

February 20, 2024
Garner, Iowa

The Hancock County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session on the above captioned date pursuant to adjournment with Supervisors Florence (Sis) Greiman and Gary Rayhons present. Supervisor Jerry J. Tlach arrived at 9:03 a.m. Absent: none.

The minutes of February 12, 2024 meeting were read and approved by Supervisors Greiman and Rayhons. Absent: Tlach.

On motion by Supervisor Tlach, seconded by Supervisor Greiman, and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Approved the best of 2 quotes received for replacement of carpet in the Law Enforcement Center and Judges' Chambers and Courtrooms in the amount of \$17,328.35 from InStep Flooring, Kanawha and also the quote from K & K Floors and Cleaning Service, Garner for the stripping and rewaxing of the tile floors in the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$1,315. Set March 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on Hancock County's proposed property tax levy for fiscal year 2024-2025.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Tlach, and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Allowance and disallowance of various family farm credit applications. Set March 11, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing for an amendment to Hancock County's budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Tlach and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-009

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALLIANT ENERGY'S ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, Interstate Power and Light Company (dba Alliant Energy) has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a two-year phased-in rate increase that the company estimates will increase the electric bills of residential customers by 13.4%, small businesses by 20%, and large general service customers by 17.4% - 20%,¹ and

WHEREAS, this is Alliant Energy's sixth electric rate increase since 2004 and, if approved as proposed, will be the largest in the company's history, and

¹ Alliant Energy, Notice of Proposed Electric Rate Increase, October 6, 2023.

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy posted \$1.72 billion in gross profits in 2022,² increased its annual common stock dividend by 6%,³ and paid its Chief Executive Officer \$7,283,270 in total compensation in 2022,⁴ and

WHEREAS, according to utility data furnished to the Iowa Utilities Board,⁵ Alliant's average annual cost per kWh for residential customers in 2022 was once again almost the highest in the state, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's average annual bundled cost per kWh in 2022 for the three major ratepayer classes was significantly higher than the other investor-owned electric utility in Iowa (MidAmerican Energy Company), and

Ratepayer Class	Alliant Energy 2022 Cost Cents/kWh	MidAmerican 2022 Cost Cents/kWh	Alliant Percentage Higher
Residential	17.75	11.01	61.3%
Commercial	13.25	8.90	48.9%
Industrial	8.36	6.35	31.6%

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA), in 2022 MidAmerican Energy Company had the lowest residential costs per kWh and Alliant had the third highest residential costs among similarly-sized investor-owned utilities in the Midwest,⁶ and

WHEREAS, Alliant's high rates are causing serious hardship for low and moderate-income households, fixed-income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and our municipal government, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's high and rising rates are creating a serious hindrance to economic development in the City of Mason City and for all communities in Alliant's service territory, and

² Yahoo Finance, [Alliant Energy, Statistics](#), accessed October 7, 2023.

³ Alliant Energy, [2022 Annual Report](#), pg.1,

⁴ Salary.com, [John O. Larsen, Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Alliant Energy](#), accessed October 17, 2023.

⁵ Iowa Utilities Board, [Information from Utility Annual Report Filings](#), Electric (2022).

⁶ U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Electric Sales, Revenue, and Average Price: 2022](#), Release date: October 5, 2023, Table T6, accessed October 21, 2023.

WHEREAS, Alliant’s proposed \$284 million additional revenue requirement⁷ will drain, on average, another \$565 from each one of Alliant’s 502,937 electric customers,⁸ and

WHEREAS, a 15% - 20% increase to Hancock County current electricity purchases will result in increased expenses that could otherwise be spent on vital public services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED . . .

