

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
March 7, 2023
BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a special election of the School District of Benton Community School, in the Counties of Tama, Iowa and Benton, State of Iowa, and Hawkeye Community College District, in the Counties of Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy and Tama, State of Iowa, will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Polls will be open **7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023**. Absentee ballots will be available on, **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**, at the Tama County Auditor's Office and may be voted in the office until 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023. A ballot may be mailed to you upon your request. Requests must be in writing (you must include your name, address, date of birth, drivers license or Voter ID pin number, date of election or type of election, signature and date of signature) or on an official absentee ballot request form. Requests must be received by the auditor's office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, 2023**. Official forms may be obtained by contacting the auditor's office.

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 (641) 484-2740 ext. 3 or email krohrs@tamacounty.org.

POLLING LOCATIONS

PRECINCT

York

Elberon Community Building
106 Main St.
Elberon, IA 52225

TOWNSHIP/CITY

**Benton Community School & Hawkeye Community
College Residents of:**
Elberon
York Township

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. 1) may have 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 noon on Monday, March 13, 2023. 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 641-484-2740 ext. 3.

Voter pre-registration deadline is 5:00 P.M. February 20, 2023, at the Tama County Auditor's office.

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

The public test of Tama County's voting equipment to be used in the March 7, 2023 Special Election will commence at 8:30 a.m. on February 22, 2023 in the Tama County Administration Building and will continue until completed. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at 641-484-2740 ext 3.

Paper ballots will be used, a facsimile of the official ballot is published as a part of this notice. A Sample Ballot listing the public measures is shown below. Please note this is a copy of one rotation of the ballots. Any other rotations will be shown on the sample ballots posted in each precinct.

INSERT BALLOT FACSIMILIES HERE

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, do hereby certify that the above ballot is a true and correct copy of one of the official ballots to be voted upon in the Special Election on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The following propositions will appear on the ballots in the specific jurisdictions:

Public Measure BE

Shall the Board of Directors of the Benton Community School District in the Counties of Benton, Tama and Iowa, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$48,500,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a new elementary building in Van Horne and to acquire and improve the site; to build, furnish and equip an addition to Atkins Elementary building and related remodeling; to implement HVAC systems and safety improvements at the Middle/High School building; to remodel, improve, furnish and equip existing spaces in the Middle/High School building, including a secure entryway?

Public Measure BF

Shall the Board of Directors of the Benton Community School District in the Counties of Benton, Tama and Iowa, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this proposition shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

Public Measure BK

Shall the Hawkeye Community College (Merged Area VII) in the Counties of Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy and Tama, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue its School Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 to provide funds to defray the costs of any one or more of the following purposes: to improve its Main Campus and construct, remodel, expand, erect, equip and furnish buildings thereon and construct, acquire, improve, expand, remodel, furnish, and equip new or existing facilities within Merged Area VII?

Laura Kopsa
Tama County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections
Tama County, Iowa