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EASEMENTS: New project would bring new transmission lines through county

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County will have to deal with utility easements for the third time in less than a year, when an electrical coop looks to add transmission lines through the county.

At Monday's Lee County Board of Supervisors' meeting, Douglas Aeilts, CEO of Northeast Power, updated county officials on a project that will emanate out of Missouri through northeast Clark County and move northeast through Lee County.

The project, entitled the Winchester-Franklin Switch Station Line 187 Project, will move along a pre-existing transmission line from Belfast Road northeast over Argyle Road continuing northeast across Ambrosia Lane at 250th Avenue.

The proposed double circuit transmission line is designed to cross Hwy. 218 northeast to 235th Street. At that point, a new single transmission line is planned heading due north across Hwy. 2 across Golden Road and then north across West Point Road just

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New electrical transmission lines are being proposed for Lee County which will require yet another Iowa Utility Board hearing in West Point. It will be the third hearing in the past 12 months on land owner





BY CHUCK VANDENBERG BY PCC STAFF

"We were advised that he had been in the bin trying to clear a blockage in the bin's unloading auger," Warsaw Rural Fire Protection District Fire Chief Steve Siegrist wrote in a a release of the incident. Fire personnel cut relief holes in the sides of the bin and began removing grain with the help of farmers, deputies, and EMS staff. After removing a substantial amount of grain, Baumann was found and couldn't be resuscitated.



Lessons from a pots-n-pans salesman

Many years ago, I sat at the kitchen table of a pots-n-pans salesman from Pleasant Valley. We didn't talk about cookware. He was laying out with lots of precision why the United States government had no legal basis for prosecuting him for willfully refusing to file federal income tax returns.

It was a lengthy conversation that day in the late 1970s. I will spare you many of the details. It is enough for you to know two things about his salesmanship:

First, it was his assertion that the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the one creating the income tax in 1913, was unconstitutional — in part, because the amendment was never properly ratified because Ohio was not properly admitted to the Union until 1953.

Second, neither the U.S. district judge, nor the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, bought his analysis — and he ended up spending a year in federal prison.

Last week, I found myself recalling the Iowa guy who was a cross between a kindly uncle and something of a crackpot. The trigger for my memories was news about two appearances in Sioux City by a lawyer from Florida with some, uhh, unconventional views of her own.

The world has changed significantly since the 1970s. Back then, while people grumbled about having to pay taxes, almost everyone did, and the Scott County salesman was a sideshow, someone who was a better cookware salesman than legal scholar.

HANCOCK COUNTY - A 75-year-old Basco man was found dead in a grain bin in Sutter, shortly after 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At 12:34 p.m. Hamilton and Warsaw Fire Departments were dispatched by Hancock/Henderson County 911 for a report of a person trapped in a grain bin in the 1000 block of E. County Road 650 in Sutter.

Upon arrival at the scene emergency personnel were met by farmers and family of the victim who said Calvin Baumann, 75 was trapped in the bin.

Hancock County Coroner Kendall Beals was contacted and responded the scene and pronounced Baumann dead.

"Condolences of the emergency responders to out to the family and friends of Mr. Baumann," Siegrist wrote in the release Wednesday afternoon.

But the appearances last week in Sioux City by attorney KrisAnne Hall of Florida come at a time when public opinion is not

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OBITUARIES

PHILIP G. SCHMITZ

Philip G. Schmitz, 84, of Keokuk, IA, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 12:12 PM at the University of Iowa Hospital.

He was born on September 6, 1937 in Nauvoo, IL to Donald and Lenora White



Schmitz. On February 3, 1962 he married Frances Wellman in Ft. Madison. Philip was a pipefitter and also farmed. He served in the US Army from 1958-1961. In his early years Philip loved playing tennis. Philip enjoyed a little of everything and was very talented; he was a "jack of all trades"

Survivors include his wife, Frances Schmitz of Keokuk; one son, Neil (Gloria) Schmitz of Mt. Pleasant; one daughter, Julie (Lonny) Pulkrabek of Iowa City; five grandchildren, Jason, Andrew, Michael

& Zachary Schmitz and Sam Pulkrabek; one sister, Sharalee Baxter of Altamont, IL and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Donald and Tom and one sister, Barbara Monroe. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 AM until 11 AM Thursday, March 17, 2022, at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family burial will be held in Montrose Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.