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Opposes the magnitude of Alliant Energy’s proposed electric rate increase and urges the Iowa Utilities Board to:
 - a) Address Alliant’s high, rising, and unreasonable costs that are imposing serious hardship for low and moderate-income households, fixed-income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and our own municipal government.
 - b) Maintain and improve the ability of customers and communities to save and prosper through investments in customer- and community-owned distributed energy resources, such as energy efficiency, solar power, geothermal energy, and battery storage.
 - c) Require rate-regulated utilities to conduct integrated resource planning and competitive procurement to ensure all utility investments are justified and cost-effective.
 - d) Cease approving unnecessarily high returns on equity that reward shareholders at the expense of Alliant ratepayers.
- 2) Authorizes our Hancock County Board of Supervisors to file this resolution as an official comment in Docket RPU-2023-0002 within ten days and to send copies of this resolution to our State Representative and State Senator to inform the Legislature’s current study of ratemaking in Iowa.
- 3) Encourages all citizens and ratepayers in our community to voice their perspectives and concerns to the Iowa Utilities Board by submitting comments and objections by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov or by mail at Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069. All communication should reference Docket RPU-2023-0002 in the subject line of the email or letter.

On motion by Supervisor Tlach, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the County Auditor to issue checks for the claims on file from February 5 to February 20, 2024 as follows:

8TH STREET COOP,RENT PAYMENT	550.00
ABSOLUTE WASTE REMOVAL,TRASH SERVICES	253.15
ADVANCED CONCRETE INC,ROCK	24,434.71
AHLERS & COONEY P C,PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	750.00
AIRGAS USA LLC,WELDING SUPPLIES	958.06

⁷ Interstate Power and Light Company, “Application for Revision of Electric and Natural Gas Rates,” (RPU-2023-0002), October 12, 2023, para. 9, pg. 3.

⁸ Interstate Power and Light Company, “Number and Classification of Customers Affected,” (RPU-2023-0002), October 12, 2023.

AL LANG,SAFETY	119.00
ALLIANT ENERGY,UTIL	14,032.84
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,SUPP	1,131.60
ANTHONY MEYER,4 BEAVER TAILS DD 1 & 2 LAT 1	160.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY,SUPP	392.97
ASPHALT PAVING ASS'N OF IOWA,MEETING FEE	345.00
AT & T MOBILITY,DATA PLAN	457.64
BAUER BUILT INC.,TIRES	2,085.28
BELINDA RASMUSON OULMAN,MEDICAL EXAMINER	180.00
BEVERLY ADAMS,TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY	110.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY,UTILITIES	401.03
BLACKSTRAP INC,SALT	6,674.90
BLAZEK ELECTRIC,DIMMER IN DISPATCH	141.35
BMC AGGREGATES LC,ROCK	445,000.00
BOLTON & MENK INC,PROF SERVICES DD	1,468.50
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC,PLUMBING	50.16
BRAD'S PEST CONTROL,INSECT CONTROL	66.00
BRIAN ROBERTS,MEDICAL EXAMINER	288.80
BROTHERS ACE HARDWARE,SUPP	440.01
BURTNESS-LUNDGREN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC,PLUMBING REPAIR	188.27
C J COOPER & ASS'N INC,SAFETY SCREENINGS	300.00
CALE EDWARDS,MEAL REIMBURSEMENTS	45.00
CARD SERVICES,HOTEL/SUPP/MEETING FEES	3,165.39
CAROLYN M MILLER CSR-RPR,LEGAL AND COURT	164.50
CATALDO FUNERAL HOME INC,FUNERAL SERVICES	2,530.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC.,CUST/SUPPLY	1,111.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC.,MISC SUPPLIES	605.00
CENTURY LINK,PHONE	33.95
CERRO GORDO CO AUDITOR,LEVY JDD 86-31-1 LAT 4 UPPER TILE (MINOR SYS)	539.00
CHRIS HEYER,MLGE	275.00
CHRYSLER OF FOREST CITY,VEHICLE SERVICE	457.86
CITY LAUNDERING CO,MISC SUPPLIES	134.96
CITY OF BRITT,SEWER & WATER	63.71
CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE,WATER/SEWER	103.50
CITY OF GARNER,W/S	235.63
CITY OF GOODELL,SEWER & WATER	85.00
CITY OF KLEMME,SEWER & WATER	58.44
CITY OF WODEN,SEWER & WATER	126.00
CLARA EISENMANN, IRREVOCABLE TRUST, ETAL,TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY	110.00
CLARION DISTRIBUTING LLC,MISC SUPPLIES	239.25
COLOFF DIGITAL,WEBSITE SUPPORT PACKAGE	169.00
COMMUNICATIONS 1 NETWORK,INTERNET/PH	768.02
CONNOR BAILEY,MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	42.06
CORWITH MUN UTILITIES,UTILITIES	295.97
COTT SYSTEMS INC,HOSTED ONLINE INDEX BOOKS	265.00
COVERT TRACK GROUP INC,GPS	608.05
CULLIGAN MASON CITY,CUST/SUPPLY	37.30
DAVID LANE,SHOP TOOLS	179.99
DEAN SNYDER CONSTRUCTION CO,PAYMENT #7 FINAL:VESTIBULE	38,175.67
DEAN SNYDER CONSTRUCTION CO,CONSULTANT FEES	7,006.96

