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EMS budget still fuzzy

PROPOSAL: Half of budget revenues are "miscellaneous reimbursements"

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The financial picture of a county run EMS ambulance service is starting to take shape but almost half the revenues are classified as "Miscellaneous reimbursements".

At Monday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, the board got an update on funding the purchase of six new ambulances.

The county is entering into a six-year lease agreement with North Central Emergency Vehicles to purchase three Type II and three Type III ambulances at a total cost of \$1,089,399.

According to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, the annual payment on that lease would be \$199,914 for six years at 1.64% interest for a total cost of \$1,199,484.

Supervisors thought last week that the lease agreement

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Burlington reporter on ground at Capitol siege

"Execute the traitors. I wanna see executions!"

That's a quote from an unidentified participant in Wednesday's storming of Congress at the nation's Capitol building, captured by Burlington native Elaine Godfrey – a staff writer at The Atlantic news magazine.

It was one of the many moments in time the 27-year-old Iowa State graduate caught in several hours of the coverage Wednesday – a relatively brief glimpse into the unknown level of societal tumbling in which we find ourselves as a nation.

A day filled with chaos, fear, courage, vigilance, and tragedy. A day, that most hope, is the bottom of what will be a turnaround in American history – what was most assuredly another 'it-will-get-worse-before-it-gets-better' scenario for Americans already looking for an end to a crippling virus.

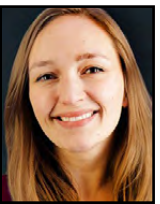
Godfrey grew up in Burlington and secured an internship-turned-full-time gig with The Atlantic covering Washington D.C. She's been there since President Trump was elected in 2016.

The 27-year-old gave me 20 minutes on Saturday morning after we shuffled schedules for the past three days trying to hook up. She said she's looking forward to being able to unplug for a bit.

Indeed.

Godfrey was covering Trump's remarks on the ellipse, a 50-acre park south of the White House, just prior to the siege.

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GODFREY

OBITUARIES

DUANE SHERWOOD

Duane Ralph Sherwood, 83, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:40 a.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. He was born on September 28, 1937 in Fort Madison, IA to Joe Ralph & Alta Marie Warner Sherwood. He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1955 and from Western Illinois University in 1976. He married Myrna Marie Fortune on January 24, 1959 in Fort Madison, IA. He worked at the Iowa State Penitentiary for many years, retiring as the Iowa Prison Industries Supervisor. During his final years at ISP, production at Iowa Prison Industries exceeded \$3,000,000. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Duane was a charter member of the Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club and was its 3rd president. He was very involved in Bloodhound Wrestling, working to start several wrestling tournaments and was the Iowa High School Wrestling Federation Officials Chairman. He was an active volunteer for the Tri State Rodeo for 69 years and a member of the Rodeo Operating Committee for 18 years. He was a charter member of the Special Kids Rodeo. He also served on the Lee County Mental Health Board of Directors and served on the Fort Madison School Board. He received the Fort Madison Citizen of the Year Award in 2011 and the Governor's Star Award in 1990.

Duane is survived by: his wife: Myrna Sherwood of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Kelly Parrett (Andy Ross) of Pensacola, FL; 3-sons: Dean (Rae-Lynn) Sherwood of Lewiston, ME, Kirk (Ronda) Sherwood of Fort Madison, IA & Todd (Donna) Sherwood of St. Louis, MO; 12-grandchildren & 11-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A public viewing and visitation will be held from 3:00 to 5:00



p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Due to Co-Vid concerns, the family will not be present. A private family service will be held with burial in Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for St. Paul Lutheran Church or Fort Madison Food Pantry. Online condolences to Duane's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. The service may be viewed any time after Noon on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at www.kinglynk.com.

"COALITION OF THE WILLING"

Joint Education Center effort resets with LCEDG

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The conversation about a joint education center has shifted gears slightly to a new focus of a career exploration center.

Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr., told other supervisors at Monday's regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, that Lee County Economic Development officials held a meeting last week to discuss the center.

LCEDG spearheaded an effort last

year to purchase the former KL Megla building in Montrose to be used as a Joint Education Center for southeast Iowa career technical educational programs.

But the effort hit a roadblock when

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Obituaries

SYLVIA J. KEGERRREIS

Sylvia J. Kegerreis, 83, of Keokuk, died January 2, 2021 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



KEGERRREIS

She was born on June 9, 1937 in Janesville, WI, the daughter of Henry H. and Marvil McKinnon Kegerreis.

Sylvia graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1955. She furthered her education at college and received her Bachelor of Arts degree.

She had been employed at Hubingers in Keokuk for many years, working through the changes to Heinze and then Roquette America.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Warsaw, IL, the Kiwanis Club, and loved being a member of the Red Hat Ladies Club.

Sylvia enjoyed traveling all over the United States. She also enjoyed working on jigsaw and crossword puzzles, working in her yard and spending time at the Senior Center in Quincy. Most of all Sylvia loved being with her family, especially spending time with her pride and joys, Drew and Piper.

She is survived by one sister, Audrey Bickley of Keokuk, one sister-in-law, Judy Kegerreis of Kingwood, TX, nieces and nephews, Diane (Steve) Blair of Hobbs, NM, Lisa (Joe) Vanderpoorten of Los Angeles, CA, J.D. (Dana) Megchelsen of Fulton, TX, Angela Kegerreis of Houston, TX, Mike (Kristy) Kegerreis of Dallas, TX, Vickie (Myron) Mason of Edgewater, FL, Travis (Jackie) Conover of Keokuk, Megan Conover (Dan Hoenig) of Montrose, IA and her pride and joys, Drew and Piper Conover of Keokuk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law, Jo (Dr. John P. Megchelsen and her brother, David Kegerreis.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb, IL with Pastor Diane Ludington officiating.

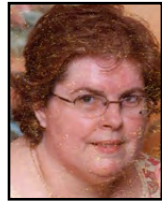
Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting friends from 6 – 8 p.m. Social distancing measures will be in effect and masks are required.

Memorials may be made to the Quincy Senior Center or the First Presbyterian Church in Warsaw.

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

LORETTA A. CARUTHERS

Loretta A. Caruthers, 64, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021, at Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa, due to complications of Covid-19 pneumonia.