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BARBARA J. HOEWING

Barbara Joyce Hoewing, 85, formerly of Burlington, died at 5:25 PM Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at her home in Danville with her daughters by her side. Born September 19, 1936, in Minneapolis, MN, she was the daughter of Wilber

Suelter and Maude Farnsworth. On July 18, 1954, she married Emery Wayne Hoewing in Burlington. He died on January 11, 2012.

Barbara attended Keokuk High school then moved to Burlington her Senior year and graduated.

She worked for Midwest Biscuit/Vista Bakery.

Barbara was a member of the First Congregational Church. She enjoyed shopping, working on puzzles and word searches, watching

HOEWING

the birds and looking at flowers. But most of all Barbara loved family. She was the happiest when she was surrounded by all of her family. Barb always joked that she was the oldest Suelter and everyday she set the new record; 85 years, 5 months and 24 days.

Survivors include two daughters, Kristina (Scott) Hoewing-Hays and Candi (Curtis Doyle) Lewis of Danville; six grandchildren, Kyle and Ryan Millizer, Kayla, Allanah, and Aiden Lewis, and Kinley Doyle; six great-grandchildren, Emery, Siles, Raymond and Charlotte Millizer, Kaliya and Keyanah Richardson; one brother, John Suelter of NC, two sisters, Mary Lippert of Burlington and Kay Davis of Arizona; brother-in-law, Raymond (Reva) Hoewing of Maryland.

Besides her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and two sisters.

Visitation will be from noon until 1:00 PM with the family to receive friends Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The funeral service for Mrs. Hoewing will be 1:00 PM Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home with officiating. Burial will be in Jaggar Cemetery.

- A memorial has been established for Hospice.
- Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Barbara's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

Miller-Meeks wants to honor Ukraine defenders

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Today, March 16th, 2022, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) joined Reps. Victoria Spartz (IN-05) and Dusty Johnson (SD-00) to introduce legislation that would collectively award the distinguished Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) to the Defenders of Ukraine, in recognition of their crucial role in the defense of democratic values and against Russian President Putin's aggression.

"Over the last few weeks, the Ukrainian people have shown the world what real courage looks like. Against all odds, the Ukrainians have held their ground against Russia's illegal invasion," said Miller-Meeks. "Our legislation is the least we can do to honor them. I am proud to stand in full support of the people of Ukraine."

"Those fighting for democracy in Ukraine, and for regional security in Europe, deserve this medal," said Spartz. "Putin, his generals, and his cronies must know the United States Congress stands firm behind all those fighting against his illegal and unprovoked war in Ukraine."

"The Ukrainian people are truly resilient," said Johnson. "Despite looking down the barrel of the Russian military, thousands of Ukrainians answered the call to defend their homeland and volunteered to protect their republic. The United States stands behind Ukraine and is opposed to Putin's act of war - our House Resolution makes that clear."

The medal would be presented to the democratically elected government of Ukraine on behalf of the Ukrainian people.

The CGM is an award bestowed by Congress and is the highest civilian award in the United States. The decoration is awarded to an individual, or group of individuals, who perform an outstanding deed or act of service for the security, prosperity, and national interest of the United States.



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and later released on bond.

03/12/22 - 11:05 a.m. - Lee

Kimberly Rae Cannon, 44, of

Courthouse, on a warrant for

failure to appear/contempt of

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rested Thomas Christopher

taken to Lee County Jail.