DORNBIER INC,REPAIR DD	6,185.58
DOUG'S SMALL ENGINE SALES & SERVICE,SAFETY SUPPLIES	130.90
DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE COMPANY,SUBSCRIPTION	33.95
DUNCAN HEIGHTS INC,PAYEE SERVICES	594.00
EARLES DEMOLITION LLC,REPAIR DD	11,455.10
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING,RENEWAL	1,150.00
ELECTRONIC SPECIALTIES INC,MONTHLY RADIO SERVICE	174.00
ELIZABETH H POWERS,CLEANING COMMUNITY HEALTH	450.00
FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION,GASOHOL	174.61
FILLENWARTH BEACH,EDUCATION/TRAINING	633.00
FLOYD CO SHERIFF,LEGAL & COURT	90.75
GALLS LLC,BREACHING TOOLS	2,277.47
GARNER LUMBER & SUPPLY CO,TRAILER DECKING	86.83
GLOCK PROFESSIONAL INC,TRAINING	250.00
GREIMAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LC,ROOF REPAIRS	18,680.76
H & K PLUMBING INC,SHED REPAIRS	1,430.14
HANCOCK CO AUDITOR,REIMB DD PSTGE	13.44
HANCOCK CO SEC ROAD DEPT,REPAIR DD	1,400.00
HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,FY2023-2024 BUDGET ALLOC	34,500.00
HANCOCK COUNTY COOP OIL ASS'N,DIESEL	18,639.97
HANCOCK COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM,SAFETY SCREENINGS	415.00
HANCOCK COUNTY MEDICAL BENEFIT,FEB & MARCH MEDICAL PREMIUMS	299,696.42
HEARTLAND POWER COOP,UTILITIES	10.00
HIWAY TRUCK EQUIP INC,PARTS	975.63
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF,LEGAL & COURT	117.74
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE,CUST/SUPPLY	44.87
IA EMERGENCY MGMT ASS'N,EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE	155.00
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION,SPRING CONF REG	370.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE,CABIN TAX	57.64
IOWA FARMLAND, LLC,TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY	110.00
IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES,MEETING FEE	840.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY,MEETING FEES	220.00
JAMES MENKE,SAFETY BOOTS	150.00
JAMES NELSON,MEETING	62.10
JAMES WELSH,MLGE/PIV CARD/BACKGROUND CHECK	123.20
JIM MORRIS,7 BEAVER TAILS DD 159	560.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,PARTS	2,320.65
JOHNSON, MULHOLLAND, COCHRANE,LEGAL FEES	1,265.00
JOSEPH DAVID PETERSEN,MEDICAL EXAMINER	150.00
K.C. NIELSEN, LTD.,SNOW BLOWER PARTS	209.65
KELTEK,LAPTOP	4,515.67
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY INC,RIFLE ROUNDS	811.03
LANDFILL OF NORTH IOWA,ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	4,565.70
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC,INTERPRETATION	9.45
LINAHON ELECTRIC, INC,INSTALL OUTLETS IN COURTROOM	3,680.78
MAIL SERVICES LLC,MV NOTICES	423.44
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC,COPIER	52.49
MARIANNE WELSCH,CONTINUING ED	355.00
MARVIN L JOHNSON,MEETING	72.99
MENARDS,BUILDING/REPAIRS	1,966.92

