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Mayor sets growth challenge

WANTS 1,000 NEW RESIDENTS: Bowker said city needs to be open to new people

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – He said if you don't put a target on the wall, you'll never hit it.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld put a big target on the wall Tuesday night, right next to the target he put up for the new Fort Madison Marina.

Mohrfeld told the Fort Madison City Council Tuesday night he wants to add 1,000 residents to the population of the city in the next four years.

“When we look at Fort Madison and the last census we see our population is slowly being undermined and slowing down

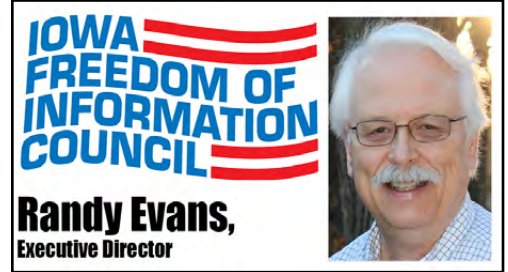
and that is not healthy for our community,” Mohrfeld said.

“What were really talking about with a better town is we need to grow our town and it's time to put that bullseye on the wall. And we need to say that out loud. In four years we need to add 1,000 people to our town.”

Mohrfeld that will require some very specific strategies. First of which he said was adding 400 units of housing in four years.

“This is aggressive and will require some developers. Some that we have – some that we've already been working with – and some that we don't even know,” he said.

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GOP moves may hurt state's population goal

I stumbled across a statistical tidbit the other day that probably will surprise many people.

U.S. Census Bureau figures show that between 1900 and 2000, the state that grew the least in population, on a percentage basis, was Iowa.

Read that again.

No state had smaller population growth between 1900 and 2000, as a percentage, than Iowa. Not North Dakota. Not Montana. Not Wyoming. Not any other state.

The census statistics show Iowa's population increased 31 percent during that span of time. While that may seem like perfectly healthy, long-term growth, the next-closest state in the rankings was Nebraska. And its growth rate was nearly twice the size of Iowa's.

The number of people living in Iowa rose from 2,231,853 in 1900 to 2,926,324 in 2000.

The states nearest to Iowa's 31 percent growth are Nebraska (60 percent), Vermont (77 percent), Missouri (80 percent) and Kansas (83 percent).

The growth rates for other neighboring states were South Dakota (88 percent), Minnesota (181 percent), Wisconsin (159 percent) and Illinois (158 percent).

At the other end of the rankings, the population increase in the fastest-growing state was breath-taking. That was in Nevada, which jumped from a sparse 42,335 people in 1900 to 1,998,257 in 2000. That is an increase of 4,620 percent.

The population trend in Iowa during the 20th century was not surprising, given the huge technology transformation that has occurred in our main economic endeavor, agriculture.

Iowa farmers moved from horse-drawn

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

PJ Hogan, a volunteer at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, looks over the work of Central Lee students at the Budding Artists show at the art center in Fort Madison. The center is open from 10 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The exhibit features students from all three area elementary schools.

CHAMBER EVENT

Legislative reception set for Friday evening in FM

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee will host an evening reception, this Friday, January 21st 4:30-6:00 p.m. at RiverRocks Bar and Grill as they kick off the 2022 Legislative Session.

This reception is to provide the general

public the opportunity to meet our Iowa legislators and hear what their directives are for the 2022 Session while representing us in Des Moines.

Social time will be from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. and a question-and-answer will take place from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. This is the only “in-person” meeting currently planned for the 2022 legislative session.

The remaining virtual dates are: February 18th, March 18th and April 15th with a wrap up meeting in May. These other dates will be held in conjunction with Keokuk Chamber of Commerce and will be virtual via Zoom.

Legislators invited to attend include State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-Montrose), State Rep. Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) and State Rep. Joe Mitchell (R-Wayland).

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FRI 21 Jan.....Clear & Cold, 21° F/ 6° F
SAT 22 Jan.....Overcast, 31° F/ 18° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RUBY P. HALLINAN

Ruby Phyllis Jones Hallinan, 84, of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at her home.

She was born September 12, 1937 in Keokuk the daughter of James and Verna Marmion Thompson.