CARUTHERS

Loretta is survived by her husband Michael Caruthers of Keokuk; her son Jason Caruthers of Wayland, Missouri; her daughter Jamie (David) Wells of Keokuk; her mother Better Lentz of Pikeville, Tennessee; her sister Lydia

McDaniel of Pikeville, Tennessee; her brother Larry Bice of Pikeville, Tennessee; her stepbrother David (Lani) Lentz of Bradley, Illinois; three granddaughters: Angela Graves, Rebecca Caruthers and Emily Caruthers, all of Keokuk; and her great-granddaughter Chaelynn Caruthers of Keokuk. She also had the blessing of having many step-grandchildren from her daughter Jamie that she would want to be included. Other survivors include numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Loretta is preceded in death by her father Lonas Bice, stepfather John Lentz, paternal and maternal grandparents and great-grandparents, several aunts, uncles and cousins, and five grandchildren due to miscarriage/stillborn.

Loretta was born to Betty and Lonas Bice on July 7, 1956. She later met and was united in marriage to Michael Caruthers on April 24, 1974. Loretta and Michael had been married for forty-seven years and treasured each other very much. Loretta loved spending time with her family as much as possible and treasured every moment that she spent with them all. She loved coloring, sewing, and working on her word search puzzles when her children and grandchildren weren't around. She loved watching television with her husband and spent special times together arguing at the TV with him.

Loretta also worked many years as a daycare provider with her mother Betty until her mother retired and moved south. Previously she had worked at We Care Kids Daycare for many. She loved being around children, taking care of them and helping others out. At this time, no public services will be held.

Memorials may be directed to the family for expenses in care of Michael Caruthers.

Tributes and condolences may be left at dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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

MARY L. HAYDEN

Mary Lucille Hayden, of Jackson, MO, formerly of Keokuk, IA, went to Heaven to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior on December 29, 2020.



HAYDEN

Lucille was born December 25, 1921, to Willard Henry Arnold and Ula Leona Gertrude (Bird) Arnold. On May 5, 1943, she was united in marriage to Frank Watson Hayden. He preceded her in death on December 16, 1997.

Lucille was an only child but her cousin Iola Reeves was like a sister, and they lived close to each other all of Iola's life. She enjoyed growing up on the farm at Alexandria MO where she spent time with her father, learning her work ethic from him, and loved her horse Dolly. She enjoyed playing her French horn in the band and the highlight of her schooldays was when the band performed at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. It was in that band that she made friends with Tommy Daw. They loved getting together and with their spouses continued to play their instruments and sing their entire lives. Lucille enjoyed singing in the church choir and teaching the young children at church. She loved cooking, especially for family, and passed that on to her daughters. She loved birds (especially cardinals and owls) and flowers. Her favorite color was red.

Lucille and Frank lived in mainly in Keokuk and Fort Madison with short stints in Chicago and Pontiac IL. In retirement they wintered in McAllen TX near one of their daughters. Later she moved to Jackson MO to be near family. She entered Monticello House of Jackson MO in August 2018 where she lived the rest of her days.

She wanted to go to college so she raised strawberries and vegetables to pay for her BSE degree from Culver Stockton College in Canton MO. She earned her MA from NE Missouri State University (now Truman University) in Kirksville MO. Lucille taught at Hickory Grove (grades 1-8), Wayland Elementary (grades 1/2), Alexandria Elementary (grades 5/6) and the Fort Madison schools of Roosevelt and Jefferson (grade 6). After retirement she substituted at Running Fox Elementary. She always longed to be back in the classroom. She loved her students!

She is survived by her daughters Janet Bentzinger of Van-cleve MS, Patty Conklin of Cedar Hill MO, Priscilla Hooks of Jackson MO, a step-son William Hayden of Lake Isabella CA, and four grandchildren—Charles Hayden of Keokuk IA, Deborah (Gary) Bentzinger Parnell of Anderson AL, Rebecca (David) Bentzinger Marante temporarily of Henley-On-Thames in England, and Daniel (Erica) Hooks of Brooklyn NY. Lucille was buried next to her husband in Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk on January 5, 2021. Due to COVID, there were no services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America in honor/memory of Mary Lucille Hayden. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

01/04/21 -7:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 01/04/21 – 10:38 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of 9th Street.
 01/04/21 – 5:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 01/04/21 – 9:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue G.
 01/04/21 – 11:05 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jearrod Parvin Holland, 42, of West Point, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 1/05/21 – 2:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue C.
 01/05/21 – 4:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 38th Street.
 01/05/21 – 9:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Courtney Leigh Smith, 19, of Fort Madison in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on a charge of dog running at large.
 01/06/21 – 1:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jalen Keith Kutcher, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue D, on a charges of domestic abuse with injury and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 01/06/21 – 3:17 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2800 block of Avenue J.
 01/06/21 – 11:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited John Scott, Jr., 43, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.
 01/07/21 – 6:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 01/07/21 – 2:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited

Michael Joseph Umthun, 68, of Montrose, at the police station on a charge of 2nd degree theft.
 01/07/21 – 5:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue M.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/04/21 – 7:19 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident north bound on the Hwy. 61 bypass near Bluff Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Clinton Jacob Walrath, 16, of Keokuk, lost control on a patch of ice, slid into the median, rolled and came to rest on its tires facing southbound.
 01/04/21 – 3:27 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Isaac Raymond Patino, 41, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/04/21 – 5:37 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jared Kyhl Brisby, 21, of Montrose, at Lee County Jail on a judgment hold. He was held in custody.
 01/04/21 – 5:49 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tomasina Lynn Bough, 45 of Fort Madison was headed eastbound in the 2400 block of Hwy. 2 when a deer ran out of the south ditch into the roadway colliding with the vehicle. Minor injuries were reported and no citations were issued.
 01/04/21 – 6:24 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a four-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 218 and 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Christina A Boosalis, 59, of Montrose was headed southbound on 218. A vehicle driven by Jill Elizabeth DeRoos was headed northbound in the same area. A third vehicle driven by Timothy Gerard Cherry, 22, of Maple Hill, Kansas was headed east on 255th near the intersection and failed to stop. A fourth vehicle