MICHELLE EISENMAN,MILEAGE	122.10
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP,LEGALS	1,262.97
MID-STATES ORG CRIME INFORMATION CENTER,DUES	100.00
MIDWEST WASTE LLC,RURAL RECYCLING	5,800.00
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES,PARTS	199.66
MIKE CHARBONNEAUX,7 BEAVER TAILS DD 1 & 2 LAT 28	280.00
MODUS ENGINEERING, LTD,ENGINEERING	3,450.00
MORT'S WATER COMPANY,WELL PUMPS/WATER LINE INSTALL	40,507.79
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC,SERVICE CONTRACT	23,205.47
MOWER CO SHERIFFS OFFICE,LEGAL & COURT	80.00
NASSCO INC,MISC EXP	364.95
NEXT GENERATION TECH LLC,MONTHLY SERVICES/SOFTWARE	16,414.74
NORTH IOWA MEDIA GROUP,LEGALS	1,045.90
NUWAY-K & H COOPERATIVE,GAS	6,738.47
OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF MASON CITY,SHED REPAIRS	3,399.80
PANORAMIC SOFTWARE INC,DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	450.00
PETROBLEND CORPORATION,OIL	1,442.08
PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT,POSTAGE	3,000.00
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES, INC.,ONLINE TRAINING	120.00
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF,LEGAL & COURT	45.72
POWERPLAN,PARTS	891.66
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE,UTILITIES	357.15
PRITCHARD AUTO COMPANY,VEHICLE SERVICE	289.27
QUILL CORPORATION,SUPPLIES	611.80
REBECCA J CRONE,TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY	110.00
REUTZEL EXCAVATING INC,REPAIR DD	39,247.28
RTS TACTICAL,BALLISTIC SHIELDS	6,119.93
SECRETARY OF STATE/NOTARY PUBL,NOTARY PUBLIC	60.00
SEPRO CORPORATION,LAKE TESTING	124.00
SHANE MALEK,ABANDONED WELL PLUGGING	500.00
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON, INC,ESP WELL ENGINEERING	1,511.79
SIGNS & DESIGNS BY LIZ,SIGNS	260.00
SKYBLUE SOLUTIONS,PHONE	993.45
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES INC,PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,028.00
SPENCER STEEL LLC,PARTS	1,186.63
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY,WELL WATER TESTING	250.00
STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER,AUTOPSY/TOXICOLOGY	6,717.40
SWENSON'S HARDWARE,PARTS	178.37
THE LEADER,1 YEAR SUB	59.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY,INMATE MEDS	57.72
T-MOBILE,PHONE	550.06
TRACY L MARSHALL,MLGE	174.90
TRUE VALUE,PARTS	5.66
TRULSON AUTO PARTS,BATTERIES	1,701.74
UMB BANK, N.A.,BOND REGISTRATION FEES	600.00
USCELLULAR,PHONE	1,107.26
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC.,SERVICES	5,600.00
VERIZON,PHONE	40.01
VERONICA MAAS,MEETING	70.24
VISUAL EDGE IT,EQUIPMENT	473.07

VISUAL EDGE IT,LEASE	60.91
WASTE MANAGEMENT,DISPOSAL	525.17
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING,COPIER	307.77
WEST PAYMENT CENTER,DATA BASE	654.46
WEX BANK,GAS	23,563.48
WILLSON & PECHACEK PLC,LEGAL SERVICES	175.00
WINNEBAGO COOP,PH	546.12
WINNEBAGO COUNTY JAIL,MONTHLY INMATE	14,575.00
ZETRON INC,MAINTENANCE	181.19
ZIEGLER INC.,PARTS	4,848.31
TOTAL	1,206,610.80

No further business to come before the Board, motion made to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. by Supervisor Tlach and carried. All Supervisors present voting, "Aye," session to adjourn and will meet again on February 26, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Michelle K. Eisenman, Auditor

Gary Rayhons, Chair