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STORM KNOCKS DOWN POWER



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison City Public Works employees put up a stop sign at the Intersection of 24th Street and Avenue L early Wednesday morning after a heavy thunderstorm knocked out power to that grid in the city. Several reports of tree damage, flooded streets, and several car accidents were reported during the storm.

LEE COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors get update from ARPA funds committee

Chairman Pflug wants to know why money isn't being allocated

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A panel created to oversee expenditures from the \$6.5 million in America Relief Plan Act money the county will get, updated Lee County Supervisors Monday on how recommendations will flow from the group to the full board of supervisors.

The panel appointed Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr., as chairman of the ARPA committee at its meeting last week.

“The board has authorized the committee, now it’s putting a finer point on what the committee is authorized to do,” Seyb said.

He said it’s up to the county board on how to spend the money, but the board should set up what the committee is authorized to do.

“The board needs to decide what that committee’s gonna be authorized to do. Are they going to be authorized to filter those requests through a process to come to the board, or does



PFLUG



SEYB

the board want to see every request that comes through,” Seyb said.

A purpose statement was developed by the committee and submitted for approval to the board which prioritized funding opportunities and categories and authorize tracking requirements. The panel would review all the plans and then make a recommendation to the full board of supervisors.

That purpose statement was approved unanimously by the board.

“I want to make sure everybody understand that with this you are authorizing the committee to do those things,” Seyb said.

“If you’ve been reading...we’ve looked at different focus areas to funding and those would be the areas we’d focus that \$6.5 million on. Those areas are not all the areas that ARPA funding could go to, but these would be the ones we would focus on.”

The county has received \$3.25 million of the funds and has it in an interest bearing account. The other half is expected in May

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SCC NEWS

Ash named IACCT’s top administrator for 2021

WEST BURLINGTON – Southeastern Community College (SCC) President Dr. Michael Ash was named 2021 Outstanding Chief Administrator by the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT). This award honors college presidents who have demonstrated outstanding efforts toward promoting the values of IACCT.



Nominees are selected based in part on their contribution to developing programs and services by and advancing the causes of two-year colleges in Iowa and the nation.

IACCT has presented the Outstanding Chief Administrator Award annually since 1987.

SCC Board of Trustees Chair, Moudy Nabulsi says that Dr. Ash has always been dedicated to promoting student success. “His personal motto is, ‘It’s about the students’ – and he means it 100%.”

SCC has changed dramatically since Dr. Ash arrived in 2012. His impact is visible in all aspects of the institution. Each campus now features new facilities for health careers, applied technologies, and the sciences. He entered into a public-private development partnership resulting in a new residence hall on the West Burlington campus, and in early 2021 worked with Iowa Wesleyan University administration to form an alliance between the two institutions to support students and strengthen each institution.

Through the addition and renovation of facilities and forming innovative partnerships, his work has served to advance SCC’s mission to serve and support the Southeast Iowa region through building a skilled and educated workforce.

“We also have a role to play in strengthening the economy of our area,” Ash says. “Responsiveness to our communities and our students is not an empty promise; it is

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WEATHER

THU 12 Aug.....Rain, 88° F/ 73° F
 FRI 13 Aug.....Heavy Rain, 84° F/ 68° F
 SAT 14 Aug.....Scattered Clouds, 83° F/ 67° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LUCKY FOR LIFE 08/10.....15 22 34 44 48, Lucky Ball: 9
 MEGA MILLIONS 08/10.....29 45 50 59 62, Mega Ball: 12 Megaplier: 2
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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/09/21 – 7:10 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue L.
 08/09/21 – 1:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of Avenue E.
 08/09/21 – 4:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue A.
 08/09/21 – 5:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 08/09/21 – 6:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 08/09/21 – 9:06 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy Vincent, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of 9th Street on a charge of domestic abuse assault with injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 08/10/21 – 12:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street.
 08/10/21 – 12:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street.
 08/11/21 – 6:41 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond-

