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Mohrfeld wants to build on city's energy

HOSKINS II: Opponent wants better streets, communication with citizens

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Current Mayor Matt Mohrfeld says Fort Madison has a lot of positive energy and he wants at least two more year to capitalize on that.

But Rodney Hoskins II said there are more pertinent priorities including better communication with the citizenry and fixing the streets.

The two are both on the ballot Tuesday for election as Fort Madison's Mayor. The mayor's



seat is a two-year term.

Mohrfeld said there will be a time when he won't put his name on a ballot anymore, but he doesn't want painted in the corner.

"There will come a time when I don't put my name on a ballot, but don't point me in that direction. A

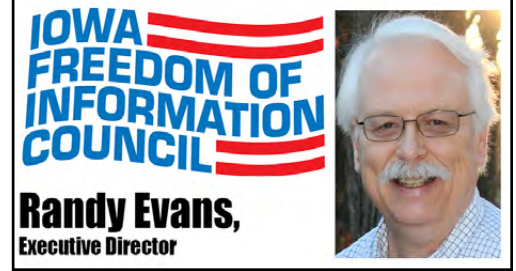
year ago I wouldn't have told you I'd be recovering from surgery."

Mohrfeld underwent a medical procedure earlier this fall and missed just one council meeting.

"There are projects that I'm going to see through," he said. "You might have heard that my wife wasn't enamored of me running for mayor, but now she's like, 'you started all this stuff, you're not getting out now.'"

Mohrfeld said the city has a lot of energy and there are

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Ruling could keep Iowans in dark about misconduct

The Iowa Legislature's "To Do" list should be a little longer after last week.

And people need to contact their senators and representatives in the Legislature to make sure they understand their duty is to protect the health and safety of Iowans.

The reason? The Iowa Supreme Court handed down a decision Friday that will pretty much keep the public in the dark when a physician is charged by state regulators with professional misconduct.

For decades, the Iowa Board of Medicine released the facts and legal basis for disciplinary charges the board filed against doctors. That basis might include a physician being impaired by alcohol or other drugs. The doctor may be accused of sexually molesting a patient in the exam room. Maybe the physician is accused of using improper, unnecessary or unskilled treatments.

All of these have occurred in Iowa. Each time, the board has shared basic case details with the public after filing charges, although patient names are never disclosed.

But under the Supreme Court's unanimous decision last week, those basic facts and circumstances must be kept confidential until the medical board issues its final ruling. That process often takes a few years. During that time, Iowans are deprived of vital information they should have when picking a doctor.

The court's decision was based on the justices' interpretation of the language in Iowa's licensing and disciplinary laws for physicians and other professions, including dentists, nurses, chiropractors and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

From left Ted Goldie and Mike Culbertson stand outside the storage facility the two are a half investors in called Pool 19 Storage in Fort Madison. The facility is located where the former Town and Country Mobile Home Park was located.

PROGRESS

Storage facility puts former trailer property on tax rolls

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Two years ago driving through the Town & Country Mobile Home Park south of 1400 block of Avenue I wasn't for the faint of heart.

But now the 1.3 acres of manicured landscape is void of any broken win-

dows and tattered siding, overgrowth of shrubbery, and other unsavory nonsense. A brand new 32-unit storage facility called Pool 19 Storage has taken life on the property.

The land was acquired by MM Real Estate, LLC, owned by Michael Mohrfeld, from the City of Fort Madison, who took over the property on a tax

default in 2020.

Mohrfeld originally was going to use the property as a parking area for his Mohrfeld Electric vehicles and equipment, but he was approached by a couple investors who were interested in building storage facilities including

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OBITUARIES

MARTIN E. VANPELT

Martin "Marty" E. VanPelt, age 66 of Montrose, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 6:43 PM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison. He was born on January 27, 1955 in Keokuk to Elmer and Mary Jean Kite VanPelt.