03/13/22 - 7:45 a.m. - Lee

County sheriff deputies arrested

Dodge, 55, of Keokuk, on N.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report 03/11/22 - 7:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue J. 03/11/22 - 12:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue G. 03/11/22 - 7:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Ryan Stanley Ried, 37, of Dallas City, no location given, on a charge of pubic intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/11/22 - 11:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Dylan Wayne Nixon, 25, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue J, on a charge of driving under suspension. 03/12/22 – 3:40 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 40th Street. 03/12/22 - 10:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5800 block of Avenue O. 03/12/22 - 11:38 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Austin James Corwin, 26, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a charge of driving while barred. 03/12/22 - 1:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Sunnyside Drive. 03/13/22 - 10:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600-700 blocks of Avenue H. 03/13/22 - 3:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Lexys Christine Jarrell, 26, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/13/22 - 7:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Samantha Joe Morris, 35, of Donnellson, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension. 03/14/22 - 2:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Allen William Penrod, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/14/22 – 2:59 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 41st Street. 03/14/22 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brandon Ray Raszler, 30, of Fort Madison. in the 1500 block of 18th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/14/22 – 5:58 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue H. 03/14/22 - 6:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael Reed Randolph, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/14/22 – 6:23 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H. 03/15/22 - 2:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Shaukum Uriah Redd, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for 1st offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/15/22 – 3:34 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Darla Jane VanGinkel, 53, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension. 03/15/22 - 3:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue E. 03/15/22 - 4:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of 29th Place. 03/15/22 - 4:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of 29th Place. 03/15/22 - 9:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at the intersection of 4th Street and Avenue G. 03/16/22 - 2:02 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue O. 03/16/22 - 2:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue F. 03/16/22 - 6:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Patricia Lynn Dobson, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of city: harassment. 03/16/22 – 6:44 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1400 block of Avenue D.

Lee County Sheriff Report 03/11/22 - 8:44 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Austin Michael Huffman, 30, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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Danny Grandon Lee Burgess County sheriff deputies arrested III, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's Daryn Michael Ackley, 27, listed office, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/13/22 - 1:49 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brett Allen Michael Montcost and 3rd degree theft greater than \$750 and less than \$1500. gomery, 28, of Keokuk, at the He was taken to Lee County Jail. South Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for violation of County sheriff deputies arrested probation, contempt - failure to Maxx R. Lane, 41, of Montrose, pay fine/cost, voluntary absence at the sheriff's office, on a warfrom custody, 5th degree theft rant for 3rd degree theft greater less than \$300, open burning than \$750 and less than \$1500. violation, and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. He was taken to Lee County Jail 03/13/22 - 3:20 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrest-County sheriff deputies arrested ed Adam Ray Sutton, 44, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a charge Argyle, at the North Lee County of 1st offense trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 03/13/22 - 3:45 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sasha Lynn Flickinger, 39, of Fort Madison, in Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 5th Concert Street, on a charge 03/13/22 - 4:40 p.m. - Lee of driving while barred. He was County sheriff deputies arrested Kaila Fay Boock, 23, of Fort

Madison, in the 3400 block of

Hwy. 218, on a charge of driving

while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear. 03/14/22 – 3:29 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested John Wesley Huss, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of 180th Avenue, on a charge of assault law officer/others - no iniuries. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 03/14/22 - 10:46 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ken Curtis Nichols, 29, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/14/22 - 10:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sean Lee Crank, 44, of Rockford, III., at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for forgery - felony, violation of probation, and violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/15/22 - 9:51 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David William Sams, 42, of Argyle, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for animal neglect - no injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 03/15/22 - 11:40 a.m. - Lee

County sheriff deputies arrested Gina Marie Sams, 46, of Argyle, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for animal neglect - no injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

Hancock County Sheriff Report 03/08/22 - Joel N Heavin, age 31, of Warsaw, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Heavin was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 03/12/22 - Douglas G Evans, age 61, of Warsaw, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him Petition to Revoke or Modify Probation, Burglary, and Criminal Trespass to Real Property. Evans remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bond. 03/12/22 - Ashley Rose Prewett, age 25, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Prewett was released after posting the required bond

and given a future court date.

