Notice of Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Black River Falls that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the Lunda Theater at the Black River Falls Middle School on the 26th day of October, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Alexander Woods, Clerk

Notice of Budget Hearing
(Section 65.90(4))

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Black River Falls that the budget hearing will be held in the Lunda Theater at the Black River Falls Middle School on the 26th day of October, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The summary of the budget is printed below.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026

Alexander Woods, Clerk

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	4,282,207.55	4,029,925.50	3,217,559.70
Ending Fund Balance	**4,029,925.50**	**3,217,559.70**	**3,217,559.70**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0	0	0
Local Sources (Source 200)	5,094,551.85	5,745,020.65	6,716,941.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	375,994.37	456,517.17	570,760.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	15,840.08	21,715.37	17,488.00
State Sources (Source 600)	16,589,830.98	16,623,062.65	16,349,286.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	1,783,706.53	1,468,478.32	1,215,249.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	221,978.36	49,250.47	65,250.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**24,081,902.17**	**24,364,044.63**	**24,934,974.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	9,867,543.87	9,633,705.61	9,544,871.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	9,381,289.06	10,310,349.13	9,794,547.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	5,085,351.29	5,232,355.69	5,595,556.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**24,334,184.22**	**25,176,410.43**	**24,934,974.00**

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	855,901.23	1,040,843.19	1,201,998.58
Ending Fund Balance	1,040,843.19	1,201,998.58	1,202,096.58
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**5,652,142.36**	**6,054,815.70**	**5,708,699.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**5,467,200.40**	**5,893,660.31**	**5,708,601.00**

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	1,881,863.33	2,439,884.62	1,972,394.34
Ending Fund Balance	2,439,884.62	1,972,394.34	2,173,518.34
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**2,784,397.42**	**2,689,642.37**	**2,552,970.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**2,226,376.13**	**3,157,132.65**	**2,351,846.00**

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	424,607.62	53,687.96	55,750.36
Ending Fund Balance	**53,687.96**	**55,750.36**	**57,250.36**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**2,517.67**	**2,062.40**	**1,500.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**373,437.33**	**0**	**0**

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	418,988.08	139,177.46	906.58
Ending Fund Balance	**139,177.46**	**906.58**	**906.58**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**1,228,783.25**	**1,232,773.24**	**1,338,440.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**1,508,593.87**	**1,371,044.12**	**1,338,440.00**

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	6,274.17	148,809.88	255,374.47
Ending Fund Balance	**148,809.88**	**255,374.47**	**255,374.47**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**475,474.92**	**881,934.10**	**787,568.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**332,939.21**	**775,369.51**	**787,568.00**

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance	**0**	**0**	**0**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**26,989.92**	**29,345.50**	**19,600.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**26,989.92**	**29,345.50**	**19,600.00**

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	34,269,721.08	36,402,962.52	35,141,029.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	2,995,679.45	2,638,584.49	2,663,786.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0	0	0
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	**31,274,041.63**	**33,764,378.03**	**32,477,243.00**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE – NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		**7.96%**	**-3.81%**

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Levy Summary	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027	*Budget w/ passed Referendum 2026 - 2027
General Fund	$4,835,487	$5,582,152	$6,387,310	$7,387,310.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	$2,603,183	$2,500,000	$2,380,000	$1,900,000.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	$124,924	$126,939	$127,970	$127,970
Capital Expansion Fund	$0	$0	$0	
Community Service Fund	$448,735	$422,113	$230,488	$230,488
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	$0	$0	$0	
Other Levy	$0	$0	$0	
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	**$8,012,329**	**$8,631,204**	**$9,125,768**	**$9,645,768.00**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		**7.72%**	**7.21%**	**11.75%**
Levy Rate	$6.00	$5.69	$5.69	$6.02

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BUDGET PUBLICATION - 2026 - 2027
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GENERAL FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	1,793,288.99	1,602,099.95	1,746,167.64
Ending Fund Balance	**1,602,099.95**	**1,746,167.64**	**1,728,162.64**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,551,069.33	1,384,627.92	1,591,658.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,049,051.00	1,083,743.00	1,150,449.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	6,021.60	26,700.59	9,500.00
State Sources (Source 600)	6,105,178.16	6,378,976.86	6,095,805.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	319,800.16	291,943.05	259,855.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	25,730.55	39,563.41	281,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**9,056,850.80**	**9,205,554.83**	**9,388,267.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	4,237,826.20	4,219,401.60	4,073,827.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	3,335,913.09	3,068,216.00	3,460,931.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,674,300.55	1,773,869.54	1,871,514.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**9,248,039.84**	**9,061,487.14**	**9,406,272.00**

