

## CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of the County of Benton, State of Iowa, that the City/School Election will be held on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023. The polls for said election shall be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

For said election Benton County will be divided into fifteen precincts. The precincts and polling places are as follows:

### **PRECINCT NAME**

Belle Plaine I, II & III  
Benton-Canton-Shellsburg  
Big Grove-Union-Van Horne  
**\*Bruce-Cedar-Monroe-Mt. Auburn**  
Eden-Harrison-Taylor  
Eldorado-Newhall  
Florence-St. Clair-Norway  
Fremont-Atkins  
**\*Homer-Kane-Keystone**  
Iowa-Leroy-Luzerne-Blairstown  
**\*Jackson-Garrison**  
Polk-Urbana  
Vinton I & II  
Vinton III & IV  
Walford  
**\*Indicates change in polling place**

### **PLACE OF VOTING**

Belle Plaine Fire Station  
Shellsburg Legion Hall  
Van Horne Community Center  
**\*Cedar-Mt. Auburn Hall**  
Benton County Courthouse, Center Hall  
Newhall City Hall  
St. Michael's Parish Center  
Atkins City Hall/Library  
**\*Keystone City Hall**  
Blairstown City Hall/Community Center  
**\*Garrison Fire Station**  
Urbana City Hall/Community Center  
Vinton Skate & Activity Center  
Vinton Skate & Activity Center  
Walford City Hall

**VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS:** Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may 1) have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by November 13, 2023 12:00 p.m. (noon). Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 319-472-2365.

### **2021 ELECTION LAW CHANGES:**

**Voter Registration:** Voter must register to vote 15 days (October 23, 2023) or more before the election to appear on the voter register on Election Day.

### **Absentee Voting:**

1. The first day to submit an absentee ballot request form to the Auditors office is 70 days before Election Day.
2. The first day the Auditors office may mail absentee ballots to voters is 20 days (October 18, 2023) before an election.
3. The first day to vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office is 20 days (October 18, 2023).
4. Absentee ballot requests for voting by mail must be received by 15 days (October 23, 2023) before the election.
5. Absentee ballots must be received by the county auditor by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### **Returning Absentee Ballots:**

- **The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot other than the voter are:**
  - Someone living in the voter's household
  - An immediate family member
  - The two special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to the resident of a health care facility, dementia-specific assisted living program or hospital
  - Voters unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability may use a "delivery agent" to deliver their ballots.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS CANNOT BE PLACED IN THE DROP BOX OUTSIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE!!!**

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at the telephone or E-mail address listed below.

Telephone: 319-472-2365 Email address: [bcauditor@bentoncountya.gov](mailto:bcauditor@bentoncountya.gov) For TTY access, dial 711+319-472-2365

### **THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WILL APPEAR ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BALLOTS.**

Atkins City Council Vote for 2: Mike Palumbo, Trevor Dursky, David Fisher, Jeffrey Semelroth, Jeremy Chihak, Jade Nutt  
Belle Plaine Mayor Vote for 1: Lyle Morrow, David Fish  
Belle Plaine City Council at Large Vote for 1: Mary T. Pech, Garrett Landuyt  
Belle Plaine City Council District 2 Vote for 1: Charmaine Wickwire  
Belle Plaine Park Board Commissioner Vote for 1: Lonny G. Weber

