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FMCS D considers bonuses

STAFF: Board may try to pick up where Governor left off

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison teacher representatives took a cue from Central Lee and requested bonuses from the district on top of state bonuses coming soon.

Last month, Central Lee paid staff a bonus on top of the money allocated under a program from Gov. Kim Reynolds using a portion of the state's federal pandemic stimulus.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors, several teachers advocated for similar bonuses for Fort Madison staff.



HOPE

Cory Byrne, the president of the Fort Madison Education Association, said the extra money from the district's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding, is essential to retaining quality teachers in the district.

"I know you might think we don't teach for the money, but it's important to staff," he said. "We've been advocating for this for two years. The ESSER funds have been around for quite a while now."

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SUPERVISORS

County audit shows some glitches

PERKS: County gets marks for allowing ambulance company to comp rooms

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A state audit of Lee County books came out relatively clean aside from dings on employees perks that were accepted on an EMS visit, and segregation of duties around cash handling.

At Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said the audit came back with some regular segregation issues where the state would like to see more distinct compliance on cash handling within county departments.

The audit also pointed to a visit Lee County Ambulance staff took to an ambulance manufacturing facility to select ambulances for the county.

According to Renstrom, the manufacturer paid for hotel rooms and meals for four people who went down to visit the facility.

Renstrom said the county personnel policy spells out that employees can't accept those types of gifts.

"We completely missed that, which is a no-no," Renstrom said.

"We need to do some kind of training that we can't accept anything from any vendors. We told the state auditors we would implement some training on that."

Renstrom said the auditors spoke with the Lee County Attorney's office about resolving the issue going forward, but no reimbursement was ordered.

The segregation of duties remarks have been common in past audits and several department heads, including Lee County Engineer Ben Hull, said it's a staffing issue.

Renstrom said the county should start to look at options to get the issues resolved because the marks on the audit caused one of

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Pick up game

Spring weather rolled into the area last weekend with temps nearing 70. The warm weather brought a group of high school kids out to the FMHS football field for a 5-on-5 pick up football game.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

COUNTY NEWS

Lee County gets \$50K in federal food, shelter funds

LEE COUNTY - Lee County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The county has been chosen to receive a total of \$50,992 under Phase 39 (\$12,465) and ARP Fund (\$38,527) to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency



Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army, and, United Way Worldwide.

The Local Board is charged with

distributing funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

United Way of the Great River Region and Community Development Department, City of Keokuk will convene the local board.

The Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Lee County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

BECKY MUELLER

Becky Mueller, 84, of Springdale, Arkansas, formerly of Keokuk, died on March 4, 2022 at the Willard Walker Hospice Home in Springdale, Arkansas.



MUELLER

Becky was born on January 17, 1938 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Iner Corneilus and Helen (Lewis) Lantz.

She graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the Class of 1956. When in high school she played on the first Keokuk women's basketball team and also played baseball.

Becky was employed at Swifts in Keokuk until they closed and then had worked at Cargill for 33 years until her retirement in 2003.

She enjoyed fishing. Family was the most important aspect of her life, she was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by her children: Maria JoAnn Hagmeier of Springdale, AR, Mark Joseph Mueller of Keokuk, Marilyn "Jan" Janice Loeffler (Ron) of Springdale, AR, Melinda Joy Castro of Chesapeake, VA, Michael John Mueller of Keokuk, IA, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, Ryan Mason and one brother, Charles Lantz.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Summer Hakoun officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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OBITUARIES

NANCY S. EADS

Nancy Sue Eads, 71, of rural West Point, Iowa, passed away at 5:55 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2020, at Park Place Elder Living in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.



EADS

She was born on May 27, 1948, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Tilford and Lela (Hammer) Overton. On May 14, 1977 she married James Raymond Eads in Donnellson, Iowa. He preceded her in death on February 19, 2014.

Survivors include her daughter: Katharine E. (Michael) Warehime of Frederick, Maryland; one son: James T. (Ashley) Eads of West Burlington, Iowa; two grandchildren: Bryce and Camden Warehime; two sisters: Rebecca (Wayne) Conlee of Fairfax, Iowa and Cynthia (Marty) Walker of Cabot, Arkansas; mother-in-law: Ellen Eads; two sisters-in-law: Nancy Tucker and Karen (Quin) Shannon and niece and nephews: Andrew Conlee, Eric Walker, Zachary Walker, MacKenzie Sardo and Nicholas Shannon.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Jim and her parents.