VANPELT

Marty was a 1973 graduate of Central Lee High School. He worked production at Pinnacle Foods and retired in 2017 after over 40 years of service. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye, St. Louis Cardinals and NASCAR fan and attended many races with friends and family. Marty was a very kind and thoughtful brother, uncle, grand uncle and friend and was always doing something for many people.

Survivors include one sister, Bonnie (Ben) Dodson of Montrose; one nephew, Mike (Tena) Dodson of Ft. Madison; one Niece, Lori (Mike) Cox of Ft. Madison; great nephew and nieces, Derek Dodson, Grace Dodson and Samantha Cox; special friend, Gwen Kesselring of Montrose and her children, Kerri (Marvin) Conlee, Allison Kirchner and Chad (Pam) Kesselring; sisters in law, Carey VanPelt of Beulah, ND and Susan Fields of Orlando, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Randy VanPelt and a niece, Amy VanPelt.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. John Simpson officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Following the service his body will be cremated. A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 10 AM at Montrose Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL D. SORENSON

Mike, or "S" as he was known, was a teacher, friend, scientist, star gazer, avid golfer, cat cuddler, peanut butter and wine connoisseur (not necessarily together!), and enjoyer of life.



SORENSON

He was born March 14, 1948 in Keokuk and died in Keokuk on October 23, 2021, and attended elementary school through Junior College there, later graduating from the University of Iowa with a degree in Education.

He married Linda Mathiascheck on June 5, 1969.

His professional life was spent largely in Gowrie, Iowa where he taught science. He was also very active in community organizations from the volunteer ambulance, volunteer fire department, Jaycees, and Trees Forever at the football field. He loved sports, especially golf, and ran the Gowrie Fourth of July golf tournament for decades.

Mike's life motto was, "Education Is Liberation" and he strongly believed every person should have the opportunity to learn and achieve, regardless of their circumstances. A younger colleague in Gowrie once said, "Mike taught me that it doesn't matter what you teach a student as long as you teach them to think."

When he retired in 2004, he spent some time on the riverboat, The Lilly Belle (Audubon Ark), assisting science programs.

In 2005 he accepted a position with the Keokuk School District, his alma mater, Class of 1966. There he taught algebra and then chemistry. He retired again in 2019.

To celebrate 50 years of marriage, he and Linda took trips to China, including Tibet, and around the coast of South America.

He loved his cats, his pond, his turtles, birds, cranes, and critters. He loved golf and his buddies. He loved his family. He was an all-around "good guy".

The family welcomes friends and former students to leave a note either on his Facebook page or on his remembrance page. Please share a moment where you learned something from him, a moment you laughed with him, a moment where you shared a perfect golf drive or putt, a moment where you shared a meal, a moment where you watched the Warriors, Chiefs, Panthers, or Hawks win, or simply remember a moment when all was right in your world - whether he was with you or not.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 3:00-7:00pm at the DeJong-Greaves & Printy Funeral Home (917 Blondeau St, Keokuk, IA) and a graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 11:00am at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you do a kind deed for a person or an animal in his honor.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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From the Front/Letters to the Editor

Investors holding open house for storage facility Saturday

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garages for motor homes, boats and cars, and other smaller personal bays.

Mike Culbertson, one of the investors, said he wanted to build a garage for his boat, but ran into a snag with his wife about the new construction. So instead of building a garage on the family's property, Culbertson partnered with Ted Goldie and Wade Knoke to invest in about 11,000 square feet of garages.

"My wife said I had to share this part of the story," Culbertson said. "I wanted to build another garage at my house in the lot next to me and she didn't want a garage there."

"We were out on the deck one night and Ted and I came up with the idea."

Since that time Mohrfeld joined in on the project along with Wade Knoke.

The partnership is now a four-way venture including Wade and Amanda Knoke, Ted and Mindy Goldie, Michael and Jillian Mohrfeld, and Mike and Kim Culbertson operating as Pool 19 Storage, LLC.

