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## Next 61 phase OK'd at \$8M

**HR GREEN:** Engineer takes another shot for bids being higher than estimate

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Despite bids that came in at least 26% over engineering estimates, the city is moving forward with the next phase of Hwy. 61 rehabilitation from 10th to 18th Streets.

At Tuesday's Fort Madison City Council meeting, the council voted 6-0 to accept a bid from Jones Contracting of West Point, the firm that has anchored the project to this point, for just under \$8 million to reconstruct Hwy. 61 in the next segment.

Bids were opened on the project on Feb. 15 with Jones having the lowest bid. A second bid from Hawk-eye Contracting came in at \$9.3 million.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld and City Councilman Tom Schulz pushed against the inconsistency of HR Green's estimates.

HR Green has been in Mohrfeld's sights for the past three years. In 2019, HR Green missed on a project that was set to restore curbs and sidewalks in four blocks of

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### CITY WIDE CONTEST

## City wants new flag, new slogan

*Contest for new design set for all ages*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City Councilman Donna Amandus wants a new flag to represent the city's new focus on growth.

Amandus unveiled the contest Tuesday night at Fort Madison's regular City Council meeting. To spur interest, Amandus said the winning flag will receive a \$500 cash prize. She also said the city needs a new slogan.

A committee was formed that includes City Councilman Kevin Rink, LCEDG Administrative Assistant Carmen Salazar, the Pen City Current, and the Daily Democrat.

The new flags would need to have a design that works both horizontally and vertically so they can be flown or hung on the new poles that are lining the new Hwy. 61 work through Fort Madison.

The city's current slogan is Always Moving, but Amandus said people are taking liberties with it on social media and adding words to the hashtag that are detrimental to the city's forward motion.

"This new design should capture what makes our city unique as a community and will serve as an illustration, or trademark if you will, of what our city represents," Amandus said.

She said people who live or go to school within the city of Fort Madison will be able to submit their individual designs. A contest form will go up on the city website at <https://www.fortmadison-ia.com/> in the next few days and will be shared with the school systems.

The deadline for submissions will be Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m. and they can be entered online, mailed, or dropped off at



AMANDUS



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A warm, breezy day made the Turbo Wash blow up sign flop around while motorists lined up cars for a late winter spruce up Tuesday afternoon in Fort Madison. Temps reached into the 60s.

### FORT MADISON

## Property owner threatens suit over rental fines

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A resident with six local rental houses and two other properties listed within the city said Tuesday he's considering legal action against the city for a non-compliance issue on one of his properties.

Darrell Davolt, told the council at Tuesday's regular meeting that the city is ignoring him and refusing to put him on the agenda over a non-compliance fine on his property at 2102 Avenue B.

Davolt said he has reached out to Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, Police Chief Mark Rohloff, and City Manager David Varley and has not been given a re-

sponse.

Mohrfeld disagreed with Davolt and said he offered to put Davolt on the agenda, but didn't get a response from Davolt so he hasn't been added. Mohrfeld offered to put Davolt on the agenda.

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### WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap  
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THU 03 Mar .....Overcast, 43° F/ 32° F  
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### IOWA LOTTERY

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PICK 3 02/28 MIDDAY.....8 2 5  
PICK 3 02/28 EVENING.....2 9 4  
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# For the Record/Lee County News

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

02/28/22 – 10:49 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Mary Jo Rumelhart, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for 2 counts of controlled substance violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
02/28/22 – 1:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a

stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of 23rd Street.  
02/28/22 – 6:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Kimberly Michelle Brewer, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

03/01/22 – 12:16 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Carlin Joe James, 28, of Kirksville, Mo., at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail. *Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## Miller-Meeks wants to push China on trade

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Last Week, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) joined over 50 House Republicans, led by Reps. Tracey Mann (KS-01) and August Pfluger (TX-11), in a letter to President Biden to make the U.S.-China agricultural trade relationship more balanced and reciprocal.

“There has never been a

Communist Party at their word and they should be held responsible for their failure to comply with their end of the trade deal. The Administration is failing Iowa farmers by not holding the CCP accountable,” said Miller-Meeks. “Producers need our support; we must act to maintain balanced trade with China under the

“President Biden either needs to force China to comply with their end of the agreement or punish them for failing to do so. That’s how deals work,” said Mann. “This administration must address the full suite of issues in a comprehensive and holistic manner and hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for treating America and its farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers like a doormat. My colleagues and I are calling for immediate action.”

