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## Meller tearing down structure



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Meller Excavating crews have begun to tear down the former Iowan Motel building on the city's west side this week. Plans are to have additional crews on site Tuesday to bring the rest of the structure down weather permitting, according to owner Glen Meller. The clean up is in preparation of donating the land to the county.

## MASTER PLAN: Supervisor talks plans for property once deeded to Lee County

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's very much a hurry-up and wait as the county tries to find funding to build on property being donated to the county by the Glen Meller family.

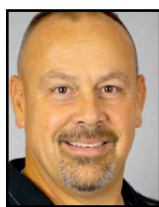
At Monday's Lee County Board of Supervisors' meeting, Supervisor Garry Seyb gave an update on where the county is at in planning for possible construction on the facility on the west end of town where the Iowan Motel used to operate.

Some materials from the site have been removed and Glen Meller said the structure on the property should be down in the next three to four weeks. The Meller family has agreed in principal to donate the property as long as it used for public purposes by the county.

Seyb said it's in the county's best interest to get a master plan of what the roughly 9.5 acres can look like going forward.

"We're in the midst of creating a master plan with Carl A. Nelson," he said. "Rather than just putting a building up in the middle of the property, we're looking at doing master planning so the property can best be utilized in the future."

Seyb said there are several ideas up in the air including consolidating county services on that property as part of the planning. County Supervisor Matt Pflug said it appeared Seyb was going down the road of consolidating courthouses, to which Seyb said is not part of the conversation.



SEYB

"We could potentially put services out there and I'm not talking about courthouses. I want to put that out right away. I am not talking about courthouses," he said.

"I am talking about services here that are in the county building, but that would still be additional cost to the taxpayers."

As another example, Seyb said he's had talks with Empowering Families coordinator Breanna Kramer-Reisberg who believes that a versatile office space could be beneficial to many other advocacy groups including Domestic Violence Prevention, Rape Victims groups, and even a potential precharge program for those looking for help with mental health and drug dependency issues.

"As we're all aware, Lee County is reportedly dead last in child neglect reporting in the state – 99 out of 99 counties, and I believe we're 94 out of 99 in child abuse reports," Seyb said.

"As we define the potential scope of the project, we've had conversations of a collaborative nature with officials of several groups, including Southeast Iowa Community Action Network around additional facility space, services, and expansion," Seyb said.

He said federal officials with Community Action, which coordinates Head Start programming, said a partnership is doable, but more specifics on the project would have to come forward.

See **PLANS**, page 9

## PIPELINES

## County supports changes to IUB's inspection rules

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – After hearing from a resident concerned with the impact of the pipeline construction on agriculture land, Lee County Supervisors on Monday endorsed revisions to Iowa code giving more control to inspectors.

At last week's Lee County Board meeting, resident Kevin Hohl spoke up about the upcoming pipeline installations and how the last construction by Dakota Access was what he called a "disaster".

Currently there are two pipelines being proposed for Lee County, one is the NuStar Anhydrous ammonia pipeline with pressures of up to 1,400 pounds per square inch. The other is the Heartland Greenway carbon recapture pipeline. Both will have substantial footprints in the county.

On Monday, the county board approved a letter to the Iowa Utilities Board, at Hohl's urging, in support of proposed revisions that have been submitted to the IUB to consider as part of the utility board's Instructions for County Inspectors Manual and Iowa Code Chapter 9.5

The letter signed by all supervisors references the county's involvement with the Dakota Access Pipeline Project and dissatisfaction some property owners had with how their land was treated.

"We have heard from many landowners that are not satisfied with how their land was restored during and after construction," the letter indicates.

Included in the revisions is language that would allow the county inspectors, who are hired by the county but paid for by the pipeline companies, to stop work if the ground becomes too saturated during wet conditions.

"The ability for the inspector to halt operations during wet conditions would prevent rutting or further damage to the soil and we are very much in favor of this," the letter indicated.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the letter isn't discouraging the construction of the pipelines, but supports giving landowners more control and rights.