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Easements sought again for private utility project

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north of Chalk Ridge Road.

Aielts said the Iowa section of the project is valued at about \$8 million.

Northeast Power is a generation and transmission cooperative and they own all the transmission lines that serve their electrical systems. The company has five distribution coops in Missouri and three in Iowa, including Access Energy out of Mt. Pleasant.

The move doesn't require any approval from the county, but it does have to navigate the state-mandated Iowa Utility Board requirements.

Landowner letters have already been sent out and the next step is a public hearing hosted by the Iowa Utilities Board. The IUB has already had two other public hearings in the county in the past 12 months on pipeline projects associated with a carbon capture line proposed by Heartland Greenway and an anhydrous ammonia pipeline with NuStar.

The purpose of the hearing with the IUB and Northeast Power is to inform property owners of their land rights. That meeting is scheduled for the American Legion in West Point on April 19 at 5:30 p.m. and is open to county residents.

"We can't talk to landowners about easements until we have that hearing," Aielts said. "We can actually talk to them about routes, but then it's hard not to talk about easements in the process, so we just don't do either one."

He said 99% of the easements are usually secured voluntarily and said they don't like to use eminent domain if they don't have to.

Aielts said that with all the other pipelines coming in needing easements, and some of the stories coming out of them, could make acquiring easements a bit tougher. But he said the company's reputation in dealing with property owners should make things easier, coupled with the fact that this project is above ground.

The company still has to go back to the IUB if they do have to move toward eminent domain to secure workspace.

"If we need to do that it's usually the last one or two easements of some landowner that we just can't negotiate with. Then we have to go back to the Utility Board and ask for that permission. We don't have that permission by statute."

Aielts said it takes about a year to get the easements and to get the franchise from the state of Iowa. He said the utility offers 75% of the value of the property to be interrupted to landowners.

All Northeast Power's energy generation comes from Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. There is no generation in Iowa. The transmission lines move the energy into Iowa. The lines are needed to provide enough capacity to serve the company's generation loads in Iowa.

"We need to build another line for the future to make sure we have enough capacity to serve everything we're responsible to serve in Iowa," he said.

The lines would be capable of transmitting 161K volts, but Aielts said normal usage would be about 60k volts once operational.





Courtesy photo

The Northeast Power Company is proposing to build transmission lines through Lee County. The yellow line is a double transmission line and the red is a single line. A public hearing for property owners is set for April 19 in West Point.

Tornado siren test set for March 23

Spring is arriving with quite a flair this year with the tornadoes in central Iowa a couple of weeks ago. In order to practice for these types of events, the annual Iowa state-wide tornado drill will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. A test watch will be issued at approximately 10:00 AM to start the drill, followed by a test warning around 10:15 AM. The drill will be over at 10:30 AM. Everyone, no matter who you are and where you are, are strongly encouraged to participate in this drill.

The National Weather Service will also be activating the all-hazards weather radio system during the drill. Along with this system, all outdoor warning sirens in Lee County including Fort Madison, Keokuk, West Point, Donnellson,. Testing will also take place at the same in Des Moines County. The sirens will be turned on and confirmed that they are working and then be turned off.



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PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: None ALSO PRESENT:

Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, IT Administrator Brad Newberry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLE-GIANCE

ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & AP-PROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA

• Approve Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on February 16, 2022

• Approve Minutes from the Special City Council

following votes: Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR: City Administrator Mandsager informed Council that he has been working with Civic Plus in regards to hosting the City's website. He plans to present a proposal at the next meeting. As a reference, the City of Bondurant and Ely both use Civic Plus.

PUBLIC WORKS: Spring Clean-up has been set for May 11, 2022.

POLICE DEPART-MENT: Chief Logan informed Council that the department will have one employee off work for approximately 3 months due to surgery.

FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Chief Ryan reported on various nuisances and reminded residents that grass and weeds need to remain under six inches in height to avoid a nuisance violation. Crowner asked that several vacant properties be evaluated for nuisance

CLERK/FINANCE/IT: Finance Manager Moore is working on the Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

OTHER STAFF RE-PORTS: City Clerk Fry mentioned that staff is starting to work on a newsletter that will come out in June.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Young informed Council that she will be attending Part 3 of the Municipal Leadership Academy on April 2, 2022, in Iowa City.