HALLINAN

On June 29, 1984 Ruby was united in marriage to Leo Hallinan in Clinton, IA. He preceded her in death on September 3, 2010.

She had been employed by Sheller Globe in Keokuk.

Ruby loved the outdoors and especially loved camping and fishing. She was an animal lover and raised canaries, Pekinese, Yorkie, Poodle and Peekapoo puppies. Ruby enjoyed crocheting and woodworking. The greatest joy in her life, was the time she spent with her children, grandchildren, her cats and dogs.

She is survived by three daughters, Cindy Harris (Bruce) of Keokuk, Kathy Knox of Keokuk and Pamela Barber (Rich) of Warsaw, IL, seven grandchildren, Harley, Chris, Clara, Jodi, Joe, Jason and Jeremy, many great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by three sisters, Rose Boley of Keokuk, Karen Wright of Keokuk and Joan Humes of Wayland, MO, one brother, Gary Thompson of Keokuk and her special friend, Marie of Keokuk.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents, Frank and Rosetta Marmion, two sons, Joe Jones and Ike Jones, two brothers, Jim Thompson and Henry Thompson, two sisters, Ella Mae Cannon and Belva Nye, two grandsons, Eric Deck and Rich Barber III, son-in-law, Bob Knox and two brothers-in-law, Kenny Cannon and Bob Boley.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Gordon Hawkins officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held prior to the service, Wednesday, after 1 p.m., at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 2-4 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

OBITUARIES

DALE M. FULLHART

Dale Michael Fullhart, 77, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022 at The Madison. He was born on January 11, 1945 in Fort Madison, IA to Glen & Dorothy Drew Fullhart. He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1963 and



FULLHART

was a U.S. Navy Corpsman during the Vietnam War. He helped to deliver 5 babies during his time in the Navy. He married Alberta M. Dodson on August 7, 1965 in Fort Madison, IA. He worked at Chevron in Fort Madison and retired as a welder at G.E. in Burlington, IA. He was also a photographer for 25 years and worked part time for NAPA Auto Parts and Shottenkirk. He enjoyed bowling, cooking, camping, watching Nascar, gardening, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to cook Christmas dinner and make Christmas candy.

Dale is survived by: his wife: Alberta Fullhart of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Dawn (Greg Hellige) Fullhart of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Dustin (Carrie) Fullhart of West Point, IA; 6-grandchildren: Sabrina Fullhart, Rhett Fullhart, Todd (Bre) Mehaffy, Noah (Chelci) Mehaffy, Jackson Mehaffy & Henry Pforts; 3-brothers: Steve (Linda) McKeehan of Bonaparte, IA, Dennis McKeehan of Fort Madison, IA & Jerry (Susanna) Fullhart of Minnesota; 4-sisters: Sherry (Rich) Hertzler of Fort Madison, IA, Becky Brown of Fort Madison, IA, Gina McKeehan of Fort Madison, IA & Shelley McKeehan of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Dorothy & Walt McKeehan & Glen & Wilma Fullhart and 1-sister.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 11:30 with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for The Madison. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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LOIS L. LUTON

Lois Lucille "Shorty" Luton, 88, of Blandinsville, Illinois passed away January 14, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Burlington Iowa.



LUTON

Lucille or fondly called Shorty by all that knew her, was born on Nov 3, 1933 near Fountain Green Illinois. She was the fourth of fourteen children to Lloyd and Nancy (Moore) Breiner. Shorty had many memories of growing up on the farm with twelve sisters and one brother.

It was a modest life, where she learned life skills of hard work, patience, and tenacity, while forming deep loving relationships with her sisters.

After graduating from Northwestern High School in 1950, Shorty met the love of her life Edward Alan Luton, they married on May 21, 1952 on the Breiner farm in Blandinsville Illinois. This began a lifelong journey of love, family, and adventure. Shortly after retirement, they decided to move back to the farm life in their hometown of Blandinsville IL.