driven by Ann Marie Abolt, 55, of Donnellson was stopped at the intersection westbound. Cherry told deputies he didn't see the eastbound stop sign and drove through the intersection. Boosalis took evasive action and crossed the center colliding with DeRoos head on. DeRoos' vehicle then collided with Cherry's vehicle, who in turn struck Abolt's vehicle stopped at the westbound stop sign. All four vehicles were towed with several drivers reporting injuries. Cherry was cited for failure to obey a stop sign upon entering right of way.
 01/04/21 – 10:27 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dyvon Michael Doyle Smith, 24, of Burlington at the halfway house in Burlington on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/05/21 – 12:40 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Anthony Budoff, 38, of Durham, Mo., at the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/05/21 – 1:45 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited a 16-year-old female from Hillsboro on a charge of lottery forgery/theft of ticket.
 01/05/21 – 2:35 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jace Canyon Prado, 21, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/06/20 – 6:53 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Johnson Street Road where according to reports, a semi trailer driven by Christopher Lee Summers, 46, of Keokuk hit a pot hole on the shoulder causing the vehicle to go into the ditch and tip onto it side. Summers was taken to UnityPoint hospital for evaluation.
 01/07/21 – 8:40 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Laura Lee Nelligan, 24, of Keokuk, at Lee County Jail on a charge of simple assault. She was held in custody.
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Sports

Davis bucket gives Hounds third win in a row

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison junior Dayton Davis (10) works inside against Central Lee's Kaleb Sanders in the early going of the Hounds' win Saturday night. Below, the Hawks' Jaxon Betker drives on the Hounds.



weren't looking for anything offensively. We have to understand that we can waste clock and still be aggressive."

The Hawks had three shots on one possession and didn't score, and turned the ball over twice

in the final minute.

But they still had a good look on the final shot. Fort Madison was able to tip a pass near midcourt, but the ball was caught by Sanders, who dribbled into the lane and was open for the last shot.

"Give Fort Madison credit," Swanson said. "They played it perfectly. With four seconds left, it's basically a prayer anyway. It wasn't a bad look, it just didn't fall. We gave ourselves a chance, that's all you can ask for."

Davis led Fort Madison

with 19 points. Miles Dear had 15.

"They're our leaders. We know that," Wilson said. "They'll get their points, but they know that they don't have to force it to get the points."

Jaxon Betker led Central Lee with 16 points. Kade Myhre had 10 points, all in the second half.

"Kade's done a good job all season of getting to the rim," Swanson said. "But we can't squander leads like that. We can't squander the work of someone getting to the rim like he did."

Friday win over MP is first win over Panthers since 2018

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Bloodhound boys avenged a season-opening loss to Mt. Pleasant with a 53-46 win over the Panthers Friday night in Southeast Conference basketball.

It was the first win for Fort Madison over the Mt. Pleasant since Dec 21, 2018.

The win takes the Hounds to 5-4 on the year and 3-2 in the Southeast Conference with the previous loss to the Panthers and a 3-point loss to Washington.

Fort Madison trailed 5-0 out of the gate, but turned things around on an 11-2 run holding the Panthers to just seven points in the quarter. One of the Hounds team goals each year is to hold opponents to single-digit scoring in each quarter – a goal that would prove dividends in the final quarter.

The Hounds would stretch the lead to 9 at 20-11 with three minutes to go in the half, but Mt. Pleasant would go on a 10-5 run during the final three minutes behind the Panther's Dewon Trent's 14 first half points.

Miles Dear had 10 of his 15 on the night in the first half for Fort Madison, as the Bloodhounds held a 25-21 lead at the end of the half.

The Panther's would make a game of it in the third taking a 36-33 lead with three minutes to go in the period. Mt. Pleasant would convert a free throw before the end of the period, but Fort Madison would answer to make it a 1 point game 37-36 Mt. Pleasant heading into the final period.

The Hounds would again hit the mark holding Mt. Pleasant to just nine points in the final eight minutes, while put up 17 in the final quarter to secure the win.

Dayton Davis led Fort Madison with 18 points, nine in each half. Reiburn Turnbull had eight on the night, while Tate Johnson scored five, Landes Williams had four and Matt Hopper connected on a 3-pointer to round out the Hounds scoring.

Trent had a game-high 21 points for the Panthers. Sam Terrell had nine points, all on 3-pointers in the second half for Mt. Pleasant (2-3, 5-5).



Central Lee's Kade Myhre slips between the Hounds' Matt Hopper (15) and Reiburn Turnbull in the 3rd quarter Saturday. Myhre would finish with 10 points in the Hawks' loss.

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Sports

Lady Hounds defense shuts down Merschman, Hawks

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – The zone defense never changed.

There was no need.

Fort Madison High School girls basketball coach Tony Sargent had a plan to slow Central Lee's Mya Merschman, and it worked on shutting down all of the Hawks.

The Bloodhounds' defense did its job in a 37-22 home win on Saturday night.

Merschman, who averages 29.9 points per game, was held to just 15 points, only four in the first half. Only two other Hawks — Makayla Morrison (4) and Ella Sanders (3) — scored.

"I thought about playing a 1-3-1, or maybe go man-to-man, or something else," Sargent said. "We started out in the 1-3-1, it was working, so we figured, why change it? Our girls communicated really well. Our defense was spot on. I thought we played well."

The Hawks scored just two first-quarter points, but were only down by four points. Still, Central Lee coach Jay Baldwin figured, his team felt the deficit was greater.

"They were in our heads a little bit," Baldwin said. "In all due respect, (the defense) wasn't something we haven't seen. We just missed shots, and it was contagious. When everybody started missing, we couldn't get their heads straightened.

"We didn't have bad shots. We had good shots. We didn't make them."

The Hawks (6-5) couldn't loosen the zone with outside shots. Merschman had three 3-pointers, and Ella Sanders had one, but those came in the second half as Fort Madison (8-1) was in control.

"We had a couple of airballs, and then we quit shooting," Baldwin said. "I was a little disappointed in our energy. We just didn't have the energy we've had the last few games. Maybe we were due for a stinker, I don't know."

The Bloodhounds made sure to always have someone on Merschman.