Nancy graduated from Central High School and attended the University of Northern Iowa. In November 1974, she received a life-saving kidney transplant from her sister, Becky. This was the 150th transplant procedure that had been performed at the University of Iowa Hospitals. For the rest of her life, she would be involved with the Kidney Foundation raising awareness of successful kidney transplants. She was a board member of Peoples Mutual Insurance and the Clay Grove Cemetery Association. She was a member of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Donnellson, where she worked as secretary for twenty-six years before her retirement in 2019. She enjoyed traveling, reading, crocheting and was very family oriented.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 25, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home, Donnellson with Pastor Mike Bennett officiating. The family asks that those in attendance for the visitation and service wear a face cover.

Memorials have been established in her memory for the Clay Grove Cemetery Association or the Kidney Foundation of Iowa and can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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ROBERT J. WUSTROW

Robert J. Wustrow, 102, of Keokuk, died Thursday, March 17, 2022 at River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA.



WUSTROW

He was born December 3, 1919 the son of Edmund G. and Fern Woods Wustrow in Keokuk, IA. Robert graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the class of 1937. He furthered his education and graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

On June 8, 1942, he was united in marriage to Bertha Giddens in Mt. Pleasant, IA. She preceded him in death on November 22, 2002.

Robert was employed with the Hubinger Company in Keokuk for forty years retiring in January of 1982.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk, Lee County, IA Historical Society, Keokuk Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Keokuk Rotary Club for sixty one years.

He is survived by three children, Ann Wustrow of Keokuk, John Wustrow (Karen) of Hamilton, IL and Jane Wustrow (Will Cherry) of Penrose, CO, two grandchildren, Brie Nelson (Jeremiah) of Xenia, OH, and Jonathan Wustrow (Janelle) of Hamilton, IL, eight great grandchildren and a nephew, Russell "Rusty" Grimpe of Skiatook, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and her husband Dorothy and Harry Grimpe and a niece, Barbara Grimpe.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Dave Barrett officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service from 10 - 11 a.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church or to the Lee County, Iowa Historical Society.

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

LCHD to hold immunization clinics

FORT MADISON - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at Lee County Health Department. #3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison from 1pm to 4:30pm

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa. Call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at www.leecountyhd.org.

Keokuk immunization clinics will have the COVID-19 vaccine available for children 5-11 years-old. Fort Madison immunization clinics will have the COVID-19 vaccine available for children 5-11 years-old and for those 12 years and older. A consent for both vaccines can be found in the COVID Information section of the LCHD website (www.leecountyhd.org).

OBITUARIES

JOHN HOSKINS

John "Darrell" Hoskins, 81, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 9:04 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 2022, at his home in Donnellson.



HOSKINS

He was born on August 28, 1940, in Wyaconda, Missouri, the son of John and Ethel (Wagner) Hoskins. On September 30, 1961, he married Ruth Ann "Ruthie" Peterman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Montrose, Iowa. She preceded him in death on February 27, 2016.

Survivors include his daughter: Darla (Mike) Eaves of Donnellson, Iowa; son: Jeff (Mary) Hoskins of Donnellson, Iowa; three grandsons: Tyler (Rachel) Hoskins, Jake Shannon and Jeremy (Kristen) Pickrel; four great grandchildren; three brothers: Henry "Hank" Gerveler,

Everett Gerveler and Earl Gerveler; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father: Henry Gerveler; wife: Ruthie; granddaughter: Amanda Ellison; sister and brother-in-law: Shirley (Toby) Marsh; nieces: Brenda, Polly, Cheryl; nephews: Anson, Adam and Danny.

Darrell was a graduate of Donnellson High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a farmer and worked at Sheaffer Pen Company and Fruehauf. He was a member of the Donnellson American Legion Gillaspay - Moodie Post #474. Darrell enjoyed farming, caring for his livestock, working on cars (he restored a 1931 Model A and several tractors and trucks) and he also enjoyed having a cold Blue Ribbon.



Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 24, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

Burial will be at Charleston Cemetery in Charleston, Iowa, with a flag presentation by the Donnellson American Legion.