Blairstown Mayor Vote for 1: Rodney C. Kubichek  
 Blairstown City Council Vote for 2: Scott Metz, Nicholas T. Mokas  
 Garrison Mayor Vote for 1: Garrett Flickinger  
 Garrison City Council Vote for 2: Marvin Trimble, Doug Kearns  
 Keystone Mayor Vote for 1: Mark W. Andresen  
 Keystone City Council Vote for 2: Rebecca Andresen, Mike L. Stoner, Michael A. Root  
 Luzerne Mayor Vote for 1: John W. Brandt  
 Luzerne City Council Vote for 5: Barbara Shields, Joel D. Buttikofer, Kyla Buttikofer, Kelly W. Kendall, Jeani Brandt  
 Mt Auburn Mayor Vote for 1: Austin Brase  
 Mt Auburn City Council Vote for 5: Jared Helms, Cody Lundry, Shelby Williams, Mercedes Bickel  
 Newhall Mayor Vote for 1: Jan Mattson, Doug Boddicker  
 Newhall City Council Vote for 5: Ben Seeck, Rachelle Messner, Schuyler M. Brinkley, Douglas Rinderknecht, Douglas Wendel, Bruce Cross  
 Norway Mayor Vote for 1: No Candidate  
 Norway City Council Vote for 2: Christopher J. Van Horn, Darrell A. Schulte, Michael Schulte  
 Norway City Council Vacancy Vote for 1: Terry L. Pickart  
 Shellsburg Mayor Vote for 1: Lonnie M. Speckner, Phillip Travis  
 Shellsburg City Council Vote for 2: Paul Bristol, Brian Reeves, Scott Hepker  
 Urbana Mayor Vote for 1: Shane Williams, Gary Benson  
 Urbana City Council Vote for 3: Nicholas McClain, Jeff Bendull, Amanda Vaske, Shelly Lala  
 Van Horne Mayor Vote for 1: Pat Gorkow  
 Van Horne City Council Vote for 2: Todd Donald  
 Vinton Mayor Vote for 1: Bud Maynard  
 Vinton City Council at Large Vote for 1: Tamara S. Stark  
 Vinton City Council District 2 Vote for 1: Dakota Sellers, Andrew Elwick  
 Vinton City Council District 3 Vacancy Vote for 1: Zach Parmater  
 Vinton City Council District 4 Vote for 1: Bethany Gates  
 Walford Mayor Vote for 1: No Candidate  
 Walford City Council Vote for 3: Randy Bauer, Matt Greiner  
 Belle Plaine Community School Director at Large Vote for 3: Alicia Jacobi, Shirley Coles, Benjamin Reineke, Tylar Gallagher  
 Benton Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Nichole Rinholen, Jason Schanbacher  
 Benton Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: Theresa Thompson  
 Benton Community School Director District 3 Vote for 1: Matt Nolte  
 Benton Community School Director District 4 Vacancy Vote for 1: Scott W. Shaw  
 Benton Community School Director District 7 Vote for 1: Emily Kaiser  
 Center Point-Urbana Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Amber Hoskins, Ann Wooldridge  
 Center Point-Urbana Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: Nick Larson, Aaron Maue  
 Center Point-Urbana Community School Director District 3 Vote for 1: Alan Marshall, Sarah Eikenberry  
 College Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Markus Cannon  
 College Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Dawn Kousheh  
 College Community School Director District 3 Vote for 1: Randy Bauer  
 College Community School Director District 4 Vote for 1: Angie Ehle  
 Hawkeye Community College Director 3 Vote for 1: Louis Beck  
 Independence Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Audrey Hill  
 Independence Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: John Bagge, Mitchell Barnett  
 Independence Community School Director District 3 Vote for 1: Kim Hansen  
 Kirkwood Community College Merged Area X Director District 5 Vote for 1: Alan Jensen  
 North-Linn Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Nick Breuer, Amanda Jo Krogmann  
 North-Linn Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Ryan Benesch  
 North-Linn Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: Matthew Michael  
 Union Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Corey Lorenzen  
 Union Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: No Candidate  
 Union Community School Director District 3 Vote for 1: Carleen McGivern  
 Union Community School Director District 4 Vote for 1: Ben R. Schemmel  
 Vinton-Shellsburg Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Le Cox  
 Vinton-Shellsburg Community School Director District 1 Vote for 2: Thomas Burke, Rebecca S. Williams  
 Vinton-Shellsburg Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: Jake Fish

**THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURES WILL APPEAR ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BALLOTS.**

**Public Measure BG:** Shall the Benton County Board of Supervisors, upon recommendation by the Benton County EMS Advisory Council, for the purpose of funding Emergency Medical Services in Benton County including, but not limited to, ambulance service, personnel, and equipment be authorized, for a period of fifteen (15) years, to levy and impose an ad valorem tax not exceeding Sixty-Eight Cents (\$.68) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within Benton County commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025?

**Public Measure BH:** Shall the City of Urbana, Iowa be authorized to levy, annually, a property tax of twenty-seven cents per \$1,000 of taxable value for the purpose of increasing the annual operating budget of the Urbana Public Library, with collection of the levy commencing in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025?

**Public Measure BI:** Summary: To adopt a revenue purpose statement to authorize the expenditure of revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund received by the Belle Plaine Community School District.

Revenue Purpose Statement:

Revenue received by the Belle Plaine Community School District from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes:

To provide funds for property tax relief.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; and to furnish and equip District facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment) or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under a District-to-community college as authorized in Iowa Code section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase

construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, service, and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code section 423E.5 or Iowa Code section 423F.4; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Belle Plaine Community School District.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If adopted, this revenue purpose statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Belle Plaine Community School District.

**Public Measure ND:** Shall the Board of Directors of the College Community School District in the Counties of Benton, Linn, and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,000,000 to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a swimming pool / wellness center facility, with related site improvements; to build, furnish, and equip a concession stand / ticket booth addition at John Wall stadium, including related improvements; to remodel, repair, and improve the former Prairie Creek Intermediate (now 9th Grade Center/Prairie Delta) facility, including relocation/expansion of boys/girls wrestling practice rooms and conversion of existing gymnasium space into an indoor batting/hitting facility, with related improvements?

**Public Measure BM:** Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Union Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

In the Union Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Union Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized

by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Union Community School District.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Union Community School District.

All voters are advised of the requirements of voter's registration in order to be eligible to vote at said election. This notice is given pursuant to Section 49.53, Code of Iowa, 2021, as amended, and by order of Benton County Commissioner of Elections this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

HAYLEY RIPPEL  
Benton County Auditor/ Commissioner of Elections