"I told the girls, once she got across half-court, watch her, because she can hit from anywhere," Sargent said. "We didn't get out on her the last few times, but so what? It was OK."

Fort Madison was able to attack Central Lee's defense. Malarie Ross had 16 points, hitting three 3-pointers, and the Bloodhounds got 11 points from Brandy Walker inside.

It was Fort Madison's seventh consecutive victory.

"I'm happy," Sargent said. "The girls played well."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison guard Camille Kruse drives from the right wing under the watchful eye of Central Lee's Maura Watkins (12) in the first quarter of the Lady Hounds' 37-22 win Saturday evening in Fort Madison.

FM girls avenge seasons only loss at Mt. Pleasant

MT. PLEASANT – Fort Madison pulled away in the final quarter Friday night to get a 36-31 win over the Panthers on the road.

The win erased an early season overtime loss to Mt. Pleasant at home, the Bloodhounds only loss of the year.

The Lady Hounds are now 7-1 on the year and 3-1 in conference play and are just one point away from a perfect year so far with the 62-61 Panthers loss back on Dec. 4. Junior transfer Mallory Ross led the Hounds again with 14 points. Senior Brandy Walker scored 11 as Fort Madison used the outside game of Ross to open up the inside scoring.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tue, Jan 11, 2021
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
(CST)
AGENDA

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- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- Consider Approval of January 4, 2021 Board Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims
- Public Input
- Discussion on Funding for Ambulances
- Consider Approval to Allow Chair to Sign Contracts to Purchase Ambulances
- Discussion on Solar Savings
- Discuss and Consider Setting Percentage of Salary Raise for Elected Officials and Employees Covered Under Personnel Policy
- Consider Approval of Vaccination Addendum to Pandemic Policy
- Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution

Personnel Actions:
 A. Change of Positions- Board of Supervisors (2) Reports:
 A. Treasurer's Semi Annual Report
 B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
CITIZENS WELCOME

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Contact Title VI Administrator
 319-372-3705 County Website:
www.leecounty.org

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE

Lee County Conference Board Chairman, Matt Pflug has scheduled an electronic Conference Board meeting Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Assessor Budget Meeting
 Thu, Jan 28, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CST)
 Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approval of February 27, 2020 Conference Board Minutes
4. Motion to Approve

Lee County Policies for Assessors Office
 5. Discussion of the 2021/2022 Proposed Budget
 6. Motion to approve the preliminary 2021-2022 budget and set public hearing date
 7. Roll Call
 8. Motion to adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice to Bidders
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources by email, at procurement@dnr.iowa.gov until 11:00 am, January 21, 2021 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. In an effort to mitigate the spread and effects of the COVID-19, the Department of Natural Resources will ONLY be accepting proposals submitted via email for these projects. No bids shall be accepted by FAX, mail or hand-delivery. After the bid opening, information concerning bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at www.iowadnr.gov.

Note: The bid opening for this project will be held by conference call only. No facilities will be available for an in-person meeting. Interested parties may call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

Conference call number: +1 (505) 738-1452
 PIN: 886 923 111#
 In order to improve sound quality, please mute your phone by pressing *6. If you have questions, you can unmute your phone by pressing *6.

While bids are due by 11:00 am CST on January 21, 2021, the bid opening teleconference will not begin until 11:15 am to

allow staff ample time to print bids before reading them aloud.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit www.beelineandblue.com or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information.

Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a scanned copy of the bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. Additionally, bid securities in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order must also be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building,

502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

HENRY COUNTY PROJECT
NO. 18-06-44-03

Geode State Park Shoreline Armoring Proposal Guarantee: \$25,000.00
 Completion Date: 08/31/2021
 Bid Letting Date: 01/21/2021
 Project Description: This project consists of placing rock revetment along the shoreline by barge, and other incidental work as required by the DNR Construction Engineer.

ADAMS COUNTY PROJECT
NO. 17-04-02-01

Lake Icaria State Park Pavement Preservation Proposal Guarantee: \$25,000.00
 Completion Date: 09/30/2021
 Bid Letting Date: 01/21/2021
 Project Description: This project consists of HMA milling and placement, pavement removal, culvert removal and installation, concrete placement, ditch cleaning, transverse joint repair, crack sealing, HMA patching and fog sealing.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DONNELLSON, IOWA 52625
MEETING LOCATION- PILOT GROVE SAVINGS BANK COMMUNITY ROOM
521 NORTH MAIN STREET, DONNELLSON, IOWA
JANUARY 11, 2021
TENTATIVE AGENDA

5:00 P.M .

1. Call to Order
2. Board Workshop - Elementary Presentation
3. Adjourn

5:45 P.M.

1. Roll Call
 2. Approve agenda
 3. Receive Visitors:
 - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
 - b) Building Trades Presentation
 - c) Business Presentation
 4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) IASB Priorities in Primetime, January 19, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. 1 Hour Webinar
 - b) Legislative Update
 - c) Construction Update
 - d) IASB Virtual Lobby Day on SSA & School Funding Policy - January 21, 2021
 - e) Finance Update
 - f) COVID-19 Update
 - g) Vacancies
- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- a) Approve minutes
 - b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
 - c) Approve prepaid bills
 - d) Approve monthly bills
 - e) Review Open Enrollment Applications
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Second Reading of Board Policies 200 Series (Motion)
 2. First Reading Board Policy No. 106 - Discrimination and Harassment

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Based on Sex Prohibited (Motion) (Exhibit 11)
3. First Reading Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit III)

- a) 409.2 - Employee Leaves of Absence
 - b) 503.1 - Student Conduct
 - c) 503.5 - Corporal Punishment, Mechanical Restraint and Prone Restraint
 - d) 503.6 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students
 - e) 503.6R1 - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion with Students
 - f) 503.6E 1 - Use of Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion Documentation Form
 - g) 503.6E2 - Debriefing Letter to Guardian of Student Involved in an Occurrence Where Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion was Used
 - h) 503.6E3 - Debriefing Meeting Document
4. Contract Approval: (Motion)
a) Cody Swan - Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach
5. Board Reports
6. Adjourn (Motion)