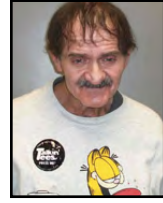
“America must enforce our agreements,” said Pfluger. “I am proud to join my colleagues in calling on President Biden to hold China accountable for their Phase One commitments. This administration must take immediate action and stand up for the agricultural producers that feed and clothe our nation. It’s time to put the United States first and stand up to our adversaries.”

# Task Force nabs three area residents

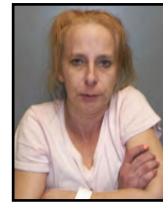
KEOKUK – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a man and woman on Felony and misdemeanor charges.

David Londrie, 59, of Keokuk, Iowa and April Settles, 40 of Carthage, Illinois were both arrested in the 400 block of California Ave. in Keokuk, Iowa on Feb. 26, 2022.

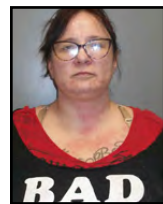
Londrie was arrested for Conspiracy Possession with Intent to Deliver more than 5 grams of methamphetamine 2nd or Subsequent Offense within 1,000 feet of a public park a Class B Felony; Possession of a Controlled substance 2nd offense an Aggravated Misdemeanor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor.



LONDRIE



SETTLES



RUMELHART

Settles was arrested on several warrants and in addition; Possession with Intent to deliver more than 5g of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a public park a Class B Felony; Drug Tax Stamp Violation a Class D Felony; Possession of a Controlled Substance-marijuana a Serious Misdemeanor, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor, Interference with Official Acts and Providing False Identification.

The arrest of both Londrie and Settles stems from the Keokuk Police Department responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle. As contact was made they discovered a large quantity of drugs in both Londrie and Settles possession and contacted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force to assist with furthering the investigation.

The Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Attorney’s Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation. The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

In an unrelated incident the task force also arrested a Fort Madison woman on felony drug charges.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of Mary Rumelhart, 41, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested in the 1500 block of Ave. M in Fort Madison, for outstanding warrants for two counts of Delivery of less than 5g of methamphetamine each a Class C felony.

The arrest of Rumelhart stems from a long-term investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into Rumelhart being involved with the delivery of narcotics throughout the Fort Madison area.

The Fort Madison Police Department, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Lee County Attorney’s Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### RUSSELL W. ELLIOTT II

Russell "Rusty" William Elliott II, 66, of Burlington, died at 3:45 PM Sunday, February 13, 2022, at his home.

Born July 7, 1955, in Clarinda, IA, he was the son of Russell William and Nola Leona Huffer Elliott. On May 14, 1977, he married Mary Kay McQuay at Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington.



ELLIOTT

He attended Burlington High School, graduating in 1973. He graduated from Southeastern Community College in West Burlington in 1975. He then attended Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma.



Rusty served for the United States Army from 1977 until 2000 as a Chaplain. He served four terms in Korea and continued his service with the Army National Guard. Currently he has been helping with Hope Haven.

Rusty was a member of First Christian Church in Burlington. He enjoyed cooking and loved building and collecting model cars, trucks and planes. He had a yellow Chevy Luv then made a matching model.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Kay Elliott of Burlington; one son, Russell William "Bill" (Jessica) Elliott, III; two grandchildren, Alex Elliot and Morrigan Elliott; two sisters, Sheryl Elliott of Shawnee, KS and Brenda (Mark) Maine of Springfield, MO; two nieces, Charla Peaslee, and Alissa Maine; one nephew, Steven-Mark Andrew (Elaine) Maine and mother-in-law, Mary McQuay of Burlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM with the family to receive friends Thursday, March 3, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The funeral service for Mr. Elliott II will be 10:00 AM Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home with Reverend David J. Yonker and Reverend Brooke Anthony officiating. Burial will be in Keokuk National Cemetery.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Russell's obituary at [www.prughfuneral.com](http://www.prughfuneral.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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



**Lunch Specials**  
Feb 28 - March 4  
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**Monday, February 28**  
**Tater Tot Casserole, Sweet Corn**

**Tuesday, March 1**  
**Scalloped Potatoes & Ham**

**Wednesday, March 2**  
**Fish & Shrimp Dinners**

**Thursday, March 3**  
**Fried Chicken Dinners**

**Friday, March 4**  
**Fish & Shrimp Dinners**

## OBITUARIES

### STACIE L. CURTIS

Stacie Lynn Curtis, 50 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born on November 28, 1971 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Charles Frederick and Linda McKay Curtis. Stacie graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1991.