Goldie said there wasn't really a plan to begin with, but they started looking at the property as a place to maybe store his newly purchased boat.

"I bought a boat this spring and started looking for a place to put it. Nothing. Couldn't find anything. I've been friends of Mike for a long time and we sat and had drinks one night and said we needed a place to put our boats, and came up with this brainchild," Goldie said.

"Talked to Michael Mohrfeld and knew he had this property. We brought him into the fold and everything else is history."

Goldie said he started talking to other boaters and the people at local marinas who said they get 100s of calls a year from people who don't have a place to store their boats or campers.

The facility has four larger garages that can hold motor homes, 14 mid-size units for boats and campers, and then on the back side of the first construction are 14 units that are 13 x 10 with walls dividing each bay.



Courtesy photo

A new storage facility is now open behind the 1400 block of Avenue I in Fort Madison called Pool 19 Storage, LLC. The facilities sit where the former Town & Country Mobile Home Park was in the city.

Plans are underway for a similar, but not identical, property on the other side of the lot. The entire facility is behind a gated chain link fence. Renters will need to enter a passcode or use a remote to get into the facility through a locked gate, once installed.

Goldie said it was nice to transition the property into something usable.

"That was also a factor. This was a pretty bad eyesore and a bad part of town at one point. What a better thing to pretty it up and add it to the tax base," he said.

Mohrfeld has owned the property for close to two years and started cleaning up the property last year. Goldie said the investors came to him in late spring with the idea.

"He was on board almost immediately. We had a couple meetings and decided to run with it," Goldie

said. "The building was put up in late July and everything else was completed in the next three months."

The larger units are \$240/month with a month free if you pay for the year in advance. The 14 mid-size units are \$150/month with the same deal, and the smaller back units are \$70 a month.

The four family couples will be holding an open house on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and candy for children on hand. A tour of the facilities will also be available for viewing the bays.

Visitors can enter on the 15th Street side just past Avenue I heading south on the west side of the block.

More information on the facility can be found at the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Pool-19-Storage-104870758587348>.

Letter to the Editor

Iowa tourism official applauds Reynolds "This is Iowa" campaign

Dear Editor:

The Iowa travel and hospitality industry, which naturally relies on people moving from place to place, was impacted to the tune of a 46.1% decline in employment as a direct result of the pandemic. This is the largest decline experienced by any industry. Now is the right time to step up to get people moving again.

In 2020, visitor spending in Iowa decreased by 29% which led to the hospitality industry experiencing a 24% decline in GDP and a 2.3% overall decline in the economy. Hotel/motel tax collections experienced a 24.5% decline from 2019. As a comparison, the industry typically experiences a 3-5% growth each

year. It is a long road to recovery and bold action will be needed to achieve recovery.

Research has shown that given the pandemic, travelers are looking for experiences where they can feel safe and socially distanced. Iowa can capitalize on these travelers with its abundance of outdoor recreation, many attractions, great museums, delicious restaurants, amazing communities, and hidden gems that attract over \$6 billion in annual visitor expenditures to Iowa's economy. Despite the challenges of 2020, tourism generated \$864 million in state and local taxes, which is enough to support the average salaries of over 15,000 public school teachers.

Governor Reynolds, along with the

Iowa Tourism Office and Iowa Economic Development Authority, launched a multimedia ad campaign in September to generate awareness of Iowa's destinations and communities and to prioritize tourism recovery and workforce recruitment. The "This is Iowa" campaign, an evolution of existing messaging, includes an amped-up creative approach deployed on a larger scale than ever before to increase the visibility of Iowa and to serve as a catalyst for tourism which positively impacts Iowa's economy

On behalf of Iowa's travel and hospitality industry, Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iTIP) applauds Governor Reynolds, along with the Iowa Tourism Office and Iowa Economic Development Authority, for the bold leadership in

launching the "This Is Iowa" campaign on a national scale. The iTIP membership of museums, arts, destinations, casinos, restaurants, hotels, attractions, and golf courses understands this is a vital step in recovery and promoting our great state. The campaign sends a message to people across the country to jump in the car and take the next family road trip to Iowa.