COMMUNITY RE-PORTS: Rebecca Teater, West Burlington's Liaison on Burlington Public Library Board, gave Council an update on various programs and activities the library currently offers and some programs they hope to get started in the next couple of years. At Johnson's request, Teater will report back to the council on the number of books the library currently

PUBLIC NOTICES

at his property located at 1124 Broadway. He felt he was being unfairly targeted by the Building Inspector. City Administrator Mandsager informed Mr. Geren that he will address his concerns after he has had an opportunity to review the city code.

NEW BUSINESS Consider a Resolution Awarding General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022

The City Council has agreed to sell General **Obligation Corporate** Purpose Bonds for the purpose of borrowing up to \$550,000 to pay for (1) constructing street, water, sanitary sewer, sidewalk, and stormwater drainage improvements; and (2) acquiring and installing street lighting, signage and signalization improvements constructing street, water, sanitary sewer, sidewalk, and stormwater drainage improvements.

Mayor Teater announced that on March 2, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., four (4) bids were received for the purchase of General **Obligation Bonds, Series** 2022 for \$525,000. Bids were received by Speer Financial on behalf of the City. Of the four bids received, UMB Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, presented the best bid of \$522,524.55. The bid from UMB Bank reflected the lowest interest cost to the City. Mayor Teater asked Council to approve the Resolution awarding the sale of the Bonds to UMB Bank for \$522,524.55

Dorsey & Whitney, LLP will provide an issuance resolution for Council to take formal action and enter into the loan agreeager for the 2022 pool season. Mandsager recommended a wage of \$17.00 per

hour. Moved by

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution hiring Cora Hermann-Wickham as

recommended. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider approving the State Revolving Fund Sponsored Project Performance Agreement related to the Luers Park Sponsored Project

City Administrator Mandsager explained to Council that the Luers Park Water Restoration Project, which consisted of adding permeable pavers on Meadow Street and stream corridor stabilization in Luers Park is complete. The project was approved as an eligible project to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) as a Sponsored Project. The City's sponsored project is tied to the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. In order for the City to be reimbursed the final loan amendment application needs to be submitted to the lowa Department of Revenue. Only costs directly related to the Luers Park Water Restoration Project can be included in the Loan Amendment application. Snyder & Associates has received the change order costs from Fye and has begun to prepare the loan amendment paperwork for IDNR review and concurrence/approval. Next, the City will be in contact

and Young

Consider the final reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 549 Designating an Area of West Burlington, Iowa as the West Burlington Urban Revitalization Area Council considered the final reading of an Ordinance updating the description of the boundaries of the West Burlington Urban Revitalization Area. The amendment changes the description to include all real property situated within the incorporated limits of the City of West Burlington, Des Moines County, State of Iowa, as of December 1, 2022. There were public comments on the proposed amendment.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Johnson, to approve the final reading of an Ordinance updating the description of the boundaries of the West Burlington Urban Revi-

HELP WANTED

City Administrator/ Utility Director

The City of West Point is currently accepting applications for the position of City Administrator/Utility Director. Responsibilities include supervising and directing the activities of all departments: Finance, Street, Police, Planning and Zoning, Recreation and Public Utilities.

The successful candidate will ensure that the policy decisions made by the Mayor, City Council and the West Point Municipal Electric Board are executed as well as the daily administrative business of the city.

Salary range based on experience. Please send resume to: City of West Point, P.O. talization Area. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

OLD BUSINESS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Ron Teater, Mayor Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING March 21, 2022 6:00 P.M.

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meeting on February 23, 2022

• Approve Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Mt. Pleasant Street Water Tower & Booster Station Project -\$20,092.86

• Approve Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the DMC Landfill Lift Station Project - \$4,250

• Approve payment of Claims as listed on the March 2, 2022 Expense Approval Report -

\$235,262.77

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the PROCLAMATIONS

has in inventory.