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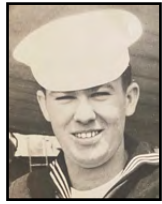
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## OBITUARIES

### JIMMY E. BENEDICT

Jimmy E. Benedict, 85, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 10:26 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua.

He was born on July 29, 1936, in Farmington, Iowa, the son of Russell Newton and LaVanchie Marie (Bartholomew) Benedict. On January 21, 1962, he married Freda Mae Riley at Bonaparte Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on November 11, 2020.



BENEDICT

Survivors include his daughter: Sandra (Lonnie) Turner of Farmington, Iowa; two grandchildren: Meagon Alyse Turner of Iowa City, Iowa, Austin James (fiancé Kensee) Turner of Fairfield, Iowa; great grandchild: Novalyn Grace Turner, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Freda; daughter Carrie Jo Benedict; brother Joe Benedict; sister Pasty Ann McManis; niece Debbie Benedict Polson and nephews Joe McManis and Michael McManis, and several cousins.

Jim worked as a supervisor for Iowa Prison Industries in Fort Madison, IA, Kaiser Agra Center, and Fruehauf Corporation. He was a United States Navy veteran and served as a boatswain's mate. He was a member of the Farmington American Legion for over fifty years and a former member of the Farmington Jaycees and Farmington Fire Department. Jim was an avid arrowhead and mushroom hunter. He enjoyed living on the farm, fishing, bird hunting, and baseball. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and watching them play sports.



Visitation will be from noon to 7:00 p.m. at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, with family meeting friends from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Pastor Larry Shipley officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington with full military rites by the Farmington American Legion.

Memorials may be made to the Farmington Ball Association or Farmington American Legion.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### MARIA J. HAGMEIER

Maria JoAnn Hagmeier, 64, of Springdale, AR formerly of Keokuk, IA died Monday, April 25, 2022 at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, AR.

She was born January 24, 1958 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Joseph and Becky Ann Lantz Mueller. She was united in marriage to Dale Lee Hagmeier in Montrose, IA. He preceded her in death on July 30, 2016.



HAGMEIER

Maria had been employed as a bartender and waitress at several local business through the years, including Pizza Hut, A&W, Whitey's, Pizza Plus, Chintz's and Longenecker's.

She was gifted in arts and crafts and enjoyed making jewelry, stained glass projects and floral arrangements. Maria also enjoyed decorating her house and collecting antiques. She enjoyed spending the day outside gardening and planting flowers. She especially loved going to the beach and spending the day at the ocean. Maria was a friend to many and generous to all and enjoyed having a good time. Most of all, Maria loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Hanna Marie Hagmeier (Willy Quinn) of Keokuk, one son, Dalton Cole Hagmeier of Springdale, AR, one grandson, Tyson Kain Hagmeier (Skylar Stinson) of Keokuk and one great-granddaughter on the way in October. She is also survived by two brothers, Mark Joseph Mueller (Sarah Marie) of Keokuk and Mike John Mueller (Tiffany Bigelow) of Keokuk, two sisters, Marilyn Janice Loeffler (Ron) of Springdale, AR and Melinda Joy Castro (Paul Jernigan) of Chesapeake, VA, several nieces and nephews and one great-nephew, Javen Mason of Springdale, AR.

Besides her husband Dale, she was also preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Ryan Mason.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, (May 7) at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Summer Hakoun officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be held prior to the service Saturday from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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# Local News/For the Record



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## Kiwanis presentation

Fort Madison Kiwanis welcomed foreign exchange student Eva Bohringer to the club Monday at the Fort Colony Diner. Bohringer talked about her German culture, education, and scholarship program.



Courtesy photos

## Scholarships

The P.E.O. Nancy Wagner Scholarship fund awarded \$250 scholarships last week to FMHS Senior Logan Johnson above with, left to right, Anne Heitz, Jane Sanford, Johnson, and Libby Laughlin. Below, HTC senior Raquel Schneider was also presented a scholarship with, left to right, Heather Lynk, Sanford, Schneider, Laughlin, and Heitz.



## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

04/29/22 - 2:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue E.

