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Arrests made in armed burglary

FRIDAY: Incident remains under investigation, more arrests possible

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – An 18-year-old Argyle man and 17-year-old juvenile from Fort Madison are in custody following an armed burglary that took place in the 1900 block of Avenue F Friday afternoon.

According to reports, at 3:17 p.m. Friday, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1900 block Avenue F for a burglary-in-progress call. Reportedly the victim had returned to his residence and surprised the suspects in the act of looting his home.

A struggle ensued after one of the perpetrators produced



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a handgun. The suspect was successfully disarmed by the homeowner, and fled the scene with his accomplices. The victim sustained a minor injury and was later treated at the hospital and released.

The principal suspects, as well as additional involved juveniles, were located shortly afterward in the area of burglary.

Charged at the time were Hunter J. West, age 18, of Argyle. West was charged with burglary in the 1st Degree, and

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COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors haggle over levy rate

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Lee County Supervisors had a healthy exchange Monday over a proposed increase to the general supplemental levy to offset recommended increases in county wages.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, during a workshop following the board's regular meeting, proposed increasing the general supplemental levy portion of the county budget just over 9% for the coming year to 11.21%.

The state allows for a 2% allowable growth without a special vote of the supervisors, anything over that threshold would require a super-majority vote, or four of five supervisors voting in favor of the increase.

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EDUCATION NEWS

CLHS kids use culture to kick-off semester

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Friday turned into a fun day of sorts for Central Lee's student body.

Students at the high school participated in PBIS second semester kickoff complete with morning student-led culture sessions, a school-wide dodgeball tournament, and even Wilson Bros BBQ on the property.



HERDRICH

The event served as a kick-start after the winter holiday season and to recharge students' energy around school goals.

According to Central Lee High School Principal Nicole Herdrich, the day was organized by the school's student leadership team around a national culture program called Positive Behavior Intervention Support.

"We have a leadership team here at the school with about 32 kids on it. It's a very strong leadership team and our



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Members of the "Back the Blue" dodgeball team stand off with some Central Lee High School students Friday afternoon at Central Lee High School. The event was part of a second-semester kickoff.

Positive Behavior Intervention Support is at the center of those efforts," Herdrich said.

The morning included 10 sessions identified and led by students on the team. They included topics such as respecting school property and each other, individual goals, vaping deterrence, appropriate social media use, empathy and sympathy, and how strong academics and athletics are correlated, among others.

"There are things our student leadership team felt our students need to work on," Herdrich said.

After the 10 morning sessions rotated

through the school, the dodgeball tournament was held in the older gym.

"This is all where the fun comes in," Herdrich said. "It's like the fun part that gives them an incentive to embrace the new semester."

The programs were about 15 minutes per session and ran into the early afternoon. Then students were allowed to pay \$1 to be on Nerf dodgeball teams as part of a tournament in the afternoon.

Herdrich said it's been several years since they've done anything student-led, mostly due to the pandemic.

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EMS panel looks at ambulance staff, billing issues

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Area officials have some concerns with service being provided by the Lee County Ambulance, while members of a committee overseeing the operations say things are going as well as can be expected for the 8-month-old public service.

At Monday's meeting of the Lee County EMS steering committee, the panel talked about quality metric tracking, and Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren asked for quality measures to include response times and availability of ambulances.

Herren said he had concerns about

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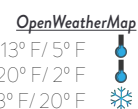
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WEATHER

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL W. BRENNAN

Michael Wade Brennan, 59, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:50 a.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022 at his home. He was born on November 12, 1962 in Fort Madison, IA to Wade & Louise Leafgreen Brennan. He married Amy B. Carver Lubke on September 12, 2008 in Palmyra, MO. He served in the U.S. Navy (E4) as boiler-technician from November 13, 1979 to December 2, 1983. He was previously employed at IAAP (American Ordinance) for 29 years and served approximately 20 years as Union Steward for IUOE Local #150. From 2014 to 2020 he was employed in construction as a Quality Electrical & Instrumentation Inspector, working on several heavy industrial and liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects. From 2020 to retirement in 2021, he was employed by Silgan Containers as a line mechanic. He enjoyed studying science, engineering, electrical & instrumentation. Michael's hobbies included, fishing, mushroom hunting, camping and spending time with family and friends. Mike also loved spending time outside in his backyard with a fire going and a beer in his hand and always telling jokes or stories. Mike was truly an outdoors person and any minute he could spend outside, he was out there. Mike was true blue collar who always believed he could fix everything himself, whether it was a vehicle that Lindsay caught on fire, blower motor that Hope blew up, or an old Blazer that Mikey had wrecked. He could fix it all, including the everyday household projects that he and Amy would conquer together. His laughter and jokes will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