CURTIS

Stacie had been employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken in Keokuk and Casey's in Hamilton, IL.

She enjoyed reading books, especially by her favorite authors, Rick Roman and J.K. Rowling, who wrote Harry Potter novels. Stacie collected light houses and most of all, she loved her cats and dogs.

Stacie is survived by one daughter, Kelcee Curtis of Keokuk, her mother, Linda Curtis of Keokuk, two sisters, Melissa McKay and Tammie Kay (David) both of Keokuk and two brothers, Jeff McKay of Keokuk and Jason Curtis (Ricquel) of Burlington, IA. She is also survived by her special friend and his family, Christopher Loring of Keokuk, Brittany Loring of Keokuk, Alisha Loring of Waterloo, IA and C.J. Loring and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dominyck Hubbard, her father, Charles Frederick Curtis, her step-father, Raymond Thomas Orr, and her life partner, Timothy Hubbard.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home with family meeting friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family for final expenses.

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

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## Business News/From the Front



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren poses with the new truck for the fire department. The truck was getting outfitted with radios Tuesday at the fire department.

# Public will get to vote on flag designs

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City Hall at 811 Avenue E.

The entries will be logged anonymously and then all the admissions will be judged by the five-person committee and be cut down to the top five submissions. Those five submissions will then be listed in a poll at [www.pencitycurrent.com](http://www.pencitycurrent.com) and [www.dailydem.com](http://www.dailydem.com) for a public vote. The top three vote getters will then be forwarded to the City Council to select the winner on May 17.

Amandus said the committee is looking for businesses, organizations, and individuals to help sponsor the contest and they are looking for donations for that.

"We're excited to see what our local talent has to offer with their submissions and we thank the city staff for helping get the program up and running."

She said the new slogan should also reflect the city's new efforts at growth.

"That will coincide with this. We are rebranding our city, and we think that a slogan should match what our forward-looking motion is," Amandus said.

She said more detail on each will be forthcoming.

# Lee County K9 donates \$1,000 to city program

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downtown Fort Madison on Avenue G. HR Green estimated \$1.5 million for the work, and the one bid that came in was \$3.4 million.

Mohrfeld also took HR Green to task over poor performance of the PORT Trail along Avenue B, saying the design was poorly assembled.

Most recently, the city took HR Green to task for asking to move a part-time inspector that was to be used on multiple projects, to a full-time inspector for the upcoming 10th to 18th Streets' project. One of the other projects that was supposed to happen simultaneously was pulled by the city, but the city was reluctant to allow HR Green to move the inspector to full time on the Hwy. 61 project because the agreement with the engineer indicated inspections could be done part-time.

The move added \$105,000 to the project.

Project Manager Thomas Jantscher said the costs were based on estimates from the 6th to 10th Streets' work and were put together in October.

"When we put this estimate together, we based it mostly on the 6th to 10th Streets' projects and compared the bid costs," Jantscher said. "What we're hearing is that material costs are just very high right now, and it's also a reflection of the way things have been over the past year."

City Public Works Director Mark Boussetot, said 10th to 18th is going to cost \$995,000 per block. The phase the city just completed from 6th to 10th was \$857,000 per block and 2nd to 6th Street was \$700,000 per block.

Boussetot said if the city were to reject the bid, he would want to see something substantially changed to justify rebidding the project.

"I don't know what we could do to this project," he said. "And I'm afraid if we wait two to three months, the cost is going to go back up again."

Schulz said he is unhappy with the lack of accuracy of the bonds based on information that is front of them.

"Maybe somebody should have said somewhere, 'Hey, we put this number together last October. This isn't last October.'"

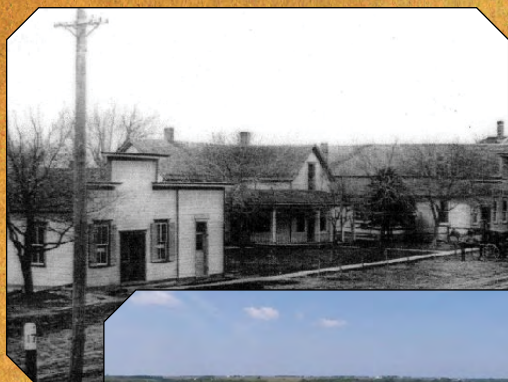
Councilman Andrews asked Schulz, who runs an HVAC company in Fort Madison, when he called a vendor on a new furnace, how long that cost is good for. Schulz said until he picks it up.