04/30/22 - 9:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

04/30/22 - 1:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Christine Michelle Pennington, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 26th Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

04/30/22 - 9:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Deuante Deshawn Dorsey, 20, of Keokuk, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/01/22 - 12:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Ave-

nue E.

05/01/22 - 1:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

05/01/22 - 5:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of 35th Street.

05/01/22 - 7:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Avenue D.

05/01/22 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Shaqwanza Aviance Trotter, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

04/30/22 - 10:26 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jacky Bernard Phillips, 35, of Fort Madison, at the North

Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

05/01/22 - 4:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Derrick Lee Haas, 27, of Fairfield, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/02/22 - 1:05 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jorja Liberty Ann Gillham, 19, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Main Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for 5th degree theft less than \$300. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

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## Sports

# Hounds keep winning despite losses

**SOCCER:** Pothitakis leads class 2A in scoring, 4th in all classes

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison boys soccer team continues to dominate the Southeast Conference.

Despite losing junior scoring threats Xander Wellman and Jacob Pothitakis to season-ending leg injuries, the Bloodhounds have won their last two games and have surrendered just two goals in the past six matches.

On Monday night the Hounds again dispatched Keokuk in the first half on the mercy rule. They downed the Chiefs 13-1. They defeated Keokuk 13-0 in the first meeting at Baxter Sports Complex, again by winning in the first half.

Nathen Bowen had four goals in the match and completed the hat trick in 120 seconds. He scored his first goal on assists from Henry Graham and Dayton Davis 5:30 into the match. He scored again unassisted 30 seconds later and then scored his third goal to put Fort Madison up 5-0 a minute and half later.

Leif Boeding also had four goals on the night including the Bloodhounds' final goal with five minutes left in the first half.

Henry Graham, Will Gager, Dayton Davis, and Reiburn Turnbull (2) all had goals for the Hounds in the win. Davis had five assists, Gager had four assists,

and Austin Miller and Oliver Santiago each had three. Keokuk scored its only goal at the 15:30 mark. Turnbull and Conner Gehling shared time in the net with Gehling giving up the only goal. Neither keeper had a save in the match.

On Thursday, the Hounds held on for a tough 3-1 win over Washington on the road.

Mitchell Pothitakis scored the first two goals for Fort Madison in the first half, 14 minutes in and 31 minutes in. Austin Miller got the assist on the first goal and Nathan Wiggins set the senior up with nine minutes left in the first half for a 2-0 lead at the half.

Senior Philip Goldie, usually anchoring the Bloodhound defense, got in on the scoring on a share from Pothitakis six minutes into the second half. Turnbull gave up a goal late to surrender what would have been Fort Madison's fifth consecutive shutout. The senior had three saves on the night including a penalty kick save in the second half.

Fort Madison improves to 9-3 (8-0 in Southeast Conference) and have won seven in a row. They are currently the 11th ranked team in the state in Class 2A by the Iowa High School Soccer Coaches Association.

2021 2nd-team All-state selection Mitchell Pothitakis is 2nd in class 2A in assists with 18 and 4th in goals with 18. He currently leads 2A in scoring with 54 points and is fourth overall in the state in scoring. Turnbull is second in 2A in goals allowed with three and is fourth in all classes.

# Central Lee girls down Canton, 4-1

**LADY HAWKS:** Four different girls score as Hawks move to 6-3 on year

BY PCC STAFF

CANTON, Mo. – The Central Lee girls soccer team shared the wealth with four different girls scoring on Monday night to knock off host Canton 4-1.

Aubree Boyd scored her team-leading ninth goal of the year with 26 minutes left in the match to put the Lady Hawks up 2-1.

Canton got on the board first after keeper Bailey Schwartz came out of the net to clear a ball, but mishit it. The ball headed toward Central Lee's goal and Josie Newton tried to save it, but it went off her foot into the net for an own-goal and 0-1 Canton lead.

But that's all Central Lee would give up in the game. Ellie Lake would tie things up on a pass from Macy Watkins to tie the game at 1-1 to end the first half.