ed to a report of a property damage accident in the 3500 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/09/21 – 3:04 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested McKenzie Joan Marshall, 24, no address listed, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for OWI-1st offense. She was released on bond.
 08/09/21 – 3:32 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Candi Isabella Kay Median, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a charge of failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 08/09/21 – 4:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anton Robert Kemper, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for failure to appear.
 08/09/21 – 8:16 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Devonte McKinley Green, 25, of Natchez, Miss., in the 2400 block of Hwy. 27, on charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 08/10/21 – 5:57 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dalton James Meyers, 27, on N. 7th Street in Keokuk, on a charge of failure to appear.
 08/10/21 – 10:51 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Candi Isabella Kay Medina, 27, N. 7th Street in Keokuk, on a

warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 08/10/21 – 1:26 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Michael Stephen Bloomer, 32, of Hamilton, on N. 7th Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 08/11/21- 12:53 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Peach Orchard Road. According to the report, deputies found a 2021 Dodge Charger overturned in the ditch, but were unable to locate anyone. Upon investigation, it was determined the vehicle was abandoned following the accident, by Mykal Ryan Snyder, 21, of Donnellson who was cited on suspicion of driving without a valid driver's license and failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported.
Those listed above are arrested on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

08/08/21 – Fort Madison Fire & Rescue responded to one medical call.
 08/09/21 – Fort Madison Fire & Rescue responded to one medical call.
 08/10/21 – Fort Madison Fire & Rescue responded to two medical calls, one auto accident.

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The e-Edition will resume Wednesday, August 25. The news will still be published on our website.

Thanx for reading!

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Obituaries

OBITUARY

SHERYL L. TALLMAN

Sheryl Lynn Tallman, 64 of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, MO.

She was born December 7, 1956 in Hannibal, MO the daughter of Joe and Mary Whitaker Scholl. On June 30, 1972 she was united in marriage to Raymond Tallman in Palmyra, MO. He preceded her in death on September 19, 2017.



TALLMAN

Sheryl had been employed by River Hills Village in Keokuk for thirty-three years.

She was a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk.

Sheryl enjoyed camping, fishing and reading western romance novels. She was a skilled seamstress and made all kinds of clothes through the years. She also enjoyed making handmade crafts for her family and friends to enjoy. Sheryl was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. Sheryl was a devoted wife and mother, raising her children and family was the most important aspect of her life. She loved attending her children and grandchildren's activities and showered them with encouragement and praise.

Sheryl is survived by two sons, Raymond Joseph Tallman of Keokuk and Ryan James Tallman (Courtney) of St. Louis, MO, eight grandchildren, Lexi Tallman, Jalen Smith, Leddia Tallman, Layton Tallman, Abby Tallman, Samantha Tallman, Canyon Tallman and Carrigan Tallman, one great-grandchild, Karsyn Smith and one on the way. She is also survived by her mother, Mary Scholl of Hannibal, MO, three sisters, Mary Jo Voepel of Palmyra, MO, Terri Rosenkrans of Hannibal, MO and Penny Person (Jimmy Powell) of Hannibal, MO, two brothers, John Scholl (Mary) of Springfield, MO and Kevin Scholl (Sheila) of Palmyra, MO and a dear friend, Jeree Mitts of Palmyra, MO.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her father and one son, Jerrud Tallman.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Dawn Farris officiating. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 2 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 4-6 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARY

MARCIA W. MORGAN

Marcia Wickham Morgan, 62, of Montrose, IA, passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at her home in Montrose.

Marcia was born on January 8, 1959, in El Paso, Texas the daughter of James and Shirley Wickham. On September 3, 1977, she was united in marriage to David Morgan at the Methodist Church in Montrose, IA.



MORGAN

Marcia thoroughly enjoyed cooking and reading. She was fascinated with astrology and deeply appreciated the beauty of sunflowers.

Marcia is survived by her husband David Morgan; daughter: Shawn (Dave) Morgan Kennedy; son: J.D. Morgan; two grandsons: Colton Fisher Kennedy and James David Dewayne Morgan; mother: Shirley Wickham; brother: Tom Wickham and two sisters: Carrie J. White and Ellen (Mark) Toops.

Marcia is preceded in death by her father James and sister-in-law Jean Wickham. No services will be held at this time.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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Sports

Area coaches react to 2022-23 shot clock addition

State to implement 35-second shot clock in both girls and boys basketball games

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The clock on adding a shot clock to Iowa high school basketball games hit zero Monday, and area coaches and officials are welcoming the change.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union released a joint statement Monday indicating both organizations are moving to a 35-second shot clock on the recommendation from the National Federation of High Schools Association beginning with the 2022-23 school year.