Schulz said he wasn't saying the cost was out of line, but that the city is basing decisions on bad engineering estimates.

In other action, the council:

- heard from Lee County K9 Association who donated \$1,000 to the city's new K9 program that will be in place in about three weeks.
- appointed Carmen Salazar to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.
- approved an ordinance permitting Tiny Houses to be built within the city under certain conditions. The move paves the way for 2x4s for Hope to begin construction in the spring. The homes are aimed at veterans.

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## Alliant donates \$11.5M and more than 75K hours

MADISON - To support customers and communities in Iowa and Wisconsin, Alliant Energy, employees, retirees and the company's charitable foundation collectively contributed \$11.5 million and volunteered over 75,000 hours in 2021.

"At Alliant Energy, our purpose is to serve customers and build stronger communities," said Aimee Davis, vice president marketing and communications of Alliant Energy. "We are proud to support many local and regional nonprofit organizations through our foundation giving and our employees' and retirees' commitment to volunteering. It takes everyone working together to build stronger communities and we are proud to be part of the team."

Last year, Alliant Energy met the ongoing needs of customers and communities through Impact Grants, the One Million Trees initiative and the Hometown Care Energy Fund. Additionally, ongoing giving programs provided essential local assistance.

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administrative Building in Fort Madison on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rich Harlow and Rick Larkin.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve Construction Documents from Martin Gardner Architecture, for the North Courthouse Tuck Point Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Final Construction Progress Voucher for Contract 56-C056-108, with Advanced Traffic Control, for Installation of Intersection Countermeasures at Various Intersections. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to allow premium pay, at double time and a half, for EMS employees that pick up hard to fill shifts. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to set Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building in Fort Madison for a Public Hearing to set the maximum levy for Fiscal Year 2023. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the publication of salaries for 2021. Motion carried.

Employee Name	Gross Wage
Barbara S Altgilbers	22925.84
William P Anderson	50095.09
Erin E Andries	46818.46
Terry J Aplara	9337.50
Daniel K Arnaman	32425.58
Patricia A Arthur	65895.42
Kimberly A Auge	18382.06

Rocky S Azbill Jr	24216.48
Hannah E Baker	44921.84
Adrian W Balderas	771.23
Kelly Barton	35494.40
Tomas S Batley	41368.18
William S Batten	60.00
Amy K Beavers	92306.55
Angela Bell	90.00
Eric M Benge	1965.64
Kenton Benner	50346.09
Evan H Bentley	65025.32
Jamie L Beskow	34836.67
Emily Biddenstadt	59743.32
Darrick R Bielser	44818.31
Heather L Billings	45211.06
Katelynn M Blindt	52902.96
Justin M Boecker	8027.68
Danny J Boeding	29153.15
Joseph L Booten	50724.96
Nancy L Booten	67904.53
Jackqueline K Booth	55761.72
Jonathan E Boudewyn	38644.05
Rebecca L Bowden	44589.92

## HELP WANTED JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN

The West Point Municipal Utility System has an immediate opening for a Journey Line Mechanic. Applicants must have a strong journeyman rating and must be able to perform all duties with regard to overhead and underground electric line construction.

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Samuel W Boyer	5161.27
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Chad L Brotherton	49595.20
LouAnn Bruster	26785.08
Kalyn N Buckallev	44080.21
Larry J Buechel	30.00
Craig D Burch	71599.23
Brittany E Burdette	13414.88
Kathy J Burkhammer	12871.04
Lily N Cadwallader	14125.64
John C Canida	64737.15
Paul R Carroll	56896.61
William V Carson	

## HELP WANTED

### LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS HELP WANTED ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER II

Lee County is taking applications for a Road Maintenance Worker II, to work at the West Point Maintenance Shop. Duties will include the operation of light and heavy equipment and trucks to perform road maintenance and construction projects, occasionally plowing snow, and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements. Wage range is \$20.43 to \$24.86.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) or you can pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to [bhu-ll@leecounty.org](mailto:bhu-ll@leecounty.org) and copy it to [shartson@leecounty.org](mailto:shartson@leecounty.org). Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on March 11, 2022.

If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull at (319) 372-2541 or email him at [bhull@leecounty.org](mailto:bhull@leecounty.org).