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 1/5/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 1/5/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Andrews, Lair, Amandus, Schulz, Cangas and Rink. This meeting was held with some of Council and staff present but also electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19. On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/15/2020; Claims dated 12/31/2020, December Manual Claims and December Library Claims; Resolution No. 2021-01, setting public hearing for 1/19/2021, at 5:30 P.M. on the possible voluntary annexation of property at 2110 – 303rd Avenue; Payrolls of December 18 and 31, 2020, and Liquor License Renewals: Fort Madison Tobacco & Liquor Outlet Plus, effective 2/1/2021, Buffalo61 Bar & Grille, effective 2/25/2021, and Garner Foods, effective 1/15/2021; Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning Rezoning Property

at 2110 – 303rd Avenue from R-1, One Family Residential to I-2, General Industrial at 6:05 P.M. With no written or verbal comments, at 6:06 P.M., Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property at 2110 – 303rd Avenue from R-1, One Family Residential, to I-2, General Industrial. On motion, Council approved the third reading of Ordinance No. D-071, amending Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 7, Stopping, Standing, Parking, Section 6, Parking Prohibited, so as to restrict parking on the south side of Avenue E from 2nd to 24th Street. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance vacating a portion of City right-of-way located between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2021-02, setting public hearing on 1/19/2021, at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of a portion of right-of-way located between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek to Christopher and Tara Vincent. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-03, accepting PIP 2018-01, Replacement of Avenue I Bridge Over Dry Creek. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-04, amending the Original Resolution, approved 1/3/2017, said resolution approving and authorizing a Loan and Disbursement Agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority and authorizing and providing for the Issuance of Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Note, Series 2017, in order to provide for the funding of a Sponsored Project under the terms of a new Note, to be issued in the principal amount of \$19,479,720.91, which includes approval of a Supplemental Tax Exemption Certificate. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Tyler Caldwell to the Airport Commission, term expiring 9/30/2023. On motion, Council approved Council meeting dates for 2021. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Veenstra and Kimm, Inc., of Coralville, Iowa, for design and construction engineering services for PIP 2021-01, 10th Street Combined Sewer Separation Project. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 6 for

PIP 2018-04, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 2nd to 6th Street. At 7:08 P.M., the meeting adjourned until January 19, 2021, at 5:30

EXPENDITURES		REVENUES		12/31/2020	
General	\$54,484.15	General	\$42,910.46		
Special Revenue	153,119.20	Special Rev.	256,767.87		
Road Use	37,406.94	Road Use	840.88		
Debt	150.00	Debt	890.82		
Capital	23,293.45	Capital	15,943.89		
Water	43,487.81	Water	270,433.77		
Sewer	21,240.28	Sewer	275,454.80		
Solid Waste/IWC	7,353.82	Solid Waste/IWC	66,899.91		
Storm Water Util.	11,563.08	SW Utility	18,147.11		
	<u>\$352,098.73</u>		<u>\$948,289.51</u>		
PAYROLL		PAYROLL		12/31/2020	
General	\$180,410.23	General	\$162,929.16		
Old Fort	2,775.21	Old Fort	2,075.46		
Emp. Benefits	5,539.05	Road Use	21,723.48		
Road Use	25,899.56	Tourism	1,239.02		
Tourism	1,045.54	Water	23,876.72		
Water	29,772.92	Sewer	33,885.93		
Wastewater	40,980.65	Solid Waste	9,580.12		
Solid Waste	11,943.09	Airport	489.00		
Airport	312.77	Storm Water	3,033.78		
Storm Water	3,734.23		<u>\$258,832.67</u>		
	<u>\$302,413.25</u>				

CLAIMS - 1/5/2021
3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, HIGH BAYS 2,747.83
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, EXTINGUISHER ANNUAL INSPECTION 53.60
ALTORFER INC., SWITCHES..... 1,079.76
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, HANDHELD SPEAKER MICROPHONE..... 175.43
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC, MANUALS..... 382.00
ANSWER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE 198.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM 1,004.08
B&B PROPANE, HEAT 213.30
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD INC., SPRAY PAINT 216.39
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE 150.00
BROZENES HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, BATT CABLE & TRUCK CABLE 4,664.47
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE 170.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PHASE BRIDGE INSPECTIONS 10,801.50
CESSFORD CON-

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

TRAVEL REIMB.... 442.40
DAVE VRADENBURG, PD WALL/PAINTING 1,964.45
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, PAPER 471.18
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE.... 5,983.08
EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS..... 177.20
EDWARD HARVEY, COPIES 5,575.80
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, CLIP/ANTENNA ROB & MISC... 137.50
ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO., DOME BADGES 352.50
FASTENAL COMPANY, WASHERS; CABLE TIES 467.66
FORT MADISON COMM. HOSPITAL, PRE-EMPLOYMENT - STREETS 3,456.00
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER..... 27.05
GARNER OIL INC., FUEL 62.30
HACH CHEMICAL CO., METER..... 2,692.89
HALL'S EXCAVATING & SEPTIC, NUISANCE 2,900.00
HEUSS PRINTING, INC, ADVERTISING 265.50
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, REMOVED ASH TREE 3,500.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, ENGINEERING - 6TH - 10 AVE H 34,322.37
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, ACTYLENE & OXYGEN 724.38
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 85.64
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CONCRETE - 5TH & E..... 1,222.30

INSURANCE STRATEGIES CONSULTANTS, STUDY PLAN 500.00
IOWA BRIDGE & CULTURE, AVE I BRIDGE 812.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, POCKET JET/FAX 159.12
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, RIFLE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING 175.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS, WORKMAN'S COMP.... 3,458.00
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES 98.40
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, PICNIC TABLE FRAME 1,626.94
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #2 - 48TH STREET TRAIL 26,583.55
KAY PARK RECREATION, RECYCLED PLASTIC PLANK 2,049.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE RENTAL/PARTS 1,395.01
LEXIPOL LLC, POLICE-ONE ANNUAL ... 1,974.00
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL MATTERS..... 3,284.00
MACQUEEN EQUIP-

HELP WANTED

CIVIL SERVICE HIRING NOTICE Police Officer

The City of Fort Madison is seeking applicants to fill Police Officer positions. Starting- \$41,662. After 1 year - \$45,697. After 2 years - \$54,600. Benefits include, longevity pay scale; shift differential, paid training; Uniform allowance; paid vacations, holidays, personal & sick time; Education incentives & reimbursement, health, life, and supplemental insurance.

