleyball tips, softball videos, and more. The Tim Olson family has been posting videos of them singing songs of Praise and Worship. Local restaurants and neighbors have been delivering food and supplies to in-home daycare providers. Sara Middleton at our Chamber continues to send out feeds and information for our local businesses to help them stay afloat in these uncertain times, even organizing online gift card purchases to use in our local stores when this pandemic is past.

This is only a very small sampling of the GOOD IN EAGLE GROVE. Our community is amazing. Our people are extraordinary. Our silver lining is that we are a community of people helping people. Our silver lining is that perhaps, just maybe, we will get back to being a society of social interaction instead of social media. Our silver lining is that we will all appreciate our local stores and businesses who did what they could to bring us the services and healthcare we need even during the unknown of Coronavirus. Our silver lining is that maybe we will find it's okay to slow down and simply enjoy the quiet moments with the people around us we love most. I for one, enjoyed spending a weekend with my girls just playing games, going on outdoor scavenger hunts, having a PJs and popcorn movie party in the middle of the day without feeling guilty that I should be doing laundry or cleaning the house, and sleeping in. I hope you have found your silver lining as well. Don't get me wrong, I pray the pandemic is over soon and we can all get back to doing the things we normally do - I just hope we don't forget to do the things we REALLY love, not just the things we feel we have to do.

— Editor,
Kim Demory

— THE ALTERNATIVE —

Cost and benefit

It was so refreshing to hear a story about second-degree theft on the radio this morning. I needed a break from COVID-19.

But then came this op-ed in the Wall Street Journal calling for you and me to send \$500 checks to everybody for museum visits and cruises to stimulate the economy when the virus threat winds down. It was written by Todd and Victoria Buchholz. Mr. Buchholz is "director of marketing strategy and special projects" at Princess Cruises.

Threats are constantly played up for profit. I can understand the threat of body odor increasing the sales of deodorant and rubbing alcohol (maybe it's a secret, but it works like deodorant).

I can't quite figure out the incentive for this silly reaction to "the virus." With ethanol mandates, for instance, there's demand for corn. But who could predict that Walmart stock would zoom ahead while the broader stock market would tank? Can you imagine a powerful corporation hoarding toilet paper and then having the deviousness to influence media and politicians to freak out in such a way like William Randolph Hearst's hemp vs. wood pulp myth?

I haven't been to town for a few days but I imagine store shelves are being restocked and many homes are running out of space and tarps for toilet paper storage. Then what? A slump in toilet paper sales and the lobbyists will be taking our politicians out to lunch and begging for toilet paper subsidies. Corn farmers are quite familiar with "situations beyond their control" that require totalitarian government to step in and take young mothers' formula money to prop up corn prices.

How is that person you know doing that is sick with the

corona virus? What person, you ask? Exactly. How is that person you know doing with the layoff or business closure? I bet almost anyone reading that second question knows that person and the first question brought a blank stare.

Most of us have known someone with cancer. We know the treatments can be horrendous. So the question arises, is it worth it?

In the case of the virus as in anthropomorphic climate change, simply asking the question is taboo. At first the president downplayed the threat and the uproar among the morally superior pundits and opposing politicians had him portrayed as a deadly virus himself. He quickly wised up and joined the crusades, not that the people who hate him would give him credit for that but the public did seem to back off. Ah, the way he talks, kinda like an announcer at the original Easter Sunday.

In the United States we have 22,000 deaths this year from the flu. We have 157 as of this writing who have died from corona virus.

The president will write a \$1,200 check to each of us because of this (well, he'll sign it anyway). There will be \$300 billion in forgivable small business loans. And 2.2 million people have applied for unemployment this week in reaction to an illness that has caused one half of one percent of the deaths caused by the flu.

My question is, "Who are the other Mr. and Mrs. Buchholzes?"

Any responses to The Alternative may be sent as a letter to the editor or to Fritz's email address 4selfgovernment@gmail.com. His blog, www.alternativelybyfritz.com, is now being updated regularly. It's diverse, like the universities claim to be.