Edward and Shorty loved the outdoors and spent most of their recreational time traveling, camping and fishing throughout Arizona with lifelong friends and family. Shorty found joy in cooking, she was especially gifted with creating candy and sweets – peanut brittle was her specialty. She also loved baking cakes and pies as well as her personal recipe for tamales which always arrived around Christmastime. She was an excellent seamstress and a skilled leather crafter, making beautiful clothes and leatherworks including belts, wallets and purses for family and friends. Shorty also had a particular fondness for Western movies, especially those that included John Wayne. Any doubt to her love of the west is dashed by the memorabilia she collected including a 6' cutout of John Wayne that continues to reside in her sewing room.

Shorty's biggest love and passion in life was her family. She was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She doted on us all and was happiest when we all gathered together for a feast whether it was breakfast, dinner, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Along with Dad, Mom was a cornerstone to our family, an unwavering example of love, generosity, kindness, and humor. Two traits she exhibited, especially later in life, were her tenacity and resilience. She lived and died by the words never ever give up.

Our mom will be greatly missed, but her spirit and presence will always be with us, Thank You for showing us what True Grit really means.

Lucille is survived by her loving husband of 69 years Edward Luton of Blandinsville Il, son Wayne (Shannon) Luton of Blandinsville Il, daughter Elaine (Mark) Wimbush of Reno NV. Four grandchildren: Nannette (Al) Adame, Corene (Tim) Jones, Nathan (Lindsay) Luton and Shayne (Peter) Kuzmich. Great grandchildren: Matthew, Jessica, Cameron, Ian, Aubrey, Violet and Iris. Sisters: Dorothy Plank, Pauline Jones, Charlene Wilson, Deanna Truelove, Patricia Huston, Marilyn Cahill and Jo Frye. Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; Lloyd and Nancy Breiner, brother Gene Breiner and sisters Louise Thompson, Thelma Figg, Virginia Kerfoot Wyvonne Byers and Joy Byers.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

A private burial will be held in the Good Hope Cemetery, Good Hope, Illinois.

A memorial fund has been established for Boys Town or a charity of the donor's choice. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Lucille's obituary at bank-sandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

VICKIE L. HAPPS

Vickie Lynn Happs, 72, of Keokuk, died Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Blessing Health Keokuk.

She was born on November 21, 1949 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of John and Rachael Mae (Jenkins) Happs. She attended Keokuk High School and received her Associates Degree from Carl Sandburg College in Carthage, IL.



HAPPS

She had been employed at Walmart in Keokuk for over ten years.

Vickie enjoyed researching genealogy, crocheting blankets, working on jig-saw puzzles and playing computer games. She also enjoyed working on home projects and growing roses in her yard. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children and grand-children.

She is survived by two daughters, Denise Hamelton of Scottsdale, AZ, Cindy Boddeker and her husband Mike of Keokuk, three sons, Terry Hamelton, Jr. and his wife Jamie of Keokuk, Jerry Hamelton of Ft. Madison and John Hamelton of Gilbert, AZ, seven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Carol Fojtik, John Happs, Jr, Jerry Happs, Joann McVeigh, Connie Powers, Donna Kay, Stanley Happs, Christine Priebe, Rick Happs and Tracey Shuman.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Raymond Happs.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 5 pm – 7 pm Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Sports/From the Front

DiPrima scores 17 at HTC knocks off Van Buren Tuesday

BY PCC STAFF

KEOSAUQUA – Holy Trinity got a season-high 17 points from senior Mikey DiPrima and rallied for a 62-52 win over Van Buren in Southeast Iowa Superconference basketball action Tuesday night.

The Crusaders put up 45 points in the second half to race by the Warriors behind DiPrima's 11.

Holy Trinity got into a hole early trailing by six two minutes into the game and couldn't close the distance in the first half trailing by as much as seven before inching closer for a 27-22 halftime deficit.

HTC started to close the gap in the third quarter again outscoring Van Buren 12 to 11 in the period to cut the lead to four at 38-35.

Van Buren's Jackson Manning went to work in the fourth scoring 11 of the Warriors' 14 points to try and seal the game, but the Crusades erupted for 28 points in the final period highlighted by a 16-21 effort from the free throw line to put the game away.

Manning would finish with a game-high 26 points.

HTC had three players in double figures led by DiPrima. Connor Gehling had 12 and Tyler Snaadt had 11 for HTC.

The Crusaders improve to 3-7 in conference play and 3-11 overall with the win. They play host to West Burlington on Friday night at Shottenkirk Gym.