LE certified applicants are eligible for lateral entry and hiring bonus. DAQ.

Candidates must minimally be 20 years of age and have a high school diploma. Must also have an acceptable background history and valid driver's license. Will be required to successfully complete a POST exam and physical agility test in Fort Madison to enter the process. Testing standards can be found on the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy website. Non-certified applicants must attend the four-month academy paid for by the department.

TO APPLY: Contact jgray@fortmadisonpd.com or pick up an application packet at our lobby M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Application deadline is February 5th, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

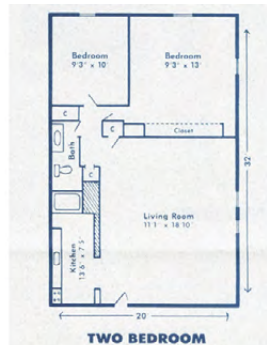
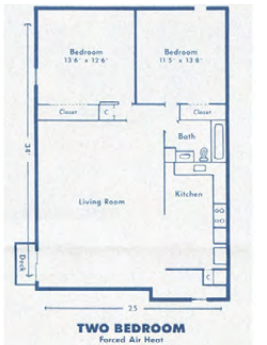


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MENT, INC, SPROCKET/CHAIN/BROOM 1,095.87
 MADISON TURF & TIMBER, BLADE 159.75
 MARTIN EQUIPMENT, WATER IN FUEL /RE-PAIR 156.75
 MCFARLAND, TOWELS/GLOVES 84.95
 MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, DIE CUT 415.83
 MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, GREASE/MITT 45.73
 MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEATING 2,677.44
 MID-STATE ORGANIZED CRIME, MEMBERSHIP 150.00
 MIDWEST SAFETY

COUNSELORS, AMMONIA 292.80
 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE 142.00
 MISSISSIPPI LIME COMPANY, HYDRATED LIME 3,571.20
 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, MONITOR COVER/LID/CLAMP 5,056.70
 NATIONAL BUS TRADER INC, ADVERTISING 2,160.00
 PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL FEE 2,700.00
 PDC LABORATORIES INC., PROF FEE - CLOSED LANDFILL 3,657.00
 PIN CENTER, LOGO PINS 808.50

POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROF FEE - PORT III 7,029.84
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON WATER BILLS/PAST DUES 1,479.88
 PRIME MEDIA, THERMAL BAG 149.04
 QUAD CITY TESTING LABORATORY, VISUAL & MAGNETIC INSPECTIONS 688.00
 QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, BOOTS - N KOSER 294.89
 RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL 163.20
 RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER 28.09
 RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., CHEMICALS 1,400.00

HYDRAULIC VALVE 92.72
 TURBO WASH INC., WASH TOKENS ... 500.00
 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, MONTHLY ONLINE FEE 252.50
 UNITY POINT CLINIC - OCCUP DRUG TESTING 42.00
 UPS, SHIPPING 47.52
 US AUTOFORCE, TIRES 980.88
 USA BLUE BOOK, GATE VALVE/POST 1,000.69
 VESSCO INC., ELEMENTS 1,370.02
 WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS 4,128.90
 WEST BURLINGTON HYDRAULICS, RING SAW/BLADE 3,937.27
 WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, CURB RUNNER/PLOW 1,769.92
 TOTAL 186,258.80
 GENERAL 32,829.68
 SPECIAL REVENUE 58,853.66
 ROAD USE 23,108.36
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 23,269.56
 WATER 22,407.65
 WASTEWATER 9,682.94
 SOLID WASTE .. 4,499.73
 AIRPORT 44.14
 STORM WATER 11,563.08
 TOTAL 186,258.80

USAGE 6,936.38
 TOTAL 158,576.63
 GENERAL 14,791.30
 SPECIAL REVENUES 93,799.20
 ROAD USE 14,298.58
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 23.89
 WATER 21,080.16
 WASTEWATER 11,557.34
 SOLD WASTE ... 2,854.09
 AIRPORT 172.07
 TOTAL 158,576.63

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF
 PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at 5:30 PM on January 19, 2021, at which time and place hearing will be conducted concerning the sale of City right-of-way, described as the strip of land between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek, legally described as follows:

Being a portion of undeveloped 26th Street (formerly Frederichs Avenue), lying between Block #2 and Block #5 of Frederichs Addition and between Avenue "L" (formerly Keokuk Road) and Avenue "J" (formerly Webster Street) in the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa, and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing, as a point of reference, at the Northeast Corner of Lot #1 in said Block #2; thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said 26th Street 127.34 feet to a point 92.99 feet Northerly of the Northerly line of Avenue "L" as now established and the point of beginning of the following described tract of land; thence Southeast-erly 22.41 feet to a point 14.92 feet perpendicular distant Easterly from the Westerly line of said 26th Street; thence Southeast-erly 9.34 feet to a point 17.00 feet perpendicular distant Easterly from the Westerly line of said 26th Street; thence Southerly 66.29 feet on a line parallel with the Westerly line of said 26th Street to a point on the Northerly line of said Avenue "L"; thence Westerly 17.02 feet along said Northerly line to a point on the Westerly line of said 26th

**MANUAL CLAIMS
 DEC 2020**

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, COPIER LEASE 865.56
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 46,791.24
 B&B PROPANE, PROPANE 294.28
 CENTURY LINK, PHONE 57.32
 IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., ANNUAL TANK MANAGEMENT FEE 250.00
 JET GAS, TANKWAGON DYED DIESEL 279.03
 JOHNSTON HY-VEE, MEALS AT ACADEMY 1,613.50
 LEXIPOL LLC, TRAINING SOFTWARE 3,484.00
 LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEATING 641.60
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, TRASH SCHEDULES 1,669.38
 RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER 22.44
 U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES CHARGES 1,533.12
 UMB BANK, N.A., INTIATION FEES GO BOND 500.00
 VERIZON WIRELESS, HOTSPOTS POLICE CARS 320.08
 WELLMARK BC/BS, PREMIUMS 93,318.70
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Street; thence Northerly 92.99 feet along the Westerly line of said 26th Street to the point of beginning, containing 0.03 acres (1404.43 square feet), more or less, being subject to easements of record or by prescription.