Memorials have been established in his memory for Southeast Iowa Home Health and Hospice, Central Lee FFA or PAW Animal Shelter.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Scene Around Town/From the Front



Matt Morris, President of Connection Bank, and Kim Fehseke, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications, at Connection Bank present a check for \$20,000.00 to the Fort Madison Pickleball Association for the new courts at Victory Field in Fort Madison. Left to right are Morris, Lynn Hoyer, Phyllis Porter, Sharon Bartlett, Donna Amandus, Fehseke. Donations are still needed to finish up fundraising for the project. Checks can be made out to Fort Madison Community Beautification Foundation with "Pickleball Courts" in the memo and mailed to: Fort Madison Pickleball Association, 10 High Point, Fort Madison Iowa, 52627

Public, private groups can apply for emergency funds

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agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Lee County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to local food pantries, Community Action Agencies, and emergency shelter programs.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Sue Prochazka at United Way of the Great River Region at vc@unitedway-grr.org for an application.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
February 22, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administrative Building in Fort Madison on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

The Board was introduced to the new IT Director, Kevin Harter.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Argyle Sanitary Sewer District Budget for FY23. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a revised quote for a Mack Chassis for the Secondary Road's Sign Truck, at a cost of \$76,656.00, down from the original proposal of \$83,088.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the purchase of a motor grader from Caterpillar, in the amount of \$350,934.00. Motion

carried. One other bid was submitted by John Deere in the amount of \$337,500.00.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the purchase of a wheel loader from Caterpillar, in the amount of \$138,317.00. Motion carried. One other bid was submitted by John Deere in the amount of \$149,400.00

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the purchase of an excavator from Caterpillar, in the amount of \$237,144.00. Motion carried. One other bid was submitted by John Deere in the amount of \$266,800.00.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve an update to the Pandemic Policy, effective February 22, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a modified Administrative Union Contract, with a 10% raise. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Pflug, to approve a one-year Sheriff's Union Contract, with a 15% raise. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye and Harlow-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to

approve the EMS Premium Pay Policy, effective February 22, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2022-54. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022-54

Lee County Board of Supervisors Resolution Lifting Waivers on Leave Time

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the Lee County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution #2020-71, waiving leave time requirements in the Personnel Policy that vacation, personal or holiday time (as applicable) be taken within a particular period of time and limits on carryover pursuant to Personnel Policy, and commits that no employee will lose his or her vacation, personal and/or holiday time, because they were not permitted to use it for pandemic related reasons;

WHEREAS, Resolution #2020-71 states that the waiver period will no longer be in effect when the Governor declares an end to the State's Public Health Disaster Emergency;

WHEREAS, Governor Reynolds made such declaration on Tuesday, February 15, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED that the waiver of leave time requirements is no longer in effect.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2022.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2022-55. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2022-55

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors have contracted with Commerce Bank to establish a county-wide credit card program,

WHEREAS, Lee County's IT Department has requested to participate in this program, increasing the County's revenue share,

WHEREAS, the County's Credit Card Policy states that an amount over \$1,000 has to have the Board of Supervisor's approval,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors approve the following credit limit:

Kevin Harter \$10,000
Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa this the 22nd day of February, 2022.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Class B Beer Permit for Izaak Walton

League, effective March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Green Bay Bar & Grill, effective April 20, 2022 through April 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, February 14, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a step increase for Caroline Veihl, Admin/ Outreach Coordinator in the Conservation Department, from \$22.85/hr. to \$23.54/hr., effective 1/26/22 and a new hire for EMS, Erica Heston, EMT, \$15.82/hr., effective 2/28/22. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting and a meeting with the Lee County Farm Bureau.

At 11:05 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Claims paid
February 22, 2022**

- Access Enrgy, svcs 1550.30
- Access Systms, splys611.30
- AgriLand, fuel..... 638.13
- Airgas USA, splys... 69.30
- Alliant Enrgy, svcs3114.77
- Amazon, splys 67.73
- J Baier, svcs 2515.37
- K Belmonti, svcs..... 128.94
- Blessing Hlth, svcs 350.00
- N Booten, exps 223.55
- Bnd Tree Med, splys 2186.44
- R Bradley, svcs..... 130.00
- K Brownlee, mtrls 250.00