Thank you, Governor Reynolds for inspiring exploration and spurring growth in Iowa's travel and hospitality economy. iTIP members are excited to welcome travelers to their individual destinations and help create lasting memories.

**Chelsea Lerud, Interim Director
Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iTIP)**

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From the Front

Mohrfeld, Hoskins differ on city's priorities

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still things to get him more energized.

He has been pushing to get the Amtrak Depot moved back to Riverview Park, a baton he picked up from former Mayor Brad Randolph, who picked it up from the late Steve Ireland.

"We're gonna get this depot done before Christmas," he said.

He told Fort Madison City Council that people would be driving on the next new section of highway by Thanksgiving. His goal of having the new marina's hospitality center open by April 1 may not happen however.

But it's that energy and the people behind it that have him wanting to stay on and lead the city through the growth cycle. He said it's even permeated to the council themselves.

"Now we're engaging council in projects and that's cooler than hell. The PORT Trail is getting more money, we want to see this Humphrey building through to improvement," he said.

"There are some concrete things on the table, and then there's this thing about gaining some ground on curb appeal and mitigating more dilapidated structures."

Mohrfeld's main thrust over the past year has been bringing a multi-million dollar five-star marina to the city's water front. He's been the frontman in securing grants and both public and private funding, which has resulted in the old marina building being torn down, all the old docks being removed and dredging set to begin in the next week.

Hoskins said too much effort has been placed on the marina and he would prefer the city continue its focus on improving streets. He said the marina project should have gone to the voters.

"On the marina issue, I'm sorry, but I'm indecisive right now," Hoskins said. "One, I would rather see that go to our city streets. Until it floods, and they can give me science information I can comprehend, it should go to the city for the decision

and not the council."

Hoskins said the city has "overstepped their bounds" when it comes to the budget and spending. He said sometimes in the budgets he's looked at, the numbers don't make sense.

"I think that we've overstepped our bounds on certain things. We should be mainly concerned with how we're using the people's money. There's not even a tax relief right now that I can see. I know we are trying to do the best we can, but at given times, we've literally stepped over things."

Mohrfeld said any mayor is only as good as the council and city staff they are working with.

He pointed to efforts from councilwomen Donna Amandus and Rebecca Bowker who have taken leads with several city groups. Bowker is leading a beautification effort and has spearheaded improvements to the city's pocket park downtown and advocacy efforts.

Amandus has spearheaded the effort to get the city's new dog park up by Rodeo Arena and is now working to get pickleball courts built at Victory Park.

Mohrfeld said Councilman Rusty Andrews is involved with almost every city special event and brings a unique insight to capital projects. Chad Cangas is leading a public safety effort as is Tom Schulz, and Kevin Rink brings a wealth of experience.

"They're good to work with and I want to continue that. Does that mean there are times when we disagree, I certainly hope so," Mohrfeld said.

He calls holding the mayor's gavel a journey and never a destination.

"I know that's cliché, but we've looked at too many projects as one and done. The best example of that is the side street ongoing improvement - has to be done. We have to be diligent on quality staffing - has to be done. And as I'm walking downtown, I'm seeing something needs to be done with those sidewalks and streets. The idea is

forward motion.

"No one thing is a solution to all the problems, but a little bit of all of them gets us there."

Hoskins said a lot of the projects are being done without regard for all the citizens and he wants voters to know that he will be accessible on any subject.

"I tell myself there's a few things I would do. Right now our community is slowly getting back to being united. The one differential is the community looks at the physical fact that we used to be a friendly environment and everyone's coasted their own way to lean against this person or that person," he said.