Mike is survived by: his wife: Amy Brennan of Fort Madison, IA; 7-children: Michael (Rachel) Brennan II of Fort Madison, IA, Lindsay (Todd) Davis of Kahoka, MO, Valerie (John) Jackson of Phoenix, AZ, Clayton (Glenda) Baker of Fort Madison, IA, Hope (Chad) Sistani of Keokuk, IA, Casey (Kadence) Lubke of Cheboygan, MI & Kyle (Marissa) Lubke of Leander, TX; 16-grandchildren; his mother: Louise Brennan of Fort Madison, IA; 2-brothers: Tom & William Brennan of Fort Madison, IA and 13-nieces & Nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and 1-brother, Timothy.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Joshua Didier officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established to help with Mike's medical expenses. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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WANITA R. LASSMANN

Wanita R. Lassmann, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 2:10 AM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison. She was born on July 22, 1937 in Columbus Junction, IA to Charlie and Opal Kyte

Pentecost. She married Clifford McGeehon in 1952 and he preceded her in death. She then married Neal Lassmann on May 3, 1986 and he passed away on January 6, 2020. Wanita worked production at Midwest Wax Paper for twenty five years. She was a member of the Montrose Presbyterian Church. Wanita enjoyed quilting, doing crafts, woodworking, her cats, Louie, Jack and Little Joe and spending time with her family.

Survivors include three sons, Dennis McGeehon of Ft. Madison, William McGeehon of Missouri and Clinton McGeehon of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Nancy Gillette of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson Steven and two sisters.

The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until 11 AM on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service and burial will immediately follow in Montrose Cemetery with Mark Philp officiating.

A memorial has been established for Southeastern Renal Dialysis, Ft. Madison or the Iowa Library for the Blind and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



LASSMANN

NOLAN F. GILPIN

Nolan F. Gilpin, 83, of Dallas City, IL, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at his home. He was born on September 4, 1938 in Keokuk, IA to George & Nina Hawkins Gilpin. He married Barbara Robertson on June 10, 1983. She preceded him in death on October 20, 2013. He enjoyed playing guitar and singing and was very musical.

He was a commercial fisherman and a chef at Haigh's Supper Club in Dallas City. He helped raise his six siblings and was a wonderful brother.

Nolan is survived by: 1-brother: Larry (Marsha) Gilpin of Dallas City, IL; 5-sisters: Nancy Pence of Fort Madison, IA, Joan (Eddie) Dutton of West Burlington, IA, Jane (Harlan) Aegerter of Cedar Rapids, IA, Christal Sherwood of Dallas City, IL, Patricia Silk of Dallas City, IL and numerous nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, 2-sisters & 1-brother. Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. No services are planned at this time and burial will be held at a later date at Harris Cemetery in Dallas City, IL. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

01/20/22 – 8:52 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 3300 block of Avenue L.
 01/20/22 – 8:54 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 01/20/22 – 3:54 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue G.
 01/20/22 – 8:11 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Brandon Ray Raszler, 30, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue G, on charges of driving while barred and possession of a controlled substance.
 01/21/22 – 4:31 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brian Joseph Kempker, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/21/22 – 10:07 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Latasha Mae Pearsall, 28, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.

01/21/22 – 10:21 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Benjamin Isaiah Mitchell, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 7th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 01/21/22 – 11:09 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brian Joseph Kempker, 36, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 28th Street and Avenue L, on warrants for interference with official acts, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/21/22 – 3:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue F.
 01/21/22 – 3:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Hunter John West, 18, of Argyle, in the 1900 block of Avenue F, on charges of participation in a riot, 1st degree burglary, and assault in participation of a felony without injuries. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/22/22 – 1:44 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Belinda Lorene McWhortor, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue F, on a charge of simple assault.