CROZIER

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier sits on the IHSAA Board of Control and said the move will probably be something that will be adopted throughout the country.

Iowa is one of just 10 states currently to adopt the shot clock at the high school level.

“In the past we would have had to apply for a waiver for the different rule. I think now you’ll see a lot of states begin to adopt it, but Iowa is one of the earlier states to do it,” he said.

“A lot stems from that recommendation from NFHS, but the other thing is part of the union’s and association’s process for decision making is considering input from advisory groups and coaches’ association. When the coaches’ association supports it, we don’t feel like we’re making a unilateral decision.”

Fort Madison Head basketball coach Ryan Wilson said the change is just another way to make the game better.



WILSON

“I don’t think it impacts anything with us. We want to play fast and get up and down the court and press. It’s what we do in Fort Madison,” he said. “Obviously, I think it will change the end of quarters, halves, and games.”

Wilson said the clock, which he would recommend be placed above the backboards on both ends as it is in college and National Basketball Association games, will change strategies at the ends of periods where teams tend to extend offensive sets and run out the clock.

But he, along with Holy Trinity Catholic head boys coach John Hellige, said they already prepare for short time situations.

“I don’t want to give away too many secrets, but we already do preparation where we put 30 seconds on our clock and work on a set play for the end of the quarter, half or game. We kinda do that naturally, but



The IHSAA and IGHSAU released a joint statement Monday indicating Iowa will implement a 35-second shot clock at boys and girls high school games starting with the 2022-23 basketball seasons.

not to the extent we’ll have to now,” Hellige said.

Hellige said he’s looking forward to the change and it will be good for high school basketball in Iowa. But he said change is the nature of the game at Iowa’s smaller schools and that could prove advantageous.

“Typically half your team is gone with low head counts and graduations so you have to adapt yearly anyway. I’m hoping to get a competitive edge over the other teams and try to beat them at the adaptation to that shot clock. We may get a year or two to gain that advantage,” he said.

“But it certainly takes away from being selective with teams that like to run a lot.”

Wilson said the change will present some challenges to coaches and players alike.

“It’s going to challenge coaches and staff to handle late games and the shot clock itself. If you’ve got 12 seconds left on the shot clock and you’re in a man-to-man can you coach or teach your kids to adjust during the last 10 seconds? That challenges us as teachers of the game,” Wilson said.

Kris Hayes, who’s in his first year as Central Lee’s new boys head coach, also said the move is good for the game, but said the shot clock should be used at all levels in the high school. The NHSF guidelines leave open the option for using the clock at sub-varsity levels.

“I think as a coach we’ll have to do things to prepare on both ends of the floor,” Hayes said. “Whether that means bringing the ball up faster or maybe even more extended defenses in order to shorten the length of time the offensive team has in the half court.”

“Either way, you practice it and rep it so you are consistent, then once you get into a game situation they wouldn’t have to be looking up (at the shot clock) all the time.”

FMHS head girls coach Tony Sargent said the decision will certainly impose changes in strategy and philosophy, but shouldn’t require too much in the

way of re-calibration.

“We haven’t been holding the ball that long anyway,” he said. “It won’t be terrible, but it definitely changes things. I’m old school and late in the game when you’re sitting on a five-point lead and you would normally hold the ball, this takes that away,” Sargent said.

“But I don’t have a preference. I’m for it and there’s really nothing there for me to be against it. It just changes some things. Things I do in practice will have to be different.”

Sargent said statistically teams are taking about 50 shots a game anyway. With 32 minutes in regulation that would indicate at least 55 shots per game.

Central Lee girls coach Jay Baldwin said the devil will be in the details.

“What happens with a foul, an offensive rebound? I think they should make it as simple as possible. Maybe give another 35 seconds for an offensive rebound,” he said.

He also said this will reward a team for good defense and take out the strategy of holding onto the ball with a lead. When Baldwin took Fort Madison Aquinas and Holy Trinity Crusaders teams to the state tournament the strategy with the lead was to stall in a spread offense.