After Boyd broke the tie on a 50-foot shot outside the box, Macy Watkins put one in on a break-away for a 3-1 lead. Kelsie Stewart would find the back of the net with just under two minutes left in the match on a corner kick from Boyd.

Schwartz had three saves on the night. Boyd had five shots on goal and two assists, and Watkins had three shots.

"It was a great win for us tonight. The girls worked well as a team. Listening to the girls communicate with each other was great. It's like I didn't have to coach too much from the sidelines because they were doing it for me, but on the field," said Coach Antonia Estrada.

"Their passing and moving into spaces has gotten a lot better throughout the season. The girls are starting to really trust each other on field and it showed tonight."

The Lady Hawks are now 6-3 on the year (2-0 SEI Superconference South) and travel to Wapello on Tuesday night.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Keokuk Park and  
Recreation Advisory  
Board  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL  
501 Main Street  
AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2022
- IV. Public Input
- V. Old Business
  - a. July 4th Planning
  - \* Set Vendor Fees
  - b. Tombstone Tune-up – wrap-up
- VI. New Business
  - a. Tolmie Restrooms
- VII. Concerns
- VIII. Adjournment

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES  
KEOKUK CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 21, 2022  
501 Main Street  
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on April 21, 2022 at 501 Main

Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Linda Altheide and Steve Andrews were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, and Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills as well as other city employees.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Informed of upcoming events in Keokuk; reminded citizens to support local business and show appreciation for city employees.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Mike Greenwald commended the Keokuk Fire Department and a young man who called 911

regarding a fire. Jim Lemaster expressed safety concerns at the corner of Athens Ave and Middle Road.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve the agenda including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of April 7, 2022;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for March 2022;

- RESOLUTION NO. 56-2022: Approving a Liquor License for Black Sails LLC, 1324 Main Street, Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales – effective May 1, 2022 (pending dram);

- RESOLUTION NO. 57-2022: Approving a Liquor License for Hy-Vee Gas, 3001 Main Street, Class C Beer Permit with Class B Native Wine Permit & Sunday Sales;

- Sidewalk Display Permits for 2022-2023: Fazes, Rascal's Pub & Grub;

- Special Events Permit for Seither & Cherry Company, 150-year celebration for employees

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and customers to be held at Victory Park, alcohol provided, Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. set up and tear down will be September 21, 7 a.m. – September 22 @ noon;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5266-5268;

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. on the amendment to fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 budget. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on Friday, April 8, 2022.

**COMMENTS:** Cole gave an overview of the budget amendment.

No further comments were received; Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Garcia, second by Winn to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 58-2022: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the third reading of the amended Ordinance adding new chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles, and golf carts.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.

(0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to adopt and give final approval of the amended ORDINANCE NO. 2022 adding new chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles, and golf carts. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Winn to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending Title 5 Health and Sanitation of the Keokuk Municipal Code by removing

automatic abatement fee for nuisance abatements.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.

(0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to waive the second and third/final reading of an Ordinance amending Title 5 Health and Sanitation of the Keokuk Municipal Code by removing automatic abatement fee for nuisance abatements.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.

(0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Marsden to adopt and give final approval of the ORDINANCE NO. 2023 amending Title 5 Health and Sanitation of the Keokuk Municipal Code by removing automatic abatement fee for nuisance abatements. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 59-2022: "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE KEOKUK AQUATIC CENTER RATES FOR 2022." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Garcia to table a resolution designating The Standard as life insurance carrier for the City of Keokuk. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS to table, motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 60-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH KIRKHAM MICHAEL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR INSPECTION OF FIVE BRIDGES." (7) AYES,