01/22/22 – 2:06 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brian Lee Bolan, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue P, on charges of 3rd degree harassment and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/22/22 – 2:58 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 23rd Street.
 01/22/22 – 4:12 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 01/23/22 – 11:40 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3100 block of Avenue O.
 01/23/22 – 7:16 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3000 block of Avenue O.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/20/22 – Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.
 01/21/22 – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Calvin Scott Roysdon, 53, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for judgment hold. He was

taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/22/22 – Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.
 01/23/22 – 11:02 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Donald Ray Bauswell, Jr., 39, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of judgment hold. He was later released on time served.
 01/23/22 – 4:57 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies cited Charles Shane Reid, 22, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Argyle Road, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing.
 01/23/22 – 10:26 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Bryan Keith Farrell, 53, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

01/17/22 – Jeremiah L J Jordan, age 39, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked. Jordan was also arrested on a Lee County, IA Warrant charging him with Failure to

Appear on original charges of Driving While Barred. Jordan was released to Lee County, IA Authorities.
 01/20/22 – Rebecca A Brandenburg, age 51, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Bail Bond Violation on original charges of Drugs. Brandenburg remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 01/20/22 – Casey J Claiborne, age 39, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Bail Bond Violation on original charges of Drugs. Claiborne remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 01/20/22 – John H Watkins, age 62, of Basco, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and Aggravated Driving Under the Influence. Watkins remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 01/21/22 – Rand E Hobb,

age 35, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Damage to Property. Hobb remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.
 01/21/22 – April L Fugate, age 37, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Fugate was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/23/22 – Hannah D Newton, age 49, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Newton remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her initial court appearance.
 01/23/22 – Cathy I Garlic, age 56, of Augusta, IL was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for No Valid Insurance and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. *Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Argyle man, FM juvenile in custody

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Assault While Participating in a Felony. He was also arrested on a charge from Keokuk Police on Participating in a Riot. West was taken to Lee County Jail pending arraignment.

A 17-year old male Fort Madison resident, was also taken in custody and charged with burglary in the 2nd Degree, and an outstanding warrant for Willful Injury on an assault incident from November 21st, 2021. He was confined at the Juvenile Detention Center.

All the stolen property was recovered, to include firearms, sporting goods, and a safe.

The investigation continues with additional charges contemplated. The Fort Madison Police were assisted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office, and citizens that provided numerous reports of sightings of the suspects.

The public is reminded that charges are only an accusation of a criminal offense. All subjects are presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.

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From the Front/Classifieds

Bump in levy wouldn't increase county's overall rate

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A 2% increase would only have generated an additional \$40,000 in the supplemental fund, so Renstrom proposed adding \$1 million to absorb the pay increases and create some carry over fund balance.

"I plugged in an extra million to get general supplemental back up so the percentage increase is 11.21% from 2% this year," Renstrom said.

That figure generates a total county levy rate of \$10.355/\$1,000 of assessed valuation for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. She said that rate, even with the increase, is still less than this year's levy of \$10.702.

With county valuation projections up more than \$40 million for the next fiscal year, taxpayers could still see an increase in their property tax bill, but the county's portion of the levy would go down, even if the 9% increase is approved.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said that was an important distinction to make to county residents.

"We're moving money in the budget, but it's not increasing our taxes to the taxpayer. It's increasing the supplemental (budget) so we can pay our bills in between the time the fiscal year ends and the time taxes start coming in," Seyb said.

"So the end result to the taxpayer is no tax increase.

Fedler was quick to point out that taxes could still go up based on individual property valuations increasing.

"That is unless the assessed value of their property goes up. If that goes up, the levy can be the same but the tax they pay will actually increase," Fedler said.

Seyb responded that the county doesn't set the valuations and can't control what the state assessors do.

Renstrom said what's helped this year is the elimination of the mental health levy which was .88/\$1,000.

"So if we drop that and raise the supplemental to get

some carry over, that would be a good time to do more than 2%," she said.

She said giving a proposed 10% to the general staff and 45% to the sheriff will help with retention as counties around Lee County raise their pay structures.

Supervisors Ron Fedler and chairman Matt Pflug expressed hesitancy with the increases.

"First of all, it's going to open a can of worms one way or another, I don't care how you look at it," Pflug said.

"Regardless of what this board decides, and it's your decision, but I know the feedback I've gotten from the 40 or 50 people I've ran into or talked to on the phone. They're not happy."

Pflug said Governor Kim Reynolds was irresponsible in putting the burden on counties to absorb the impact of the Back the Blue law that spelled out how county compensation boards were to calculate recommended sheriff wage increases across the state.

"We fight every year to hold the line on taxes, which is what were elected to do, and all of a sudden this comes at us," he said.

Washington County just raised pay across the board 20% and added 35% to the sheriff's wages structure.

Pflug said Lee County is not Washington County.

Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr., said he was confused by the board's stance on moving the funds around in the budget.