- 250.00
- Calhoun-Burns, svcs 8124.90
- CenturyLink, svcs 9.63
- Commerce Bank 4imprint, shirts ... 1,448.62
- 932 3E CO, signs 358.17
- Access Systems, cntnct 90.55
- Adobe, sbscrptn..... 30.88
- Aidph Event, reg..... 82.80
- Alliant, svcs 521.33
- Amazon, splys ... 4,889.06
- APCO, dues..... 96.00
- Autozone, parts 168.23
- B & H Photo, splys 179.00
- BP, fuel11.67
- Buzzard Billy's, food 65.69
- Casey's, gas 215.78
- CDW Govt, splys 2,703.14
- Centurylink, svcs 3,348.96
- Chick-fil-A, meals.... 39.42
- Coopers Collision, svcs 1,256.42
- Country Inn, Idg118.44
- Court Ave, meals 79.71
- Customlanyards, splys 156.24
- Dish, svcs 67.14
- Dodd Printing, splys 33.49
- Dollar General, splys112.65
- Donnellson Tire, svcs 50.00
- Drury Inn, Idg 89.60
- Family Discount, rfn -0.25
- Fergusons, parts..... 5.70
- Farm & Home, splys 71.94
- Govconnect IA, tax 333.28
- Griffin Muffler, oil..... 67.22
- Hancock Journal, publ 982.98
- Hilton, Idg..... 697.80
- Hulu, svcs..... 13.90
- Hospice, svcs 682.50
- Hotelbooking.com, Idg 378.03
- Huffman's, splys 1,717.79
- HyVee, splys110.21
- IA Dept Public Safety, svcs 15.00
- Wilhite Auto, svcs ... 225.87
- IA Enviro Health, mbr 240.00
- Hyatt, svcs..... 1,052.14
- Iowa conserv, fee.... 80.00
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 Marathon, fuel..... 53.00
 Mediacom, svs... 9,600.00
 McDonald's, meal... 14.19
 McFarland's, splys
 1,401.49
 Medpro Waste, svs
 83.00
 Menard's, equip..... 83.30
 Mid-States, fees.... 150.00
 Misc Specialty, parts
 27.98
[Netflix.com](https://www.netflix.com), svs 19.25
 Office Depot, splys
 91.31
 Office of Prof, fees
 270.00
 Officemax, splys
 1,490.93
 O'Reilly Auto, parts
 191.21
 Panda Express, meal
 22.90
 PB Leasing, equip
 466.83
 Phillips 66, fuel 43.98
 Police Record Mgmt, edu
 259.00
 Promo Direct, mtrls
 1,382.26
 Quill, splys 28.87
 Rathbun Water, water
 150.20
 Sbarro, meal..... 10.46
 Sheraton, Idg 497.28
 Steak N Shake, meals
 23.90

Subway, meal 13.05
 Texas Roadhouse, meal
 51.64
 Tim's Repairs, svs .. 59.50
 US Cell, svs 98.94
 USCC lvr, svs 192.22
 USPS, pstg..... 80.12
 USPS.COM, pstg.... 45.15
 Van Meter, parts ... 567.75
 Verizon, svs 956.76
 WalMart, splys 269.50
 Win Supply, parts.. 179.21
 WM Supercenter, splys
 539.56
 Windstream, svs... 741.06
 CCS, svs..... 13950.00
 Control Sol, splys...113.00
 CJ Cooper/Assc, svs
 270.00
 Crtv Prdct Srcng, mtrls
 209.00
 Cresent Parts, mtrls
 160.80
 Daniels Jntrl, svs
 4328.41
 S Dittmer, svs 209.09
 Donnellson Tire, svs
 469.95
 Drake Hdwr, equip
 738.75
 EMSLRC, edu..... 123.50
 Farm/Home, splys 6.29
 T Forseen, svs 177.75
 FM Water, svs..... 133.87
 D Fraise, exps 40.00
 Galls, splys 158.50
 Garner FdMart, fuel
 830.62

GateHse Media, publ
 179.69
 N Granaman, svs
 1344.59
 GRRWA, svs..... 5.28
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119.00
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2116.50
 A Huber, svs 200.00
 ICONNECTYOU, svs
 128.00
 IA Brdg/Clvrt, mtrl
 28356.54
 IA Prison Ind, splys
 278.41
 ISAC, reg..... 190.00
 Jays Auto, svs..... 599.22
 Jireh Inc, fuel 164.43
 Khlmrn Hlg, svs .. 900.00
 LeeCo Atty, exps... 505.76
 LeeCo Auditor, CtrlPur
 829.72
 Liberty Util, gas..... 122.19
 McFarlands, splys
 247.50
 Mediacom, svs..... 204.25
 Newman Signs, svs
 14751.17
 JJ Nchting Co, parts
 133.40
 OReilly Auto, splys.. 78.33
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 M Pflug, exps..... 40.00
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 RSM US LLP, svs
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From the Front

Board to discuss bonuses in April

SCHOOLS - Continued from Page 1

He said the union has been asking for bonuses going back to labor/management talks last year. The district put in a formal request last May and the union was told the board wouldn't be going forward with any bonuses.