Extension and Outreach county office <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/countyservices/>. IASTATE.EDU/extension and Outreach is still open for business, said John D. Lawrence, vice president for extension and outreach. If the office is closed, leave a message and someone will get back to you as quickly as possible.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Eagle Grove Community Schools

Department of Management - Form S-PB-6
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Eagle Grove School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Location of Public Hearing: Emerson Building
325 North Commercial
Eagle Grove IA 50533
Date of Hearing: 4/13/20
Time of Hearing: 6:00 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2020/21 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 revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

| | Budget 2021 | Re-est. 2020 | Actual 2019 | Avg %19-21 | |
|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 | 5,081,074 | 4,439,396 | 4,148,407 | 10.7% |
| Utility Replacement Excise Tax | 2 | 86,624 | 88,301 | 88,708 | 0.0% |
| Income Surtaxes | 3 | 237,318 | 265,983 | 235,766 | 0.3% |
| Tuition/Transportation Received | 4 | 600,000 | 550,000 | 549,834 | |
| Earnings on Investments | 5 | 168,600 | 126,600 | 124,885 | |
| Nutrition Program Sales | 6 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 152,776 | |
| Student Activities and Sales | 7 | 340,000 | 284,000 | 279,004 | |
| Other Revenues from Local Sources | 8 | 173,800 | 133,600 | 131,720 | |
| Revenue from Intermediary Sources | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| State Foundation Aid | 10 | 7,391,141 | 6,629,875 | 6,042,529 | |
| Instructional Support State Aid | 11 | 23,441 | 0 | 0 | |
| Other State Sources | 12 | 1,031,800 | 965,882 | 908,179 | |
| Commercial & Industrial State Replacement | 13 | 137,109 | 102,979 | 73,145 | |
| Title I Grants | 14 | 250,000 | 243,000 | 242,976 | |
| IDEA and Other Federal Sources | 15 | 675,000 | 672,000 | 662,870 | |
| Total Revenues | 16 | 16,355,907 | 14,661,416 | 13,638,799 | |
| General Long-Term Debt Proceeds | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Transfers In | 18 | 616,666 | 900,000 | 431,268 | |
| Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions | 19 | 0 | 0 | 19,366 | |
| Special Items/Upward Adjustments | 20 | 0 | 0 | 760 | |
| Total Revenues & Other Sources | 21 | 16,972,573 | 15,561,416 | 14,090,193 | |
| Beginning Fund Balance | 22 | 4,937,566 | 6,510,706 | 8,325,070 | |
| Total Resources | 23 | 21,910,139 | 22,072,122 | 22,415,263 | |

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| *Instruction | 24 | 11,791,905 | 8,082,236 | 7,902,154 | 22.2% |
| Student Support Services | 25 | 400,000 | 253,000 | 251,867 | |
| Instructional Staff Support Services | 26 | 500,000 | 475,000 | 472,819 | |
| General Administration | 27 | 550,000 | 420,000 | 411,335 | |
| School Administration | 28 | 700,000 | 690,000 | 682,553 | |
| Business & Central Administration | 29 | 375,000 | 241,000 | 237,888 | |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance | 30 | 980,000 | 835,000 | 828,340 | |
| Student Transportation | 31 | 675,000 | 505,000 | 504,563 | |
| This row is intentionally left blank | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| *Total Support Services (lines 25-32) | 32A | 4,180,000 | 3,419,000 | 3,389,365 | 11.1% |
| *Noninstructional Programs | 33 | 1,232,822 | 1,029,882 | 574,653 | 46.5% |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 34 | 2,054,289 | 2,250,000 | 2,311,282 | |
| Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges) | 35 | 1,754,480 | 1,023,556 | 474,348 | |
| AEA Support - Direct to AEA | 36 | 497,486 | 429,882 | 394,962 | |
| *Total Other Expenditures (lines 34-36) | 36A | 4,306,255 | 3,703,438 | 3,180,592 | 16.4% |
| Total Expenditures | 37 | 21,510,982 | 16,234,556 | 15,046,764 | |
| Transfers Out | 38 | 616,666 | 900,000 | 431,268 | |
| Other Uses | 39 | 0 | 0 | 426,525 | |
| Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses | 40 | 22,127,648 | 17,134,556 | 15,904,557 | |
| Ending Fund Balance | 41 | -217,509 | 4,937,566 | 6,510,706 | |
| Total Requirements | 42 | 21,910,139 | 22,072,122 | 22,415,263 | |

Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation) 16.33281