COVID-19 restrictions can limit the size of gatherings. Persons interested in participating may appear either in person, by using their phone and calling 312-626-6799 or through their computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85410726901>. The Meeting ID is 831 2754 9897 and will be required. Written statements may

be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or mblind@fort-madison-ia.com, no later than 4:30 PM on January 19, 2021 or delivered before the hearing is closed.
Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County Conservation Board Agenda
January 12, 2021
4:00 p.m.
Conservation Board Meeting
Tue, Jan 12, 2021 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CST)

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1. Call To Order
2. 4:01 p.m. Public Hearing for Comments on 2021 Chatfield Shower House Project
3. Resolution Approving Contract for 2021 Chatfield Shower House Project

4. Introduce Mary VanPelt
5. Approval of Minutes from December 30, 2020
6. Public Input

This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

7. Elect Board President
8. Elect Board Vice

- President
9. Approval of Bills
 10. Approval of Financial Report
 11. Pollmiller Trail Project
 12. Seasonal Positions
 13. Heron Bend Shed Project
 14. Set Bid Deadline for Heron Bend Shop Project
 15. Set Public Hearing for Heron Bend Shop Project
 16. Staff Reports
 17. Board Members/Director Reports
 18. Adjournment

-WORKSHOP TO FOLLOW-

Next regular meeting will be February 9, 2021

Hearing and vision assistance available upon request

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From the Front

Capitol siege was once in a lifetime story to capture

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She carried a gas mask in her backpack.

We talked for 20 minutes and then I asked her a question usually reserved for highfalutin national talking heads.

"Tell us what we don't know," I asked.

"Tell us what a Burlington native saw on the Capitol grounds that we just don't have a sense for here?"

Her answer – raw and poignant.

She saw for the first time real rage.

"The pure anger and desire to see violence was so shocking to me – the people who were running at the police with no fear. That they wanted to get in and didn't care what they had to do to get in – was terrifying."

Five people have died as a result of the incident. One was shot by Capitol Police, four others from medical conditions exasperated by the melee.

But she said there were others who were appalled at the escalation.

"I think it's important to point out that this was a surprise to a lot of people," Godfrey said.

"I think a lot of demonstrators – when they realized what was happening – a lot of them went in and did some damage. But a lot of others were just shocked and didn't know what to do. Some immediately left.

"I heard one guy tell his wife or whoever he was with, 'I just wanted to protest, I didn't want it to get this far.' There's definitely an element here of people who were not OK with this."

State Rep. Joe Mitchell, a Republican from Wayland, and the youngest serving Iowa legislator, was struck hard by Wednesday's events.

"I don't know what to say. It's very upsetting. It makes everyone that supports Trump look really horrible. A good portion of the narrative is that we're the party of law and order, and we don't riot and throw tantrums when we don't get our way," Mitchell said, while the event was unfolding Wednesday.

"It's a sad day."

Fort Madison's Martin Graber, newly elected State

Representative, picked up his phone when I called looking for comment and said, "If it's a peaceful protest they have the right to do that. If it's violent there's no room for that."

Jeff Reichman didn't return texts or phone calls to localize the national event.

Godfrey said she started her day covering Trump's speech and said at no point did the president tell the group to take the Capitol or anything incendiary, but did encourage the group to march to Congress.

"I didn't anticipate anything getting crazy. I thought there might be some scuffles," Godfrey said.

"I started the day at the ellipse, the area behind the White House near the monument and hung out with people for about three hours. Everybody had a Trump flag, or American Flag, or Don't Tread on Me flag."

She said she asked dozens of people why they were there and most said they either wanted an audit of all election results, wanted the results thrown out due to lack of faith in the system, or just wanted the election overturned.

Godfrey then saw the energy move toward the Capitol.

"By the time I got to the Capitol, I realized they had already breached the walls and were filling up the lawn. There was nothing violent at that point. I was hearing things like they wanted to get as close as they can so they could hear them through the walls," she said.

"But as I got closer people were running at it and getting up the steps and there was not enough police at all. They were easily getting past them."

Godfrey said every five minutes or so a pepper spray cannon would go off bewildering many. Others pulled out masks from their own backpacks. She didn't get to her gas mask and coughed and choked on several occasions.

"It just got very intense from there and after about five minutes of that a huge line of police showed up armed with tactical gear. It got very real all at once."

Godfrey said she had an instinct to try and get into the Capitol for additional coverage, but police were not in the mood to distinguish journalists from protestors and let no one by.

She stuck around talking with a few more people before leaving the grounds to file her story.

She could only compare the day's events with a Unite the Right sequel rally where protestors mobbed white nationalists.

"That was scary. But this was the most violent thing I've been a part of," she said.

"I can't stress enough how many people there were sprinting at the Capitol. Those police were vastly outnumbered."

She said looking back that it appeared there were two groups of people. One group that wanted to get inside, take some pictures and steal stuff. And a different mobilized group.

"There was another group that seemed to have something on their minds," Godfrey said. "Tactical gear, hard to identify faces, and they seemed to know their way around and were prepared for weapons."

There was footage released after the event of protestors jumping up and down on Associated Press equipment – stories of journalists being knocked to the ground and mugged of their tools.

This young girl braving the conditions of a full-on siege and experiencing a once in a lifetime news event certainly isn't Beside the Point.

It is the point.

I told her that watching the event unfold made me envious of those in that place, at that time, to chronicle the fear and rage – a sense of pride and embarrassment that somehow managed to exist at the same time.

We are where we are and the only remedy is a true leader that probably hasn't emerged yet. The one thing that is clear, as paradoxical as it is, is that nothing is clear.

Unplug young lady.

To read more about Godfrey's coverage, including her post this morning entitled "It Was Supposed to Be So Much Worse just click here: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2021/01/trump-rioters-want-ed-more-violence-worse/617614/>

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Group may move to a Career Exploration Center over CTE facility

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Central Lee School District wouldn't allow the program to be operated within their school district.

School District Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said the district had issues with the overall sustainability of the project as well as underlying concerns about the district being left out of several preliminary discussions that other districts were a part of, including Keokuk and Fort Madison.