(0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 61-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR \$1,840,000\* (DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2022." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Final notification appointing Joyce Sapp to Grand Theater Commission, 3-year term to expire 11/5/2025. Resignation of George Morgan from the Veterans Memorial Commission, effective 7/1/2022. Second notification for Kathy Goldie to the Veterans Memorial Commission, 5-year term to expire 6/1/2027. Mayoral Appointment first notification for LeeAnn Shaffer-Smith to the Civil Service Commission, 6-year term to expire 4/1/2028. Mayoral Appointment (Vote Required) Lee Ann Shaffer-Smith to Historic Preservation Commission- filling 3-year term to expire 9/1/2023. Motion to approve all By Helenthal, second by Garcia. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Wills updated industrial pre-treatment program surveys. Broomhall informed of properties not following through with development agreements. Helenthal gave an update regarding cemetery clean-up. O'Donnell reported on grant application for federal funds to repair S. 18th Street leading to National Cemetery, receipt of downtown upper story housing grant, and finance committee meeting to be set.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Marsden gave overview of ideas presented at

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Iowa League of Cities conference and possibility of adding liaison reports to meeting agendas. Discussed street repair process.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Marsden to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
GREEN BAY LEVEE &  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 31, 2022**

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met at the regular meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-Op, Wever. Present were trustees Mike Walker, Rick Kuntz, Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other mem-

bers of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 24, 2022. Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the February and March Pump Master report. River stage in February was 8.97. March river stage was 12.4. Discussion was had regarding moving driftwood. The board agreed to wait until April or May when things dry out. Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the pipelines. The board has not heard anything regarding a new

route.

Walker updated the board regarding the sand movement project. Two preliminary numbers from dredging businesses have been received. There will need to be an archeological study done before any sand placement. This study will be good forever and cost roughly \$91,000.00. Moved by Bonar, seconded by Kuntz to move forward with the archeological study and architectural recon for Project 1, 2A and 2B. Motion carried.

Walker updated on the main ditch project. There has been slipping on both sides but the seed is growing well. The district still has not received anything from FEMA, however it was learned that they have 180 days to pay, so should see something in

the next couple months.

There have been three pump tests on the relief wells. The district is now waiting on Klinger's approval and then will submit them to the Corp.

Walker gave an update on the USACE 408 permit. There is nothing new to report.

Discussion was had on Election day pay for clerks and judges. Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz to retroactive pay clerks and judges \$200 per election from when the County started running them. Motion carried. Clerk Spear will research and pay those workers.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz to approve the Clerk's Report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$370,168.73 in the Operating Fund and \$48,517.45 in the Bond

Fund.

At 7: 55 p.m. Walker made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Kuntz. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office

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**MINUTES OF THE  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL WORK  
SESSION  
April 11, 2022**

The Burlington City

Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray and Maupin present. Council Member Rinker was absent.

The Resolution Approving Proposal for Upgrade of the Burlington, Iowa Wastewater Treatment Facility SCADA System's Remote Telemetry and Controls was moved from the regular agenda to the consent agenda. The Resolution Approving an Amended 28E Agreement Between the City of Burlington, Iowa and Burlington Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau for Hotel/Motel Revenue Sharing was removed from the consent agenda. The following Resolution

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was added to the regular agenda: Resolution Approving the Demolition of the Port of Burlington Stage. The following Resolution was added to the consent agenda: Resolution Approving Application for Funds from the Federal American Rescue Act State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds through the Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Pilot Program.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 6:06 p.m.  
Approved: April 18, 2022  
Chad Bird, City Manager

Jon D. Billups, Mayor  
\*\* REVISED \*\*  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA  
Monday, April 11, 2022,

4:30 p.m., Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Washington Street

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Chris Ball, Exec Dir of DMC Solid Waste Commission
2. Removal of Port Main Stage (South Side)
3. Housing Pilot Program

B. PROPOSED REGULAR AGENDA: for April 18, 2022 (RM08)

1. PROCLAMATIONS:
  - \* Earth Day - Eric Tysland
  - \* Arbor Day - Ryan Gourley

MOVED TO 05/02 MTG 2. Congratulations to the Graduates of the 5th Annual Citizen's City Academy

3. Public Hearing, Consideration of Agreement with Matteson Marine Service, Inc. for River-

front Lease and Mooring Agreement

4. Public Hearing, Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Properties Locally Known as 1521 and 1534 Madison Avenue from R-2, Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District