"If everyone would realize that a political party can be different. I came up with the conclusion that no matter what side of the street you live on, you're going to have conflict. But at the end of the day, you can still be friends and neighbors."

Hoskins also said he has concerns about police operations and the number of officers that have either left or been let go. He said he doesn't think anyone's doing a bad job in the department, but the city needs to look into those trends.

"It's the perseverance of our community. When we overshoot our bounds, and I'm not saying anybody's doing a bad job of it, the numbers don't add up at given times. We project but I've even seen at times when it comes to seeing things through, we've had to overstep our bounds," Hoskins said.

"I want to be loyal to the city. I don't care what side of the block or street you're from. I don't criticize anyone unless they deserve it. But I look myself in the mirror and ask myself if I handled it right or handled it wrong."

He said communication would be a top priority.


"I want the citizens to realize that, basically with me, I'm making this their top priority. They can come to me and they know it. They have full rights to come talk to me about things. I won't decline anyone the right to a meeting. The community knows where I stand. I'm an individual just like they are."

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE D-78

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA, 2021, AKA "CITY CODE"

WHEREAS, Section 380.8 of the Code of Iowa, 2021, requires that at least once every five years a city shall adopt a code of ordinances; and, WHEREAS, on July 20, 1993, the city council adopted the city code of Fort Madison, Iowa; and, WHEREAS, the City of

Fort Madison adds new ordinances and amendments upon passage by supplementation to the city code itself; and, WHEREAS, if a proposed code of ordinances contains only existing ordinances which have been edited and compiled without substantive changes, the council may adopt such code without notice of public hearing; and, WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to adopt a code of compiled and existing ordinances under the statute, without any substantive changes proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA:

SECTION I. From and after the date of passage of this ordinance, the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, prepared by American Legal Publishing, containing compilation of all ordinances of a general nature together with the changes made to said ordinances, under the direction of the governing body of the city, shall be accepted in all courts without question as the official code and law of the city as enacted by the City Council, and shall hereafter be referred to as "the city code".

SECTION II. It is hereby adopted, as a method of perpetual codification, the loose-leaf type of

binding together with the continuous supplement service, provided by American Legal Publishing, whereby each newly adopted ordinance of a general and permanent nature amending, altering, adding or deleting provisions of the official city code is identified by the proper catchline and is inserted in the proper place in each of the official copies, a copy of which shall be maintained in the office of the city clerk, certified as to correctness and available for inspection at any and

all times that said office regularly open. SECTION III. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to change or amend, by additions or deletions, any part of portion of the city code, or to insert or delete pages or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with the city code in any manner to cause the law of the city to be misrepresented.

SECTION IV. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby

repealed. SECTION V. A code of ordinances, containing only the current and existing ordinances edited and compiled without change in substance, shall be and hereby is adopted as the city code, 2021. PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th day of October, 2021. /s/Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor ATTEST: /s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 4th day of October 2021. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. There was no Public Input. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve replacing an open parttime position with a full-time position for EMS. Motion carried. Steve Cirinna gave the Board an update on the comment period for the County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve an agreement with Hope Haven for shredding services. Motion carried. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an agreement with Hope Haven for cleaning services. Motion carried. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-94. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

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PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 4, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb and Rick Larkin. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

At 9:01 a.m. Pflug opened a Public Hearing for comments on an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 County Budget. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments at the hearing. At 9:02 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-92. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2021 - 92

Resolution - Adoption of Budget Amendment FY2022

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been completed concerning the Proposed Lee County Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 in accordance with the Iowa Department of Management guidelines and, per Iowa Code Section 331.434, Subsection 5;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, the Public Hearing is acknowledged and the Budget Amendment as presented is hereby adopted.