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	148,105.63	155,886.35	161,461.87
Ending Fund Balance	155,886.35	161,461.87	161,461.87
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,773,099.89	1,878,789.56	1,870,214.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,765,319.17	1,873,214.04	1,870,214.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	670,734.99	1,009,915.72	943,804.17
Ending Fund Balance	1,009,915.72	943,804.17	461,118.17
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,217,324.73	1,303,036.92	1,214,317.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	878,144.00	1,369,148.47	1,697,003.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	628,797.62	205,785.08	2,633,223.31
Ending Fund Balance	**205,785.08**	**2,633,223.31**	**242,967.31**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**29,585.47**	**3,437,582.47**	**0.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**452,598.01**	**1,010,144.24**	**2,390,256.00**

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FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	771.74	771.74	(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	**771.74**	**(0.00)**	**3.00**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**642,382.40**	**584,278.93**	**599,000.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**642,382.40**	**585,050.67**	**598,997.00**

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	30,903.86	17,863.44	270,245.43
Ending Fund Balance	**17,863.44**	**270,245.43**	**110,676.43**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**150,000.00**	**376,200.00**	**225,000.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**163,040.42**	**123,818.01**	**384,569.00**

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**

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Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	13,149,523.84	14,022,862.57	16,347,311.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	1,147,543.25	1,104,577.30	1,121,529.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	817.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	**12,001,980.59**	**12,918,285.27**	**15,224,965.00**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE – NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		**7.63%**	**17.86%**

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Levy Summary	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
General Fund	$1,482,908	$1,329,923	$1,539,408
Referendum Debt Service Fund	$1,060,250	$1,050,000	$1,013,500
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	$0	$0	$45,817
Capital Expansion Fund	$0	$0	$0
Community Service Fund	$150,000	$375,000	$225,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	$0	$0	$0
Other Levy	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	**$2,693,158**	**$2,754,923**	**$2,823,725**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		**2.29%**	**2.50%**

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed 2026 - 2027 budget:

DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT
NEW PROGRAMS	**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Merrillan until **2:00 PM on October 23, 2026,** for the resurfacing of McBride St. (from N. Hayden St. to McBride St. termini). Bids may be mailed/delivered to 101 S. Main St. (PO Box 70), Merrillan, WI 54754, or emailed to hi@merrillanwi.gov. This project is funded by the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) under MSILT Agreement #20454.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Penny Danielson, Village Clerk *WNAXLP*

School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Lincoln High School Library

AGENDA

- Call to order – School Board President
- Introduction.
- Election of Chairperson.
- 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- Auditor's Report
- Hearing on the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.
- Resolutions: Request for Tax Levy
- Resolution: Request authorization for the School Board to sell or dispose of tangible personal proper that the Board determines is no longer needed.
- Resolution: Request authorization for the School Board to furnish school lunches to pupils and to appropriate funds for that purpose.
- Fix the salaries of School Board members
- Authorize date and time of the 2027 Annual Meeting.
- Authorize the School Board to lease property from Immaculate Conception Church.
- Authorize the School Board to short term borrow for operational needs up to $750,000.
- Authorize the School Board to purchase property, if it becomes available, for possible future additions.
- Adjourn

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
Petitioner
Brett Patrick Koch
203 W. Sunny Ln
Janesville, WI 53546
and
Respondent
Helena Elizabeth Ortiz
W11666 Oak Grove Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Summons with Minor Children
Divorce-40101
Case No. 26-FA60

The State of Wisconsin, to the person named above as respondent:

You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government offices:

Clerk of Court, Jackson County, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615

County Child Support Agency: Jackson County Health and Human Services, 421 County Rd. R, Black River Falls, WI 54615

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GERALD R. HJORNEVIK

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-32

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-13-1938 and date of death 08-31-2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 311 Bridge St., Taylor, WI 54659 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 4, 2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

/s/ Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Sept. 23, 2026

Attorney Mark Radcliffe
107 Main St.
Black River Falls, WI 54165
715-284-1234
Bar No. 1033727
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BRICE L. HEFNER
Date of Death: Juy 1, 2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-34

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth November 29, 1962 and date of death July 1, 2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of Pine View Care Center, 400 County Road R, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 5, 2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Sept. 25, 2026

Attorney Penny J. Precour
PENNY J. PRECOUR, ATTORNEY AT LAW, S.C.
808 Superior Ave.
Suite 201
Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-2014
Bar No.1022320

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Public Notice

Sealed bids will be received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the Black River State Forest Headquarters (Castle Mound), W10325 Hwy 12, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615; up to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. A timber sale prospectus, map, bid forms and detailed information on each timber tract can be obtained online at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/salesBlackRiver.html or by contacting Forester Ian Remus 715-928-2462.

There are ten tracts of timber for sale on the Black River State Forest in T20N-R2W, T21N-R2W, T21N-R4W. The tracts comprise 638 acres and contain an estimated 28,940 tons of pulpwood and sawtimber. These timber sales are third party certified.

Results from the bid opening and information on any un-sold tracts can be obtained by checking our website or calling the number listed above. Tracts not sold on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 will be available for re-bid up to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened at the Black River State Forest Headquarters (Castle Mound), Black River Falls, at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2026 and November 10, 2026. Interested parties may join the bid opening in person or via conference call at: 1-608-571-2209. Once connected, use passcode 144669179#.