5. Public Hearing, Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 105 Garbage and Solid Waste

6. Public Hearing, Consideration of a Permanent Encroachment Agreement with Churchill Lofts LLC for Encroachment into City Right-of-Way Adjacent to Property at 100 North 4th Street, Burlington, Iowa

7. Public Hearing, Consideration of Status of Funded Activities for the City of Burlington, Hous-

ing Sustainability Rehabilitation Project

8. Public Hearing, Consideration of an Application for Housing Conversion Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grant Program – COVID-19 for a Project at 902 Oak Street, Burlington, Iowa

9. Public Hearing, Consideration of Consolidated Transit Grant Application

10. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2022 Sealcoat Streets Project

11. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2022 Brooks Basin I&I Reduction Project

MOVED TO CONSENT 12. Resolution Approving Proposal for Upgrade of the Burlington, Iowa Wastewater Treatment Facility SCADA System's Remote Telemetry and Controls

ADDED 13. Resolution Approving the Demolition of the Port of Burlington Stage

C. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA: for April 18, 2022 (RM08)

1. Resolution Approving Purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Crew Cab for the Burlington Fire Department

REMOVED 2. Resolution Approving an Amended 28E Agreement Between the City of Burlington, Iowa and Burlington Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau for Hotel/Motel Revenue Sharing

3. Resolution Approving Purchase of a Replacement Roof Top Unit for the Memorial Auditorium

4. Resolution Approving the Purchase of LED Lights for the Public Works Building

5. Resolution Approving Purchase of a Bobcat

TL619 for the Public Works Department

6. Resolution Approving Bond Purchase Agreement for the Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A

ADDED 7. Resolution Approving Application for Funds from the Federal American Rescue Act State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds through the Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Pilot Program

8. Set Date for Public Hearing: May 2, 2022

a. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 161.05, Inspection and Enforcement of Chapter 161, Housing Code of the Burlington Municipal Code Chapter 161.05 Housing Code for Rentals

D. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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## From the Front

# Landowners could get more protections

**RULES** - Continued from Page 1

“Just so people understand, it’s not saying we’re not going to let people put pipelines through Lee County or Iowa, it’s to make it so landowners have more protection and rights for their land and that’s what’s really important,” he said.

“Some of them felt that when Dakota Access came through that they never really got that protection. Afterwards they found out that any problems they had after three years, the pipeline company wasn’t liable.”

Supervisor Garry Seyb said the recommendations included new authorizations that gave inspectors the ability to stop all work in rainy and wet conditions.

“I believe it said that any time that heavy equipment was making a rut bigger than 12 inches, the inspector had the ability to stop all work on that project so you didn’t have that memory in the ground from those big ruts. So I know I’m very much in support of this,” he said.

Fedler motioned to approve sending the letter of support and it passed unanimously 4-0.

In an unrelated issue, the board also approved an agreement with Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority to provide \$1.95 million of the county’s America Rescue Plan Act funds as part of a \$5.5 million, 57-mile fiber optic backbone in Lee County. The agreement passed unanimously.

SIREPA administrator Mike Norris said the project came about because of great planning on the part of Lee County Economic Development group and the county.

“I want to make sure everyone knows this process began with good planning. Lee County Economic Development initiated this planning process with SIREPA and Danville Teleco and we’re going to continue to do that planning,” Norris said.

“I don’t want you to think it’s going to stop here. We’re still continuing to move forward.”

The agreement provides for close to \$1 million in lease payments back to SIREPA from Danville Telecom that can be used to leverage additional broadband improvements in the county.

# Funding still up in the air for new facilities

**PLANS** - Continued from Page 1

Seyb said conversations are currently underway with local and state elected officials and respective staffs as to whether or not a one-time funding mechanism could be found that would help offset the costs of what he said is being described as a one-stop shop for health care and child advocacy efforts in Lee County.

Seyb provided a list of talking points to supervisors that outlined the county’s current America Rescue Plan Act funding obligations including \$1.95 million to Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority that spurred a \$5.5 million broadband improvement in Lee County.

“You allocated 30% of the county’s ARPA funding to broadband improvements and I don’t think you could have found a better project,” said Lee County ARPA fund administrator Chuck Vandenberg.