The union brought the bonuses back up in February with four different proposals. One was a stipend for all employees.

On Monday the board had a discussion on a board-generated retention bonus for staff who stay on with the district for next year, but tabled the discussion until the district had specific numbers on what is remaining in the district's ESSER fund.

Teacher Dawn Johnson asked that the district also consider paying the staff that was left out of the Governor's program with the district's American Rescue Plan Act funding.

"It's a teacher's market and I would say a retention bonus needs to happen fast. It's overdue. We're in March and there are lots of positions open. I want to keep my colleagues here. I want to keep these awesome teachers here for our kids," Byrne said.

Governor Kim Reynolds' program pays the bonus to full-time teachers hired prior to Oct. 1, 2021 and finishing out the 2021-22 school year. TLS teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, nurses, and librarians were left out of the state bonus program.

Teachers would get the state bonus on the March 31 payroll paid for by the district and then reimbursed by the state for all eligible teachers. The district also pays the FICA taxes on the bonus and then would be

reimbursed separately. Teachers that are planning on retiring at the end of the year do qualify for that state bonus.

Rachella Dravis, a district teacher and National Education Association Director, said 40 school districts in the state have already paid a bonus to staff, in addition to Reynolds' program.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the district is over budget on HVAC improvements at the high school to bring air conditioning to the entire building. The project was funded with ESSER funds and Slater said the district needed to retool the fund to see how much was left in it.

Slater said she didn't want to get ahead of what the board was thinking so she didn't bring in any payment estimate, but just have the conversation around the retention bonus.

"This would be for those who worked for us last year and will be staying to work for us next year," Slater said.

Board member Brad Menke asked if the bonus would be paid across the board to all staff. Board President Dianne Hope said she would like to see every full-time employee in the district be included in the program and it be equal to the governor's \$1,000 bonus.

Board member Mio Santiago said the discussion should also include trying to fund those that were left out of Reynolds' program, as well as the additional retention bonus.

Hope said she would like to see the payment before the start of the school year, but board member Paul Wilkerson said employees could take the bonus and then not come back at the start of the year. He said he would like to see a fall payment.

District Finance Director Sandy Elmore wasn't in attendance at the meeting and couldn't provide detailed information on the fund so the issue was tabled until the April meeting.

State wants more verification on cash

AUDIT - Continued from Page 1

the county's insurance policies to see an increased deductible from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

"We seriously need to look at that and see if there's a way to try to take care of those issues. It could be as much as sitting down with the state auditor when they are here and go over what we can do to alleviate those dings we get," she said.

Supervisor Chairman Matt Pflug said one suggestion in the audit was for the sheriff's department to hire an additional full-time person to handle cash received at the department.

"Not happening," Weber said. "This is videotaped and we're in the office and we've never had an issue with anyone being dishonest."

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said she thinks the county department heads all do a decent job, and there have been efforts to rotate people in to other departments to open mail to try to satisfy the audit comments in the past.

"I can see where they're at," Fraise said. "They just don't want any potential for fraud. That's why they're dinging us on those."

She said the county also needs to take closer looks at questionable expenditures.

"Before you make a purchase, you have to consider if the whole county is going to benefit from it. That's the definition of a public purpose," she said.

Pflug said the county is in good shape with the state and always has good audits.

"I think overall we always have a good audit and we're always in good graces with the state auditors," he said. "The important thing is as elected officials, we talk about fiduciary transparency and I think we do a decent job in that area."

But he said it might be beneficial to address some of the recurring issues now rather than wait for the next visit from auditors.

In other action, supervisors:

- voted 3-1 to approve the 2023 fiscal year budget. Ron Fedler opposed the budget and has since the county approved pay increases for county staff.
- voted 4-0, to approve the hiring of Justin Stonerook, a former Des Moines County Assistant Attorney and Burlington lawyer, as an Assistant Lee County Attorney to replace Jonathan Stensvaag, who was recently appointed to a judicial seat in District 8B.

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