Central Lee girls continue to roll

BY PCC STAFF

DANVILLE – The Central Lee girls basketball team is on a roll.

The Lady Hawks upset West Burlington at home in the final seconds in a makeup game Monday night 55-54, and then rolled to a 49-45 win over Danville Tuesday night to move to 10-4 on the year.

One of the more unnoticed aspects of the recent Hawks' success is that different players are stepping up at different times.

On Tuesday Maura Watkins put up 16 points to lead Central Lee and Mya Lampe, who leads the conference in 3-pointers, hit four enroute to 14 points on the night.

Alivia Myhre had 16 rebounds to go with her five points.

Danville led by a bucket after the first quarter and the two teams traded buckets throughout the second quarter with Danville holding onto a 29-26 lead at the break.

The Hawks' defense went to work in the third period holding Danville to just six points, while Watkins put up five of Central Lee's 10 points in the period to take a one-point lead 36-35 going into the final period.

Watkins kept the pressure on the Bears with seven more points in the final period to help Central Lee push the lead for the four-point win.

Macy Watkins chipped in with eight points for the Lady Hawks. Makayla Morrison drew all kinds of defensive attention and had just two points on the night, along with Karlie Pohren and Bailey Schwartz to round out the Hawks' scoring.

Makenzie Morris led Danville with 16 points, while Ava Smith added 13.

Smaller tax bills are popular, but GOP agenda misses marks

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plows and harvesters to self-propelled tractors and combines. The mechanization allows farmers to do in a few hours what would have taken their ancestors days to accomplish — meaning fewer people are needed to work the land.

That advancement is continuing, bringing with it ongoing implications for Iowa's population.

This month, for example, John Deere announced it will begin delivering fully autonomous tractors from its factory in Waterloo to its customers later this year. Instead of farmer/drivers sitting in the cab operating these machines, these new rigs will use cameras, computers and GPS technology to move through fields with no human hands on the steering wheel.

Yes, a good deal of the stagnation in Iowa's population growth has occurred because of the inevitable changes in our rural economy. But it is time for Iowa to have a serious discussion of the population ramifications of some actions by Iowa lawmakers in the past few decades.

When Republican leaders talk about making our state more appealing for people and for businesses, they quickly point to tax cuts the Legislature enacted in recent years — and to even lower taxes they promise to approve this year.

Smaller tax bills certainly are popular. But the tax-cutters' agenda misses something that is at least as important:

People's decisions about where they will live go beyond the number of income tax brackets and whether the state tax system is flat or progressive. Our difficulty recruiting people to this state and the loss of many of our brightest young adults to other states — a phenomenon called the "brain drain" — is guided by factors the tax-cutters fail to grasp or choose not to address.

It does not help Iowa hang onto people, or make itself attractive to visitors, when rivers and lakes are left unsafe for recreation by agricultural pollution or when this contamination puts state beaches off-limits to summertime fun.

It does not help Iowa hang onto people when our top leaders make sinister accusations that educators and librarians are not motivated by what is in the best interests of Iowa's children.

It does not help Iowa hang onto people or make itself attractive to visitors when one of the state's true gems, our 83 state parks, suffer from deferred maintenance and routine daily upkeep that has been scaled back.

It does not help Iowa hang onto people if the government puts the interests of trucking companies ahead of the interests of families whose loved ones have been killed or maimed by negligent truckers. Our state government leaders trust Iowans to do the right thing during the pandemic, but these same leaders have no confidence Iowans will do the right thing when they sit on juries to decide lawsuits over such crashes.

It does not help Iowa's population retention or recruitment when state appropriations for our 327 K-12 school districts, and for our community colleges and state universities, fail to keep up with inflation — or worse.

Reducing state revenues by hundreds of millions of dollars has an inevitable consequence. There is no magic wand that will allow lawmakers to avoid these consequences.