Mayor Teater read a Proclamation naming April 7, 2022, as Junior Achievement Day in West Burlington.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Dan Geren, Geren Automotive, addressed Council concerning a nuisance letter he received for nuisance violations ment on March 16, 2022.

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to approve a Resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022 to UMB Bank, Kansas City Missouri for \$522,524.55. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution hiring Cora Hermann-Wickham as the Swimming Pool Manager for the 2022 Pool Season City Administrator Mandsager asked Council to approve hiring Cora Hermann-Wickham as the Swimming Pool Man-

prepare the proceedings for City Council action to enter into the (first and final) Loan Amendment. Bond Counsel fees are eligible for reimbursement with the Loan Amendment and will be included in the Loan Amendment application. To begin the process, City Administrator Mandsager asked Council to approve the Water Resource Restoration Sponsored Project Performance Agreement. Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Water Resource **Restoration Sponsored Project Performance** Agreement. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees,

with our Bond Counsel to

Box 69, 313 5th Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 or email to <u>cityofwestpointiowa@gmail.</u> <u>com</u>. (319) 837-6313.

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Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures. AGENDA I. Call Public Hearing to order and determination of a quorum II. Approve the agenda III. Ft. Madison HS – HVAC Improvements – Phase 4 IV. Receive written comments regarding Ft. Madison HS – HVAC Improvements – Phase 4 V. Receive oral comments regarding Ft. Madison HS – HVAC Improvements – Phase 4 VI. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PUBLIC NOTICE 2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR WEST POINT MUNI WATER SYSTEM

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is surface water. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Ft Madison Muni Water Works. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Туре	Value & (Range)		Yes/No	
otal Trihalomethanes ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA.	12.00 (12 - 12)	09/30/2021	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.01 (ND - 0.02)	2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbin, systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
.cad (ppb)	AL-15 (0)	90th	ND	2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbin systems; erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

• Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)- The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MC-LGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppb -- parts per billion.
ppm -- parts per

million. • pCi/L - picocuries per liter

- N/A Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected

 RAA - Running Annual Average

• Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. quirements which a watersystem must follow.Maximum Residual

Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• SGL - Single Sample Result

RTCR- Revised Total
 Coliform Rule

NTU -Nephelometric
Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMA-TION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence tial health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/ AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young chilplumbing. WEST POINT MUNI WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water. but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested; Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/ safewater/lead.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFOR-MATION

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinkDISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING March 21, 2022 6:05 P.M.

Note: To view this meeting please see the link on the FMCSD Website Calendar or click on the link below

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Finance: Santiago/ Wykert

AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Recognition of guests III. Reading of Foundation documents

IV. Monthly communications

- A. Student Rep Report -Tyler Horn
- B. Instructional Coaches Corner: Literacy
- Coaching C. "Did You Know?:
- D. Superintendent Goal
- Report

E. District Presentations:

- Approve the agenda V. Consent Agenda
- A. Minutes
- 1. February 22, 2022
- Public Hearing (1) 2. February 22, 2022
- Public Hearing (2)
- 3. February 22, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 4. March 7, 2022, Work Session B. Financial reports
- 1. February Balance Sheet
- 2. Revenue Summary Report
- 3. Expenditure Report4. Student Activity
- Report
- C. Accounts payable

Secretary, RE 3. Sheridan LaFeber, Sp. Ed. Assoc., MS 4. Audrey Menke, At-**Risk Interventionist, MS** 5. Wanda Wilson, Sp. Ed. Assoc., HS F. Consider contract modifications G. Consider leave of absence H. Consider open enrollment requests I. Other reports 1. Donations 2. HS/MS Renovations and Additions project summary Director (blank) moved and director (blank) seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted. VI. Action Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon 1. Consider approval of Timberline Billing Contract for the period 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025

2. Breana Hawkins,

B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Consider approval of middle school math teacher stipend