“To me it adds a little bit of strategy and could speed up the game. Going back to the state tournament you had teams that would take four or five shots with the lead in the second half. Honestly, it got hard to watch. I thought they would have made the change by now,” Baldwin said.

“Now you get good defense for 30 or 35 seconds and the girls can’t get rewarded for that. Maybe you play solid defense for 30 or 40 seconds and then give up a bucket, maybe even after a minute, and there’s no reward for playing that solid defense.”

HTC girls coach Tony Johnson said the move is good for the girls and the game.

He also referred back to a post-season game where Sigourney stood out with the ball and made HTC come out and play defense to put off a rally and the score ended up in the 30s.

“It will certainly change the end-of-game scenarios,” Johnson said. “You won’t have to foul all the time. I’ve always been supportive of this change when it’s been asked.”

He said the biggest change will be for referees adjusting to the new rules and how the game is reset.

“You’re gonna have to have extra people at the score table and someone running that clock, too. But mistakes are going to happen. It’s still good for the game.”

He said he thinks the players will adjust accordingly and the game will highlight the girls athleticism.

“The game’s evolved more anyway. There’s more 3-point shots now and I think at the beginning you’ll see more outside shooting depending on the team. People will pack the lane to force the outside game with a shot clock running,” he said.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
8/3/2021**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 8/3/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Lair, Schulz, Rink, Amandus and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/20/2021; July Manual Claims, Claims dated 7/30/2021; Payrolls of 7/16 and 7/30/2021; New Liquor License: Corks & Barrels, 622 – 7th Street, effective 8/4/2021; and Liquor License Renewals: JoeDees, 1828 Avenue L, effective 8/1/2021, and Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L, effective 8/1/2021.

4 x 4's for Hope reported on their organization and proposed project in Fort Madison.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 4 for PIP2020-01, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-43, accepting PIP2020-01, Parking Lot Reconstruction & Stormwater Improvements as complete. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-44, setting public hearing for 5:30 PM on

8/17/2021, concerning an application for Upper Story Housing Conversation from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grant Program for a project at 802 Avenue G.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Klingner & Associates to verify the plans for the Historic Santa Fe Depot meet current ADA standards. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 3 for PIP2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 6th to 10th Streets. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 6 for PIP2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation: Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of the following persons to the Construction Board of Appeals: Jerry Schulz, term expiring 9/30/2024 and Al Schulte, term expiring 9/30/2022. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointments of Glenda Schneider to the Construction Board of Appeals, term expiring 9/30/24; and Dan Bahl to the Airport Commission, term expiring 9/30/2024.

At 6:26 P.M., the meeting adjourned until August 17, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,
Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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| Special Revenue | 103,651.62 |
| Road Use | 54,892.22 |
| Capital | 346,670.07 |
| Water | 50,683.86 |
| Sewer | 70,275.85 |
| Solid Waste/IWC | 6,631.19 |
| Storm Water Util. | 12,704.26 |
| | \$703,171.94 |

| REVENUES | 7/31/2021 |
|-------------------|--------------|
| General | 96,074.30 |
| Special Rev. | 130,132.89 |
| Debt | 793.99 |
| Capital | 12,838.36 |
| Water | 312,061.67 |
| Sewer | 273,551.73 |
| Solid Waste/IWC | 66,540.13 |
| Storm Water Util. | 18,027.41 |
| | \$910,020.48 |

| PAYROLL | 7/30/2021 |
|-------------|--------------|
| General | \$160,909.75 |
| Marina | 158.24 |
| Old Fort | 5,242.11 |
| Road Use | 23,404.84 |
| Tourism | 1,429.82 |
| Water | 24,068.62 |
| Sewer | 23,821.16 |
| Solid Waste | 11,333.51 |
| Airport | 312.77 |
| Storm Water | 3,041.79 |
| | \$253,722.61 |