Proof of workers compensation, liability insurance, and logger certification will be required at contract signing.

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Notice

The City of Black River Falls will be conducting a public test of electronic voting equipment as required by state statute at City Hall on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. The city will be using the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) tabulation equipment at the November 3, 2026, election. A test deck of ballots will be run through the machine and tabulated. Any interested citizens are welcome to attend.

Alex B. Chown
City Clerk
City of Black River Falls
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BERNARD JOHN KUTCHERA
06/08/2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-35

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/16/1961 and date of death 06/08/2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W12269 County Road P, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/14/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
October 2, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
CO-OP CREDIT UNION
P.O. Box 157
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Plaintiff,
vs.
GAGE R. NEEDHAM
W9796 Oak Ridge Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Defendants.

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No.26-SC305

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court:

Jackson County Courthouse, Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-284-0208 To appear by phone: 1-312-626-6799. Zoom Meeting ID: 283 337 5424. https://wicourts.zoom.us/j/2833375424
Address: Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
on the following date and time:

November 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-0208 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court **before** the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

/s/Garrett W. Nix
October 6, 2026

Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.
4825 Owen Ayres Court
Suite 102
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-930-1000
State Bar No: 1088892
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLAIR-TAYLOR
Blair, Wisconsin

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING and ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Blair-Taylor that the Budget Hearing and School District Annual Meeting will be held on Monday the 26th day of October 2026. The Budget Hearing will start at **5:30 p.m.** and the Annual Meeting will start at **6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Blair-Taylor Distance Learning Lab (I109).

A 2026-2027 budget summary is presented for your review. A detailed budget is available for inspection in the district office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Dated this 14th day of October 2026.

David Thompson, Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Chris C. Emerson

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-36

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/16/1948 and date of death 4/19/2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7582 County Rd E, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/13/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Sept. 30, 2026

Sarah Emerson
N7582 County Rd E
Black River Falls, WI 54615
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT H. NESBITT

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-39

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 01-16-1937 and date of death 08-04-2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1005 Golf Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is o1/20/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Oct. 7, 2026

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The Common Council met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on October 6, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons M. Rave, Busse, Miles, Gearing-Lancaster, Ammann, and Peloquin were present. Alderperson E. Rave attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson Wussow was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by M. Rave to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 16, 2026 Special Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There were 3 citizens in attendance 1 in person and 2 remotely via Zoom meetings. Black River Youth Hockey Board President-Elect Matt Karls distributed a letter of concern and supporting documents from their organization and addressed the Council regarding the City Administrator's responses to their concerns, the legality of the lease agreement, a perceived lack of oversight over the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena Committee, and their recommendation for a legal commercial lease between the City, Black River Youth Hockey, and the Black River Falls Figure Skating Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to place on file the minutes of the September 17, 2026 Business Improvement District (BID) Board meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to place on file the minutes of the September 28, 2026 Utility Commission meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the 2027 contract between the City and the Municipal Street Department Teamsters General Union Local 662. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-04** – a resolution to borrow $363,000.00 from Waumandee State Bank at an interest rate of 4.85% for a term of 12-months for 2026 Street Department capital items. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 907 – An ordinance repealing and recreating Section 7.01 of the Code of Ordinances regarding state traffic codes adopted was presented – 1st reading.

It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Ad Hoc Housing Study Steering Committee. Motion carried.

The City Administrator presented updated proposed 2027 City Operating and Capital Budgets. Changes were made to balance the operating budget while also complying with an estimated levy limit of .701%. The operating budget was initially more than $100,000 over the levy limit. In order to balance the operating budget, the proposed capital budget was decreased by approximately $85,000, the levy for the shared ride taxi service was decreased by $5,000, and estimated interest income was increased by $30,000. There were no capital projects cut, but adding to reserves for future capital project needs was reduced substantially. At least $125,000 in grants and/or donations will need to be secured to make the filter replacement project at the Hoffman Aquatic Center possible.

It was moved by Alderperson Miles, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:56 pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator
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Notice to Creditors
John R. Murray Estate
(Informal Administration)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN R.MURRAY
Case No. 2026-PR-33

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/21/1946 and date of death 08/24/2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W13418 Murray Road, Room C207, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 7, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

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Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing
for the
Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District
Will be held on
Monday, October 19, 2026
At 6:00 PM
Junior/Senior High School Library

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan, or the Villages of Alma Center, Merrillan, Towns of Alma, Cleveland, Garden Valley, Hixton, and Northfield of Jackson County; Town of Mentor of Clark County, that the Annual Meeting of said district, for the transaction of school business will be held in the Junior/Senior High School Library at the Lincoln Jr/Sr High School on the 3rd Monday, being the 19th day of October 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The proposed 2026-2027 Budget can be reviewed in the District Office or online at www.lincolnhornets.org.

Dated this 7th day of October 2026.
Kara Paul
District Clerk
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