2. SCC dual enrollment contract

3. Consider approval of Governor Reynold's Teacher Retention Payment of \$1,000 to eligible teachers.

4. Consider approval for FFA to attend Nat'l Conference April 10-12 in Indianapolis, IN

5. Policy changes: Chronological

a. 606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space - IASB

model

- Quarterly a. 200.1 Organization of the Board of Directors -IASB model
- b. 212 Closed Sessions - IASB model

e. 401.4 OLD - Staff

Channels - Delete

c. 212.1 Exempt Meetings - Adopt d. 307 Communication

 Action Level (AL The concentration o a contaminant which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other reatment) – ofo f neo n, wa s Mo	essarily inc	ts does not dicate that health risk. ion about	dren. Lead in water is prima materials and nents associa service lines	drinking arily from compo- ated with	ing water to one or more downstream supplies.	1. February General Account Board Bills for Approval 2. March General Account Board Bills for Approval	Complaints and Grievanc- es - Delete f. 401.4 NEW - Employ- ee Complaints - Adopt g. 502.4 Student Com- plaints and Grievances
Original Supply	y ID			Origina	al Supply	y Name	3. Student Activity	- IASB model
IA5625062				Ft Mad	lison Mu	mi Water Works	Account Board Bills for	C. Board Secretary/
CONTACT INFOF TION For questions rega this information or h you can get involved	wa arding cor ow ML	cisions rega ter system, ttact WEST NI WATER 19-837-63	please POINT SYSTEM	PURCHAS INFORMATIC Our water s purchases wa system(s) sho	DN system ater from t	follows:	Approval 4. Nutrition Fund Board Bills for Approval 5. American Express Board Bills for Approval D. Consider personnel resignations	Business Manager – San- dy Elmore 1. Approve bid for High School HVAC Phase 4 2. Set Public Hearing date for May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for High School/
CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCL	G)	Compliance	Date	Violation	Source	1. Darcy Carle, Bus	Middle School Reno-
2(050/0 NR) () 51001		Туре	Value & (Rang	(e)	Yes/No		Monitor - Victory Park 2. Deana Newby, Cus-	vations and Additions Project
5625062 - FT MADISO 03 - SEP WELLS 6,7 8							todian	3. Set Bid Date of May
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	2	07/06/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits	3. James Plate, Teacher 4. Greg Smith, Principal	10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. to receive bids for the High
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.15	07/14/2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	E. Consider employ- ment of personnel	School/Middle School Renovations and Addi-
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A	SGL	6	07/14/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to	1. Shayla Gustafson,	tions Project

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Iowa News/From the Front

Woodbury County sheriff questioned on speaker choice

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as polite as it was when I had coffee with the tax-protesting pan man.

Today, opinion polls show that most supporters of former president Donald Trump believe vote-counting conspiracies stole a second term from him — even though there never has been enough evidence to sway any state or federal court. A worrisome segment of the population hails as law-abiding patriots the people who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, threatening to hang the vice president and speaker of the House of Representatives.

That is why the decision by Woodbury County Sheriff Chad Sheehan to invite Hall to address a training event for his deputies and give a separate community presentation for other interested people is problematic, at best.

Educating law officers and the public about the rights accorded to people by the Constitution is a worthwhile undertaking by Sheriff Sheehan. But there are many lawyers who could make such a presentation — including Woodbury County Attorney Patrick Jennings or Mark Kende, director of Drake University's Constitutional Law Center.

But neither Jennings nor Kende would deliver a message like Hall has given at events around the nation. That is why Sheehan's judgment is being questioned by some of his constituents.

In one video Hall has online, she questions the authority of federal law enforcement officers to go outside the District of Columbia to investigate suspected participants in the Capitol riot.

"We are educating the sheriffs, and the sheriffs are starting to resist," she says in the video. "They are starting to realize there is no jurisdiction for the federal government in their counties, and the sheriffs have the authority to tell the federal government,



Lunch Specials March 14 - 18 11am - 1pm

Monday, March 14 Tenderloin, Cheese Potatoes, Baked Beans

Tuesday, March 15 Minit Steak, Mashed Potatoes

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Thursday, March 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes

Friday, March 18 Tuna & Noodles, Blueberry Fluff

'No."