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Candice L Chapman	46102.91
Amy J Chase	42481.44
Connie J Clark-Hudson	18439.65
Tabatha M Cleveland	1373.60
Crystal A Coffman	35767.97
Jeffrey S Cole	44434.40
Glenn V Conlee	536.25
William F Conlee	76149.17
Amy N Cook	42052.02
Margaret Cook	60952.11
Jeanne M Cooper	58605.96
Zachary T Coppage	34343.23

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## HELP WANTED

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### Legal Secretary Lee County Attorney's Office Fort Madison, Iowa

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1. Completion of some college level administrative support courses or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal formatting and legal forms.
3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures and equipment.
4. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence
5. Knowledge of Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
6. Ability to learn and/or operate the County Attorney's Office Computer programs.
7. Ability to use computer programs. For example: Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel.
8. Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.
9. Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
10. Ability to multi-task
11. Ability to work well and communicate with others.

The position is represented by the Public Professional & Maintenance Employees Local No. 2003, IUPAT. The starting wage is \$17.17 per hour. The County offers an excellent benefits package.

The deadline for resumes is Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-51. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2022-51**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Scott Coursey 3109 170th Street Fort Madison IA 52627

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, January 31, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve a step increase for Stacy Graber, Part-time Records Clerk, from \$15.47/hr. to \$15.89/hr., effective 1/13/22 and a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Amber Daugherty, Correctional Officer, \$18.11/hr., effective 2/14/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Semi-Annual Settlement of the Board of Supervisors for the period July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and the County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2022.

Committee Reports: Seyb and Pflug reported

on a Health Department/EMS Building Committee meeting.

At 10:45 a.m. a motion was made by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Claims paid  
February 7, 2022**

A Abueg, svcs.....	150.00
Access Systms, svcs	165.97
Airgas USA, splys	180.06
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	2300.39
Am Trust Rtrmt, fees	233.54
Barr Mem Chpl, svcs	1200.00
K Belmonti, svcs.....	210.91
Benco Dntl, svcs.....	263.46
Blessing Hlth, svcs	130.00
Bnd Tree Med, svcs	2834.90
Brown Sply, splys	4368.00
Christn Twnshp, svcs	85.00
City/Donnellson, svcs	117.27
Coast/Coast, splys	214.97
Comm Action, svcs	861.00
D Cosby, svcs.....	1050.00
Defensive Edge, edu	450.00
Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	305.00
Donnellson Tire, svcs	78.95
EMSLRC, edu.....	8.50
Farm/Home Publ, svcs	410.00
Farm/Home Sply, splys	196.13
Federal Engrng, svcs	787.50
R Fedler, exps .....	40.00
Ferguson Entr, equip	5.70
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	60.00
FMPD, svcs.....	3762.05
FM Water, svcs.....	55.60
GateHse Media, svcs	179.69
Grt-West Trust, svcs	1050.00
Headco Machine, svcs	1879.51
Hellige Lawn, svcs	1770.00
M Hellige, svcs .....	1195.46
Amy Huber, svcs ....	600.00
Humburd Auto, svcs	51.45
Ideal Rdy Mix, mtrl	3755.94
IA Co Rcdrs, edu	100.00
IA Div Lbr Svcs, prmts	135.00
IA Office/St ME, svcs	8138.00

IA Prison Ind, splys	478.50
IA St Pen, meals	10588.50
Jays Auto, svcs.....	102.80
John Deere, equip	4555.50
C Johnson, exps... ..	175.00
Kempkers, splys ...	236.17
Keo Hsing Auth, svcs	7333.30
Keokuk Water, svcs..	69.62
Keokuk PD, svcs..	3394.90
Keo Publ Lbr, ctrb	10000.00
Kieslers Pol, equip	344.70
King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs	1200.00
L Krehbiel, svcs .....	340.00
E Lambert, exps .....	17.55
Lawson Prdcts, splys	178.32
Liberty Util, gas.....	196.76
Machines/Media, splys	46.50
Martin Equip, equip	6686.13
Mediacom, svcs.....	204.25
MidAm Enrgy, gas	1500.08
Mutual Whl, parts..	364.92
OMG Midwest, svcs	33245.40
R PptrsnRhn, exps ..	90.00
M Pflug, exps.....	70.20
Polk Co Treas, svcs	184.77
Prairie Farms, splys	136.00
Rainbo Oil, oil .....	3440.85
Rairdens Auto, svcs..	65.00
Rathbun Water, svcs	163.00
Republic Comp, svcs	21842.00
Schmitz Funeral, svcs	2317.10
SEIA Dist Dntl Soc, edu	200.00
RShenkor, svcs .....	466.20
SIADSA, svcs .....	6400.00
Snap-On-Tools, splys	53.75
K Spear, exps .....	14.85
Stffnsmr Bro, svcs ....	36.00
Stryker Sales, equip	2353.71
Vigen Mmrl, svcs..	2400.00
Wst Pt Care Ctr, svcs	2222.40
Windstream, svcs... ..	250.25
M Wooster, svcs .....	600.00
Heat/Air Guy, svcs	1250.00