He said valuations are going up, so people's property is worth more and the county has more money through those valuations.

"It's up to us to use that funding the best way we see fit and not artificially raise taxes. Just moving the taxes does not increase anyone's taxes, its just being good stewards of the money," Seyb said.

Seyb also pushed back on Pflug saying Lee County is influenced by what Washington or Van Buren or Henry

county is doing.

"If people here can go back to Washington County and receive a \$2 or \$3 raise per hour just like that...?" Seyb said.

"They, in essence, become a free agent now."

Fedler asked Seyb what was the amount of levy increase in those counties was.

Seyb said he didn't know that and Pflug said that was information he should have if he's going to compare counties.

"Are we increasing taxes, yes or no? Yes or no? If we were to approve this today are we increasing taxes? Yes or No, I'm the new guy on the board. Tell me because what I heard was \$10.70 and \$10.35. That is .35 less than \$10.70. I'm a simple guy and that's simple math," Seyb said.

Pflug said now you have a county engineer or a county attorney making less than the sheriff and the bargaining units are going to come to the table and they won't be sitting on their hands.

Day's event raise funds for student PBIS program

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But a second-semester kickoff is something the district has done since she's been at the high school.

Kids were dressed up for the dodgeball tournament in clothing that stood out with black lights. The dodgeball tournament, which included Lee County Sheriff's officers and teachers, was held in the dark with the only lights being glow lights and scoreboard lights.

The Back the Blue team took third place in the tournament. All money raised at the tournament was used to support PBIS efforts at the school.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 6, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Darin Powell from XIPHOS out of Stanley, North Dakota gave a presentation on inspection services that are available for the upcoming pipeline construction in Lee County.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to appoint Joe Lestina to the Conservation Board. After discussion with Tom Pollpeter, Conservation Board Chair, Harlow rescinded his motion and Fedler agreed. Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to appoint James Patrick for a 5-year term to the Con-

servation Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to reappoint Phillip Caropreso and David Wenger-Keller to the two open seats on the Lee County Health Department Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-106. Roll call: Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye, and Pflug-aye.

**RESOLUTION
#2021 - 106**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the FM-CO56(112)—55-56, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Lee County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as HMA Resurfacing with Cold In-Place Recycling of 255th St (J62) from Hwy 27 east 7.5 miles to Hwy 61; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project

and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Lee County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from WL Miller Company in the amount of \$2,068,010.27 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or uncon-

stitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Benjamin J. Hull, P.E., the County Engineer for Lee County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Lee County, Iowa, this 6th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried. One other bid was submitted by Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC in the amount of

\$\$2,164,533.43.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to table Resolution #2021-99, lifting the embargo on Primrose Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-111. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

**RESOLUTION
#2021 - 111**

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of a certain mobile home from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in its material part:

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judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby by this Resolution abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following mobile home. The mobile home shall be removed from the county system.

Owner: Linda Sue Kay 010720012000080 3462 Argyle Road \$110.00 Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 6th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor.

Motion carried. One other bid was submitted by Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC in the amount of \$2,164,533.43.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Hy-Vee Catering Brown Wedding at Small Grand Things, West Point for the period December 16, 2021 to December 20, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Taxable and Assessed Values for Utilities for FY2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve eleven Tax Abatement Resolutions. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-107

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: Gary and Gale Thompson 2009 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-108

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 COUN-

TY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Toni Tennielle and Kristopher Speer 1811 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-109

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: Alex and Megan Scheer 1692 140th Street Donnellson IA 52625

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 6th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich

Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-110

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: Jon, Lisa and Jeffrey Meierotto 1344 272nd Avenue West Point IA 52656

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-112

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: Joshua Blint 1926 265th Avenue 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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-113

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,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Douglas and Sheri Siemen 1229 Croton Road Farmington IA 52656

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-114

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: Mark and Christa Wiggins 7 Bluff Hills Drive Montrose IA 52639

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-115

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: Charles D Allen Revocable Trust 1652 295th Ave 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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-116

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: Andrew and Amber Kuntz 3324 163rd Street Wever IA 52658

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-117

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: Patrick and Mary Melinda Ilmberger-Scott 3408 163rd Street Wever IA 52658

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-118

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: Ronald and Tessa Schroeder 2176 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

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 6th day of December, 2021.