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 4th day of October 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-93. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 93

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2022 Whereas, Resolution #2021-88, dated September 13, 2021 must be updated to correctly reflect the adjustments to appropriations for each of the different county officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to amend Resolution #2021-88 as stated below:

LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department FY2022 100%			
Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	4,508,257	1,239,518	4,508,257
Auditor	866,606	866,606	866,606
Treasurer	808,102	808,102	808,102
County Attorney	1,064,676	1,064,676	1,064,676
Sheriff	4,446,970	4,446,970	4,446,970
Recorder	579,874	579,874	579,874
Pioneer Cemetery	25,000	25,000	25,000
Safety/Risk Management	113,803	25,255	113,803
Secondary Roads	8,842,394	8,842,394	8,842,394
Veteran Affairs	130,247	130,247	130,247
Conservation	1,347,980	1,347,980	1,347,980
Board of Health	4,234,303	4,234,303	4,234,303
GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing	2,164,633	2,164,633	2,164,633
Human Services	78,058	78,058	78,058
Medical Examiner	200,000	200,000	200,000
Lee County EMS	3,239,884	3,239,884	3,239,884
Maintenance	677,610	677,610	677,610
Building Repair & Maintenance	532,095	532,095	532,095
Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers)	9,835,076	9,835,076	9,835,076
TOTAL	43,695,568	40,338,281	43,695,568

RESOLUTION 2021 -94

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEE COUNTY TREASURER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 445.63

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows: Section 1. Iowa Code Section 445.63 states that when taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes are owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the County Treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of taxes due. If the governing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the Board of Supervisors shall abate all of the taxes.

Section 2. The City of Keokuk has requested abatement and forgiveness for the following parcels:

Parcel –
044521254310250
Site Address – 501 Main St.
Amount – \$13,503.00
Section 3. The Coun-

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ty Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount of property taxes due on this City of Keokuk parcel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

Section 4. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to forgive the amount of property taxes due on this City of Keokuk parcel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2021

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, September 27, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Joshua Wilcox, Correctional Officer, \$18.11/hr., effective 10/4/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of August 2021.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on an Empowering Families meeting.

Larkin reported on the Joint Education Center Steering Committee meeting and a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Pflug reported on a Conservation Board meeting.

At 9:55 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid
October 4, 2021**

Agriland FS, fuel ... 603.48
Alliant Energy, svs 5884.89
Amazon, splys 27.10
Anderson/Rbrts, svs 585.90
Animal House, mtrls 77.00
Argyle Mem, svs 55.00
Bates Sanitation, svs 300.00
Bnd Tree Med, splys 435.69
CalhounBurns, svs 859.20
CenturyLink, svs 1.05
CCS, svs 17300.00
Comm Action, svs 861.00
Connection Ins, ins 78128.00
D Cosby, svs 450.00
Disct Tire, svs 102.80
RK Dixon, equip 299.20
Donnellson Tire, svs 56.45
Douds Stone, mtrl 2740.89
Elect Engineering, parts 1336.80
Fat Jimmys, food .. 545.70
R Fedler, exps 109.04
5th Dist Recorders, dues 20.00
Floyds, svs 60.00

FM Housing Authority, svs 5300.92
Keo Water, svs 63.15
KingLynk Fnrl, svs 1200.00
Kohlmorgan, svs... 893.70
C Donaldson, ctrb 2000.00
LeeCo Auditor, IT rb 2933.00
Liberty Util, gas.... 117.47
C Liles, svs 182.00
Martin Equip, equip 4516.72
McDowell Crn, svs 4800.00
McFarlands, splys 190.65
McMasterCarr, svs 208.32
MidAm Energy, gas 26.15
Motorola Sol, equip 2033211.60
MES, equip 384.00
OMG MW, svs .. 14488.42
J Patrick, svs 381.00
M Pflug, exps 65.70
Prairie Farms, splys 326.40
Qty Plus Feeds, mtrl 387.84
Rathbun Wtr, svs .. 204.05
RJ Thomas Mfg, svs 5169.00
RSM US LLP, svs 810.00