| PAYROLL | 7/16/2021 |
|---------------|--------------|
| General | \$202,153.63 |
| Marina | 254.33 |
| Old Fort | 5,924.89 |
| Emp. Benefits | 6,875.29 |
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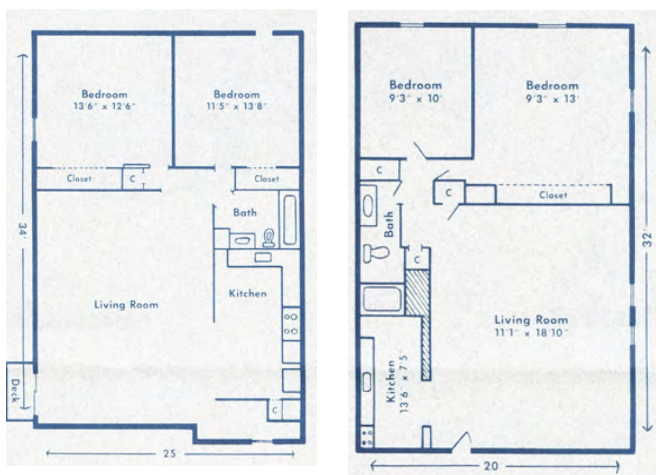
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County still trying to calculate COVID losses

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of 2022. The money has to be allocated by the end 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.

Supervisor Chair Matt Pflug asked if the committee looked at hiring somebody to help with the process. Seyb said at one point the board looked at Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission to help, but with SEIRPC Director Mike Norris representing several organizations that could ask for some of the money, the panel looked at that as a conflict of interest.

The panel set Seyb, Supervisor Ron Fedler, Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, Deputy Auditor Sara Helenthal and Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom as voting members of the committee, with Norris serving in an advisory capacity.

“We’re suggesting that he help provide us guidance and knowledge basis and things like that, but we’re recommending that he not be a voting member just so you don’t have that conflict of interest,” Seyb said.

Pflug asked if the guidance from the federal government had come in because some entities in other states are already allocating funds.

“Down by the Lake of the Ozarks, they are already allocating money out. They’re already doing it,” he said. “Why aren’t we?”

Fraise said the county isn’t obligated to use the funds until 2024 and Renstrom said the county was still waiting on final guidance to make sure the county uses the money appropriately.

Pflug said the people in that county in Missouri must have guidance if they are already spending the money.

Seyb said there are things in current guidance that money is allowed for such as broadband expansion.

“For instance if we wanted to throw all our money at broadband, we could throw \$6.5 million at broadband and be absolutely fine,” Seyb said. “We could do that. Those guidelines have never changed as far as broadband or

septic sewers, so if those organizations are putting money toward that there’s no risk in that.”

But he said the committee has been looking at the health department facilities and drive thru access for vaccinations, that may be improved with the funds, but there are gray areas with regard to new construction.

Seyb also said Renstrom is trying to determine what financial loss the county has encountered because of COVID. Renstrom is taking a composite look at 2017-2019 as far as revenue growth and comparing it to 2020 to see if the county suffered a loss.

Any loss could potentially come out of the ARPA funds straight to the county’s general fund to help make it whole and then the percentages allocated for other projects would stay in tact, but the total dollars allowed for each category would be reduced by the amount the county takes in losses.

Renstrom’s been working on the computation for several weeks under strict federal guidelines for making the determination.

Pflug said the board of supervisors should be involved in all final decisions.

“When it comes down to finalizing, we should all weigh in because there’s gonna be some disgruntled people,” Pflug said.

Seyb agreed saying the money can’t be spent until the board approves recommendations.

Currently the panel wants to allocate the funds as follows: 30% to broadband improvements; 10% to water and sewer projects in municipalities in Lee County, including EPA mandated sewer separation projects; 30% to county projects, 10% to child care projects, 10% to housing projects, and 5% each to non profit and tourism efforts.

The panel is planning to finalize an application process once all the federal guidelines are completed and received. Once those guidelines are finalized, groups within the county including governmental and non-profits could apply for consideration of funding from the remaining pool of money.

Absentee requests set for Sept. 14 in Keokuk election

KEOKUK - The Lee County Auditor’s Office will begin accepting absentee ballot request forms for the September 14, 2021 Keokuk Community School District Special Bond Referendum Election. Voters may obtain a request form from the Iowa Secretary of State’s website <https://sos.iowa.gov> or by calling the Auditor’s Office at 319-372-3705 or email mlambert@leecounty.org. All fields must be completed. Please remember to include a phone number or email address in the event we need to contact you. Requests can be mailed to PO Box 190 Fort Madison IA 52627. Requests for voting by mail must be received in the Auditor’s Office by Monday, August 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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