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

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Monday, November 22, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve a transfer from Part-Time to Full-time for Bobby Jones, Paramedic, \$20.16/hr., effective 11/23/2021; transfer from Full-Time to Part-Time for Tobin Evans, EMT, \$15.82/hr., effective 10/29/2021; reclassification for Jessica Hall from Registered Nurse \$28.85/hr., to RN Clinical Case Manager \$30.85/hr., effective 12/13/2021; reclassification for Patricia Knustrom from Registered Nurse \$32.80/hr., to RN Clinical Case Manager \$34.80/hr., effective 12/13/2021; reclassification for Becky Fader from Hospice & Homecare Program Manager \$37.31/hr., to Homecare & Hosp. Clinical Case Manager Program Manager \$38.30/hr., effective 12/13/2021; Reclassification for Bobbi Zinnert from Registered Nurse \$26.06/hr., to RN Clinical Case Manager \$28.06/hr., effective 12/13/2021 and a step increase for Jackie Booth, LPN, from \$23.16/hr. to \$24.16/hr., effective 12/13/2021. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of October 2021 and the County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of November 2021.

Committee Reports: Harlow attended Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth's going away party and attended the Comp Board Meeting along with Fedler. Pflug attended the Conservation Board Meeting.

At 9:26 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid December 6, 2021	
A Abueg, svcs.....	300.00
Airgas USA, equip...	69.30
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	3376.76
B&B Propane, fuel	622.09
K Belmonti, svcs.....	566.66
Bound Tree Med, splys	669.11
Calhoun-Burns, svcs	3289.00
A Chase, exps	169.00
Comm Action, svcs	861.00
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LDettmers, exps	7.65
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EMSLRC, edu.....	115.00
Family Res, svcs ..	1446.15
Farm/Home, splys	793.54
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Floyds EZ Way, svcs	60.00
FM Water, svcs.....	4341.57
D Fowler, svcs.....	214.70
L Gatton, rent.....	300.00
N Granaman, svcs	2750.02
Great Prairie, svcs..	494.37
GRRWA, svcs.....	4556.00
GrtAm Financial, svcs	119.00
Hartricks Lmbr, svcs	29.79
Hellige Lawn, svcs..	510.00
E Hinkle, exps.....	120.00
Hope Haven, svcs	1992.00
J Houston, svcs....	1000.00
Huffman Wldng, svcs	122.34
HyVee, splys.....	79.22
ICS Jail Splys, svcs	1078.88
IMAGETek, svcs	924.00
IA Co Attys, svcs.....	700.00
IA Law Enfnt, ed ..	182.00
IA State Univ, svcs..	900.00
ISAC, reg	210.00
J&S Elec Bus, splys	187.66
Jays Auto, svcs.....	297.88
Jones Cntrct, svcs	14000.00
Kempkers, splys ...	102.68
Keo Chmbr, dues..	370.00
Keo Med Equip, splys	4162.79
Keo Hsing Auth, svcs	8011.64
Keokuk Water, svcs	1822.60
G Knisley, exps.....	462.93
Know Ink, svcs	150.00
Learning Tree, svcs	2432.16
LeeCo Hlth, svcs ..	8397.17
LeeCo Shrff, svcs ..	2113.81
LeeCo Treas, fees	610180.40
LeeCo Treas, bonds	61011.32
Liberty Util, gas.....	95.70
C Liles, svcs	390.00
Mail Svcs, svcs.....	1677.94
Martin Equip, svcs	2551.91
McFarlands, splys...	60.29
K McGinn, rfd.....	370.00
Menke Auto, parts	992.91
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	1485.96
Midwest Radar, svcs	900.00
Montrose Hlth, svcs	13028.59
L Mullins, exps	157.05
Newberry, svcs	100.00
JJ Nchting Co, parts	119380.00
Occptnl Hlth Ctrs, svcs	126.00
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Patterson Dntl, splys	3025.52
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M Pflug, exps.....	90.00
Postmaster, svcs	130.00
Practicon, svcs	1146.63
Prairie Farms, splys	367.20
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Sinclair Tractor, svcs	18444.61
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Subway, Idg	258.63
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P Tripp, exps.....	224.55
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several recent incidents where fire departments were told an ambulance wouldn't be able to respond, or ambulances weren't running fully staffed.

"I don't know how we track that, but I've done some research myself and they've told us that, they've told Keokuk that, and I believe they've told Jackson Township that," Herren said.

"I think we need to see how many ambulances are available in the county during a 24-hour period. And how many times we're supposed to be a paramedic service, and how many times we're sending out an ambulance with two EMTPs on it. Those are things we need to track, too, because we are running into that."