Scandanavian Cemetery, svs 27.50
K Schleidt, svs 325.00
J Shoup, svs 325.00
SIADSA, svs 5280.00
Sthrn IA rcycl, svs 916.30
Kim Spear, exps 29.70
Staples, splys 1359.01
Tallgrass Bus, splys 180.47
TriSt Court Reporting, svs 119.60
US Cell, svs 644.64
Verizon, svs 574.56
Vigen Mmrl, svs .. 2820.00
D Warner, svs 29.34
Windstream, svs ... 605.02
Winners Circle, svs 146.50

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LEE CHD

Vaccination Nurse

Lee County Health Department is seeking to contract with a RN, LPN, or other qualifying professional licensed to administer vaccines in Iowa. The contracted position will include working in LCHD's scheduled vaccination clinics which involves clinic preparation work, administering COVID-19 and flu vaccination, possible vaccine data entry and tracking, and scheduling. Hours will vary each week throughout LCHD's vaccination campaign. Those interested should contact or send credentials/resume to Emily Biddenstadt, Community Health Program Manager, at ebiddenstadt@leecountyhd.org. LCHD is an EOE.

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- Ability to carry out the following functions: parts manufacture troubleshooting, and proper operation of shop equipment.
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 - Hydraulics & Pneumatics
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 - Layout and fabrication – includes heli-arc, stick, and gas welding ability
 - Preventive maintenance and repair
 - Basic electrical knowledge (3 phase, breakers, schematic reading, etc.)

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From the Front/Opinion

Ruling keeps records of charges against physician sealed

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pharmacists.

The law says “investigative information” gathered as part of a complaint against a licensee must be kept confidential until the board issues its final, written decision — which is a public record.

Lawmakers wrestled long ago with a similar what-is-public-what-is-private conundrum involving criminal charges. They decided the facts and circumstances forming the legal basis for those charges must be made public when someone is accused of a crime.

With its decision last week, the Supreme Court seems to embrace the notion that the disciplinary charges filed by the medical board involve raw, unproven allegations.

The board does not simply type up and file unverified charges after receiving allegations about a physician. The board’s investigators dig into the accusations. They interview people. They study medical and scientific evidence with the help of experts.

Then the staff goes before members of the Board of Medicine and asks them to decide whether there is adequate legal basis and justification to warrant disciplinary charges. The board members are appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate. Seven of the 10 members must be physicians.

The board staff and board members do not take

their responsibility lightly. They know they are making decisions that could affect the livelihood of a physician — as well as the health and safety of the patients the doctor treats.

Kent Nebel, the executive director of the Board of Medicine, told reporters the implications of the court ruling are disturbing.

The board receives about 600 complaints each year against Iowa’s 6,600 active physicians. Those complaints are kept confidential. It is only when the board concludes there is a factual and legal basis for filing disciplinary charges that a doctor is identified.

Only 25 to 30 of those 600 complaints lead to charges, Nebel said.

The medical board does have the power to order the emergency suspension of a physician’s license if the person poses an immediate danger to the public. But that power is rarely used.

The Supreme Court case involved a heart surgeon, Dr. Domenico Calcaterra, who worked at the University of Iowa Hospitals when he lived in Iowa. The medical board accused him of “a pattern of disruptive and/or unethical or unprofessional conduct.”

The statement of charges in 2013 said he shoved another physician during surgery. The allegations were not the first against him. He had been accused of disruptive behavior at the hospital in 2003-2004 and again in 2007-2008.

Calcaterra eventually agreed to pay a \$5,000 fine to

settle the latest charges.

He objected to the earlier allegations being made public because he said he had not admitted them. Those earlier allegations unfairly limited his employment opportunities, he said.

The dispute comes down to this: Is the Board of Medicine correctly balancing a physician’s desire for privacy against the public’s desire to know when a physician may have jeopardized the health, safety and welfare of patients?