She goes on to make some hair-raising claims about the U.S. Capitol Police — those officers you saw during the Jan. 6 riot when they tried to protect the Capitol and the members of Congress inside.

She says in one of her videos, "They will be blind enforcers, like the S.S., just carrying out the bidding of the next tyrant that's in office."

A quick history lesson: The S.S. was Adolf Hitler's security force in Nazi Germany during World War II. Hall's videos criticize government decisions to close some businesses during the Covid pandemic. She says sheriffs could assert their authority and refuse to allow such closings.

In other videos, she says the United States is "full-on Marxist" for trying to force people to get Covid vaccinations.

Sheriff Sheehan said he learned about Hall when she spoke last year during the annual convention of the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association, the official member organization of the 99 county sheriffs.

He was contacted by another sheriff about holding the events in Sioux City. That sheriff, whom he has not identified, is working with a small group from eastern Iowa called We the People for Constitutional Sheriffs.

"I am in no way a person that's above the law," Sheehan told the county supervisors.

But at a time when it seems like people cannot disagree without going for each other's throats, do we need the sheriff of one of Iowa's largest counties lending his name and the credibility of his office to someone whose legal analyses rival those of a pots-n-pan salesman?

Randy Evans is director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and can be reached at <u>DMRevans2810@gmail.com</u>. Pen City Current is a member of the IFOIC.

Reynolds commits \$100M to airports

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Reynolds announced \$100 million investment to modernize and strengthen Iowa's air transportation system through the Iowa Commercial Aviation Infrastructure Fund.

Iowa's eight commercial airports are eligible for funding that will support modernization and expansion projects. Ninety percent of the funds will be granted based upon passenger numbers from 2019 and the remaining 10% will be split equally among the eight commercial airports.

"Iowa's commercial airports play a vital role in supporting the economic development and prosperity of our state, and we need to ensure that continues to be the case for many more years to come," said Gov. Reynolds. "This significant investment will help maintain momentum and encourage ongoing growth through transformative projects that will greatly benefit Iowans and other travelers that utilize our air transportation system."



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* Be sure to come dressed accordingly - most 90's dressed team wins a prize! * There will be 6 rounds of general 90's trivia and 2 bonus rounds of 90's BLOODHOUND trivia.

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Team Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of total team players*_____ (\$150 for 8 members max, if you cannot fill a team of 8 - the cost is \$20 per person. If you would like, we could assign walk ins to your team on the night of the event)

□ Yes! Give us some more teammates if we still need them!

□ No thank you, we've got the winning team right here!

Checks can be made out to FM Bloodhound Booster Club

*Must be 21 years or older

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Friday, May 6, 2022 • Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park • Fort Madison, Iowa

Team Registration—\$400 Deadline for Team Registration is Monday, April 25, 2022 Includes carts, lunch, free soda & water, snacks, 2 mulligans per golfer & 5 drink tickets per golfer (drink tickets not good for mixed drinks)

Packet pick-up will begin at 10:00 am. Waiver & release must be signed before play begins. Lunch at 11:00 am. Shotgun start at 12:00 Noon.

Sponsor Name:		
Team Name (if different from a	above):	
Contact Person:		_ Email:
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Golfers (if known):		
Please note	, all golfers will sign a v	waiver and release before play begins.

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Corporate Sponsor—\$1000 Maximize your sponsorship with the first deadline of Monday, March 21, 2022. Some advertising will already be done before the second deadline of Monday, April 11, 2022

Includes name & logo on advertising, banner hung at the golf course, hole sponsor sign, opportunity to be at the golf course to market to players, can have a four person golf team but not required. Please provide a jpeg file of your logo to the United Way. Use team registration page if entering a team in.



Hospitality Sponsor—\$300 Deadline Friday, April 29, 2022

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