LCEDG President Dennis Fraise said discussions on a new direction for the project are very preliminary.

"We're just having our first steering committee meeting next week and our action groups are meeting this week," he said.

"We have more than a dozen industries involved and we're going to make something happen. Right now we are looking at career exploration and how that translates into SCC programming at the end of the day."

Fraise said Central Lee has not been involved yet.

"Central Lee has not been involved in the conversations, but that does not mean they can't come back. We just need to determine how we make this positively happen. As I've said, it's coalition of the willing."

Seyb said he wasn't sure if Central Lee was part of the meeting last week.

"I don't know if they were actually part of the meeting that day," he said.

"There has been discussion and Central Lee has a lot of great programs happening right now and they're going through expansion themselves. They weren't for the KL Megla piece, but we are still in discussion with where we go from here.

"No one's against having the project. It's just a matter of how we make that happen and getting those partners

together that are focused on making it happen. No one is forced to be part of the program, but those inspired to do that are going to keep the train moving."

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier declined to comment on the renewed discussions.

Fraise said four action committees were formed last week to handle, facilities, programming, marketing, and finance. Those groups will be reporting back to the steering committee next week.

Fraise said SCC has been actively engaged in the new dialogue, but he said he wanted to be clear that everything is still on the table.

"We want to focus on what's best for all the youth of Lee County. Everything is still on the table. We're willing to look at anything and work with anyone who wants to be a part of this."

Currently there are a dozen members of the steering committee, and Fraise said industries have assigned people to serve on the board and committees.

"There's a tremendous amount of energy around this right now."

Fraise said he's hoping to have a strong workable plan in the next 90 days.



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From the Front/Sports

Lease purchase, acquisition not included in proposed budget

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would have to go in front of voters, under the same guidelines as a general obligation bond, but Iowa Code 331.301 says as long as total county lease payments don't annually equate to more than 10% of the last certified budget, the county can enter into the agreement without voter approval. The last county budget was certified at approximately \$17 million.

"If we enter into that lease agreement it can't be 10% over the last certified budget balance which was about \$17 million, Fraise said.

"This won't be that much so we just need to have a public hearing."

According to a preliminary budget worksheet presented to supervisors last week, an advisory board working to bring the ambulance service under county operations is projecting a \$300,000 shortfall in the first year of operations.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom told Pen City Current that \$300,000 would be made up out of the \$900,000 used to subsidize the current Lee County EMS operations through June 30, 2021.

That would make a total annual county contribution of about \$500,000 for the first six years until the lease payments drop off. Prior to the 2020-21 current fiscal year, the county had contributed \$421,000 to subsidize Lee County EMS Ambulance, Inc. operations.

The county is also currently negotiating a purchase price for Lee County EMS Ambulance Inc. with negotiations scheduled in the next few weeks. No dollar value has been estimated publicly on the cost of that acquisition. Six ambulances, property, and equipment could all be part of the assets of the acquisition.

The proposed budget shows projected expenses at approximately \$2.8 million, while revenues come in at \$2.5 million. The expenses did not reflect the lease payments on the ambulance nor the estimated cost of acquir-

ing the business.

However, \$1.24 million of the revenues are categorized as "miscellaneous reimbursement."

Renstrom said that would be revenues from the current ambulance service that would be paid to the county.

Calls to Lee County EMS Director Dennis Cosby to clarify what revenues made up the miscellaneous line went unreturned Monday.

Other revenues for 2021-22 Fiscal year include \$113,490 in Medicaid reimbursement, \$683,773 in Medicare reimbursement, \$427,629 in private reimbursements, and \$85,259 in "insurance from individuals."

A line item for Miscellaneous Federal grants and reimbursements was left blank.

One such grant revenue stream could include the state's Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program (GEMT) that provides subsidies from the Iowa Department of Human Services for certain medical transports under federal Medicaid, Title 19, and Affordable Care Act programs.

The program is only available to publicly owned ambulance and EMS services.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said things were looking bad on last Wednesday

following the ambulance budget workshop.

As the previous chair, Fedler ushered in the move to a county-owned service last year.

Keokuk and Fort Madison city officials tried to put together a proposal to run EMS services in the county, as Lee County EMS Ambulance Inc, faced financial failure.

"After Wednesday's meeting it was looking pretty grim and we were looking at a vote of the people. I didn't sleep very well," Fedler said.

"This was my main concern that we could not get into this bind of not having service. I was so relieved that we are now going to have service offered by the county. In the long run this will save the county money."

In other action, supervisors:

- approved a 2% across the board increase for elected officials in the county. Chair Matt Pflug said supervisors haven't taken a pay raise in more than six years.

- heard discussion on savings from the solar panels that were placed at three county buildings in 2020 of more than \$20,000 and an additional \$12,000 in savings from lighting upgrades at the Lee County Jail and Keokuk Heritage Center.

HOLY TRINITY BASKETBALL

Crusaders snap 3-game slide with win at W-MU

Vasin Thurman scores 22 as HTC gets back to even in SEISC play

BY PCC SPORTS

WINFIELD – Holy Trinity Catholic got 22 points from Vasin Thurman and came out ahead in a battle of .500 teams Saturday in Winfield.

The Crusaders snapped a three-game skid including a 69-31 thumping at the hands of New London on Friday with a 49-44 win at Winfield-Mt. Union.

The Wolves made it look like it could be four in a row as HTC tried to find their bearings after a brutally cold shooting spell Friday night.

The Crusaders got behind early 8-6 in the first quarter and Winfield was able to extend the lead to 26-20 at the half behind freshman Cam Buffington's nine first half points.



But Thurman would get things going in the third period with nine points in the frame. Tyler Snaadt and Jason Thurman each kicked in with four points top help the Crusaders to a 39-36 third quarter lead, a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Chandler Rung finished with eight for Holy Trinity and Jason Thurman had seven on the night. Snaadt finished with six, while Kadin Medland had three and Conner Gehling added a free throw to round out the scoring.

Holy Trinity improves to 4-4 in the SEISC South and 6-5 overall. They host WACO on Tuesday and travel to Cardinal on Friday before welcoming Fort Madison to Shottenkirk Gym for the annual Cake Auction night.



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