It’s the position of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, the nonprofit organization I lead, that the facts and circumstances of such cases need to be disclosed immediately when the Board of Medicine brings disciplinary charges against a doctor. Otherwise, if secrecy is allowed to surround the basis for the medical board’s charges, consumers cannot make informed decisions when they need a physician.

That is why the Legislature needs to step in and resolve this public-versus-privacy dispute.

It would be disturbing if lawmakers decide the public’s safety is of less concern than ensuring that doctors accused of misconduct can keep their patients and prospective patients in the dark while these cases are being decided.

Randy Evans is Executive Director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and can be reached at DMRevs2810@gmail.com. Pen City Current is a member of the IFOIC.

Farmer friend’s Bull and Pig Story, by Curt Swarm

My farmer friend, Earl—we call him Earl the Pearl for no good reason except it rhymes—was having a bad couple of days. He wanted to move his herd of Hereford cattle from one farm to the other, a distance of two miles.

He had the herd corralled and was loading them into a trailer. The bull, Barney, wasn’t having anything to do with it. When Earl tried to goad him into the trailer, Barney the Bull literally climbed and crashed up over a five-foot tall steel gate. Earl thought, “This isn’t good.”

He had a high school kid, Benjy, who worked for him after school. Benjy had a moped that he was real proud of. Earl asked Benjy if he thought he could get on his moped and help drive Barney over to the next farm.

“Sure ’nuff, Earl,” Benji said.

Benjy rode his moped out to where Barney was eating grass on the back side of the pasture. Benjy said, “Ha, Barney. Git. Now you git.”

Barney snorted, pawed the ground a couple of times, and charged Benjy. Benjy, knowing when to skedaddle, took off like a bandit. Barney literally jumped over the top of Benjy and his moped.

Earl thought, “This isn’t good.” So he called his neighbor who had horses. “Do you think you can help get Barney corralled?” he asked his neighbor.

“You bet, Earl!” said the neighbor.

The neighbor brought his hired man and, on two horses, they roped Barney and drug him into the barn snorting and bawling, and shut the door.

Earl backed his trailer up to load Barney. Earl

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



thing Earl knew, Barney came crashing through the barn door, wood and splinters flying everywhere. Hereford bulls can be quite ornery.

Earl thought, “To heck with it. I’ll leave Barney right there. The cows are pretty much bred anyway. Barney can just be by himself. We’ll see how he likes that.”

Later that day, Earl thought he would go out and check on Barney to make sure he was okay. After all, Barney had had a pretty rough day.

Barney saw Earl, started snorting and pawing the ground, and charged Earl.

Earl thought, “This isn’t good,” and, hand-over-hand, he climbed a tree. There Earl sat for a while until Barney forgot why he was there and wandered off.

The next day, Earl had a hog he needed to take to the vet. He didn’t have tall sides on his pick-up truck,

could hear Barney snorting and pawing the ground inside.

The next

so he loaded the hog into the front seat.

(I’m not kidding. You can’t make this stuff up.)

It was cold out, so, on the way to town, Earl turned on the heat. There was no heat coming out of the heater, and Earl remembered he needed to get the heater core repaired.

He pulled into Vander Tuck’s Auto Repair to have the heater core repaired. Tuck took one look at the hog on the front seat and said, “I hain’t get’n in that truck with no hog.”

Earl went home and pondered his fate as a farmer. Maybe he could sell his herd off, rent his farm ground out, and buy that little cafe in town that was for sale. “There’s always demand for a good Maidrite and tenderloin,” he said to himself. “It can’t be as bad as a charging bull and sick pig, can it?”

Earl would learn the answer to that question. The public can be picky (“You call that a tenderloin?”), help can be unreliable (“I’m sick, Earl.”), and health inspectors down right rude (“Fix it or we’ll shut you down.”). Earl wondered if he could get his farm back, after all, corn and bean prices were up.

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