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REGULAR MEETING  
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MONTROSE CITY HALL  
AGENDA**

**NOTICE TO THE  
PUBLIC:** The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please step up to the Council table, state your name and

address for the record and limit the time used to present your remarks to five minutes in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is that the motion is placed on the floor, input is received from the audience, the Council is given an opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. On ordinances, there is time provided for public input at the time of the first reading. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent ring.

CALL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

WELCOME GUESTS.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Council members vote on the motion.

1. Approve Agenda as written.
2. Approve February

- 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.
3. Approve February 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.
4. Approve Payment of Claims.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

This is a time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on this agenda. Please understand that the Council is not likely to take any action on your comments at this meeting due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but may do so at a future meetings. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

**EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Public Safety, General Government & Enterprise, Culture & Recreation, Public Works – Sewer Treatment Plant Update; Economic & Community Development.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Open Public Hearing regarding City's Final FY2023 City Budget.
2. Close Public Hearing.
3. Approve Resolution 4-2022, a Resolution approving the FY2023 City Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE.
4. Mayoral Appointment of Ron Dinwiddie to head the Montrose Fireworks Commission.
5. Approve doors for Montrose gym.
6. Discuss and consider ARPA spending.
7. Discuss accepting property from Merschman.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approve setting date for Spring Cleanup.
2. Discuss permits for special ATV/UTV events.
3. Discuss and consider changing Council meeting time.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds applauds after signing a flat tax bill into law that resets Iowa's tax code. Reynolds signed the law at LBS in Des Moines.

# Governor signs historic tax bill setting flat rate at 3.9%

DES MOINES -- Today Gov. Kim Reynolds signed the state's most historic tax reform bill into law at LBS, an Employee Stock Ownership Plan business, where she first touted the plan just a month ago.

The bipartisan bill, which passed in both the House and Senate last week, lowers the individual income tax rate for all Iowans to a flat and fair 3.9% rate by 2026, eliminates income tax on all retirement income starting in 2023, and overhauls Iowa's corporate tax system.

"When I took office, Iowa had the sixth highest individual income tax rate in the nation at 8.98%. I believed Iowans deserved better," said Gov. Reynolds. "Since then, I've worked with the Legislature across multiple sessions to make transformative changes to our tax code, let Iowans keep more of their hard-earned money, and make our state more competitive. With this bill, Iowa is now

the fourth lowest for individual income tax rate in the nation. There's never been a better time in Iowa for bold, sustainable tax reform. This bill rewards work, takes care of our farmers, and supports our retirees, all while protecting key state priorities. Iowans will reinvest these dollars in our economy, communities will prosper, and families will rest a little easier. Once again, we're putting our faith in Iowans, and they won't let us down."

Beginning in Tax Year 2023, the tax liability for nearly 295,000 Iowa taxpayers will be eliminated under the retirement provision of this new tax law and 98% of Iowa taxpayers with \$10,000 or more of taxable income will see a decrease in tax liability by Tax Year 2026.

For farmers, age 55 or older who have farmed at least 10 years and are retired, this bill allows an option to eliminate the tax on cash rent or crop share agreements for all years the income is earned.

# Mayor says city ordinance is backed by city attorney

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Davolt said the rental ordinance is illegal.

"It's illegal. You didn't read it into the minutes. My lawyer is an officer of the court. Do you think he's going to lie to me," Davolt said.

"My next step is, if we don't get this resolved, my lawyer's gonna come on board and we'll sue you for court costs and attorney fees."

Davolt approached the council last month as well about the issue and said he asked to be placed on the agenda, but that hasn't taken place.

"This is not going away. I'm not going away. You're gonna have to put me on the agenda, you're gonna have to address the situation."

Mohrfeld said he's obtained a legal opinion from Patrick O'Connell with citations on the legality of the city's action.

"I can only take our professional's opinion for that," Mohrfeld said.

"And you have the next step if you like."

Davolt said he wanted to see the city attorney's opinion on the ordinance. City Councilman Kevin Rink asked Davolt to provide his attorney's opinion to the city as well.

The city requires rental properties to pay a \$25 registration fee for each property. Anyone in non-compliance is subject to a fine of up to \$300.

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