Herren also asked that the committee monitor service times. Committee chairman Jim Steffen said an overview of response teams means very little in terms of quality metrics because LeeComm doesn't use a priority dispatch.

"Its very hard to look at a flat response time. But if the county wants to track that, I'm perfectly fine with it," Steffen said.

Herren said he was puzzled by that response because in his experience everything has always been about response time in medical calls.

Lee County Ambulance Director Dennis Cosby said staffing issues have forced the county to run shifts with just two ambulances at times. He said transfers from both county hospitals have also put pressure on the system, and at times has had the county declining transfer requests because there is insufficient staffing to back up the transferring staff.

The committee discussed possible mandatory on-call shifts that would have to be paid, but Steffen said staff is working 24 hours on and 48 hours off and likely would not respond well to mandates that they be home to back up in the event of transfers.

Cosby said the county had 34 transfers over the last 10 days for just over three per day. If those transfers are to Iowa City or Quincy, those are three to four hour trips at a minimum, which leaves the county with two ambulances in service.

Herren said some days you may have to mandate staff come in to cover the service, as is the case in the paid fire departments.

Steffen said there's no way to mandate staff to come in and cover transfers, when the county is doing three to four a day.

"Once you have a day off, you can't mandate someone come in to put in five or six hours just for a transfer. They will revolt, they will flat out revolt. I know paramedics and it won't work," Steffen said.

Cosby said he's looked at multiple ways to incentivize, and staffing is to the point that most will generally will step up and fill overtime shifts.

"But mandating someone to come in on a day off because we have a transfer would be very difficult," Cosby said.

Steffen said incentivizing the coverage could work, calling it the 'carrot rather than the stick'.

The lack of the third ambulance in service is a concern of Herren's.

"I just don't think we have enough rigs. I would imagine that most of the time there are only two rigs covering the whole county and that affects response times. I think response times are something you just have to look at. I was puzzled by their response to that," Herren said.

Herren, along with Keokuk Fire Chief Gabe Rose, put together a proposal to run

the service when it became apparent the private ownership wasn't going to continue. The original steering committee went with the recommendation for the county to take over the service, rather than the fire department's picking up the operations.

Cosby said the staff has had 12 people with COVID in January and he said once in a while they have to staff a Basic Life Support truck.

"I think we've done that twice and then there's been a few hours here and there we didn't have enough to staff three trucks so we went down to two ambulances," he said.

In other action, the panel got an update on progress of the ambulance service moving to a professional billing service as outstanding billing approaches half a million dollars.

The County is currently contracting with Burlington Fire Department at a rate of 6% of billables. According to county figures, the county currently has \$450,073 outstanding in service bills when Medicare billing is figured in. Medicare pays at 85% of billable services. However, the panel was aware that the county would have to fund the service at the outset.

But Cosby said he's getting concerned about the time span of the billing.

"We're still not really billing through them (what does THAT mean?!) and we're at about eight months and I don't want to run out of time and have to write off revenue because of the way it's billed," he said.

Steffen asked if the county could take on the billing in-house as was discussed during the transition.

"Have we looked at doing our own billing?" he said. "Our initial thoughts were we would use a billing company and then after a while revisit when we wanted to move to in-house billing using public health as the base, and then compare the cost of that."

Cosby said he favors moving toward the professional company who can also help with reporting when the county is eligible for Ground Emergency Medical Transport subsidies from the Iowa Department of Human Services. The county has already approved moving to a professional billing company. Cosby said he's waiting on guidance from Lee County Attorney.

"At this point, we need to look at a professional billing company. This would be a much, much better system. If a couple years from now, we want to bring billing back in-house I'm not saying we couldn't look at that," Cosby said.

"But I think we stand to lose a lot of revenue if we don't use someone that's able to keep up with these things. Rules change continuously and it's very difficult to keep up."

The county would have a 90-day out on the current contract.

Despite the billing and staffing issues, Steffen said at the end of the meeting that the service is running as well as can be expected at this point in the county's ownership.

Sugars new POC for VA mobile efforts

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Commission of Veterans Affairs would like to make it known that, effective February 1, 2022, Nikki Sug-

ars, Veterans Affairs Administrator, will be the new Point of Contact for coordination of transportation in the VA Van to Iowa City Veterans Hospital for the purpose of keeping appointments. If you are a veteran in need of such assistance, please call 319-372-5853 or 319-524-7381 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to set up a ride. You will need to have the following information

ready when you call: Name, address, phone number, last four of your Social Security Number, as well as the date, time and location of the appointment.

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