The county has also obligated about another half million combined to ARPA administration over five years, digitizing county records, and a splash pad at KPlay in Keokuk. Seyb said that leaves about \$4 million in unobligated funding for the health department/EMS construction, housing, child care, and tourism.

Vandenberg said a Community Development Block Grant from the state is also being investigated by Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission that could represent an additional \$600,000 toward the health department/EMS project.

Seyb said current estimates for the construction are at about \$400 per square foot which, on a 12,000 square foot facility that was proposed by the county in 2016, would be about \$4.8

million, not including a drive-thru vaccination facility and the EMS ambulance bay.

“With all the funding we have, we’re still not there yet,” Seyb said.

Additional funding streams could involve a general obligation bond to pay for the project with the bond offset by any grant funding, including future grants that could be secured.

The Meller property is currently in an Urban Renewal Area in Fort Madison, which opens up another avenue of funding where the county could bond without requiring a referendum, but a petition could be submitted to the county to force the issue in front of voters.

That petition would require signatures from a minimum of 10% of votes cast in the last presidential or gubernatorial election which was 2020. According to Lee County election archives, that would represent 1,674 signatures required on the petition.

Currently the county leases space at the former John Bennett Center at the old Iowa State Penitentiary for \$7,000 per month. The county has been informed by the Department of Corrections that the lease will increase to \$7,500 beginning in July.



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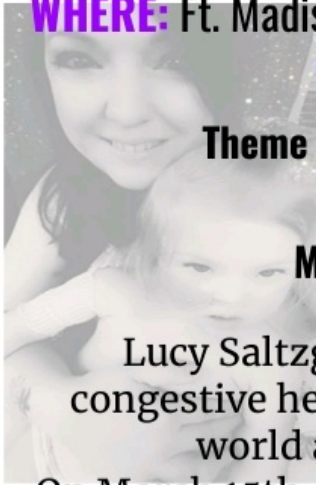
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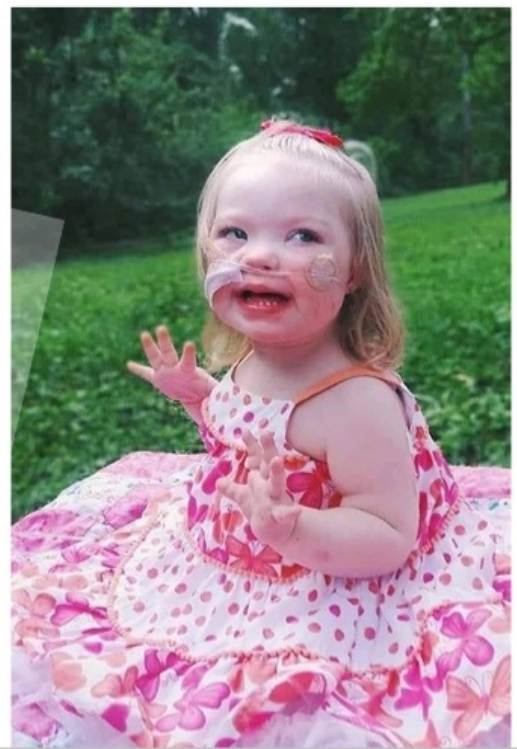
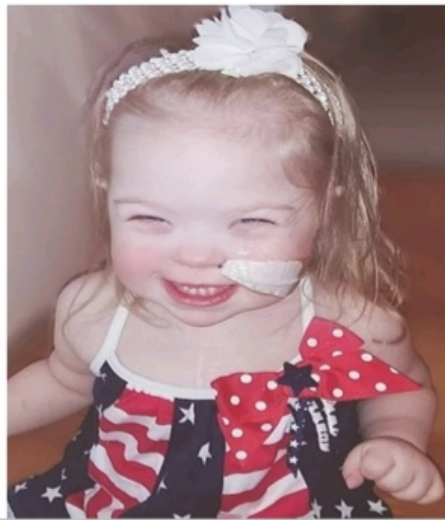
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**Wiffle Ball Game** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
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