If lawmakers are going to make significant cuts on the revenue side of the budget, they will need to make offsetting reductions in appropriations — but these appropriations have been going for things that, taken together, make Iowa a more appealing place to live and work and visit.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
AGENDA
FORT MADISON
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Date: Thursday,
January 20, 2022
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: Sheaffer Meeting
Room and Online

Electronic Meeting
(Pursuant to Iowa Code
Section 21.8)

An electronic meeting
is being held because
a meeting in person is
impossible or impractical
for the health and safety
of Library Board mem-
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and the public presented
by COVID-19. You can
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- I. Excused absences
 - II. Approval of Agenda
 - III. Public Comments
 - IV. Approval of minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting
December 16
 - V. Approval of the Bills
 - a. Approval of January
2022 Bills
 - VI. Correspondence
 - VII. Director's Report
 - be sure to include trust
fund end of year summa-
ries
 - a. Financial
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Programming
 - d. Collection Develop-
ment
 - e. Operations
 - f. Facilities - landscap-
ing
 - g. Professional
 - h. Reports to City
Council
 - i. Aarin Guzman Update
 - VIII. Unfinished Busi-
ness
 - a. Requested Budget
 - IX. New Business
 - a. Review Library Board
By-Laws
 - b. Review Collection
Development Policy
 - c. Review Personnel
Policy
 - d. Review ADA Check-
list Priority 3 – Toilet
Room
 - e. Meeting Room Soft-
ware
 - f. Newspaper Database
 - X. Trustee Education
 - a. Lee County Library
Funding
- Next Meeting February
17, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 15, 2021**

The Lee County Board
of Supervisors met at the
Lee County Office Build-
ing on Monday, Novem-
ber 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug,
Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler,
Rick Larkin and Garry
Seyb. All votes are unan-
imous unless otherwise
indicated.

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

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

There was no Public
Input.

Moved by Fedler, sec-
onded by Seyb, to table
approval of a resolution
lifting an embargo on
Primrose Road, until
completion of bridge work
on Highway 2. Motion
carried.

Moved by Seyb, sec-
onded by Larkin, to ap-
prove Resolution #2021-
102. Roll call: Seyb-aye,
Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye,
Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION 2021-102

WHEREAS, the Board
of Supervisors, hereafter
referred to as "the Board",
believes the "Pavement
Markings throughout
Lee County Secondary
Road System", hereafter
referred to as the project"
is in the best interest of
Lee County, Iowa, and
the residents thereof. The
project is defined as the
painting of yellow and
white lines, stop bars, RR
symbols, and stop ahead
symbols throughout Lee
County Secondary Road
System, as detailed in
construction documents
for M2022-01; 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 ap-
propriate and necessary
to protect, preserve, and
improve the rights, priv-
ileges, property, peace,
safety, health, welfare,
comfort, and convenience
of Lee County and its citi-
zens, 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
Advanced Traffic Control,
of Cedar Rapids, IA in the
amount of \$169,871.75
and awards the associ-
ated 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 ad-
judged 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 RE-
SOLVED by the Board
of Supervisors of Lee
County, Iowa, that after
receiving the necessary
contract documents, in-
cluding but not limited to,
the contractor's bond and
certificate of insurance,
Benjamin J. Hull, the
County Engineer for Lee
County, Iowa, be and is
hereby designated, autho-
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behalf of the Board of Su-
pervisors of said County
to execute the contracts
in connection with the
afore awarded construc-
tion project let through the
DOT for this county.

Dated at Lee County,
Iowa, this 15th day of
November, 2021.

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

Lewis Leon of LT Leon
Associates gave the
Board a presentation on
his company and their
experience with handling
inspection of pipelines.

Moved by Fedler,
seconded by Larkin,
to approve replacing a
part-time clerk and asking
the Administrative Union
Rep for permission to add
a Clerk II in the Treas-
urer's Office. Roll call:
Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye,
Harlow-aye, Seyb-aye
and Pflug-aye. Motion
carried.

Moved by Larkin,
seconded by Fedler, to
approve the appointment
of Mark Long, Brad Rob-
erts and Amanda Roberts
as Medical Investigators.
Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler,
seconded by Seyb, to ap-
prove Resolution #2021-
100. Roll call: Fedler-aye,
Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye,
Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION 2021 -100

LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVAL OF THE
ABATEMENT OF
PROPERTY TAXES AS
RECOMMENDED BY
THE LEE COUNTY

**TREASURER AND
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
IOWA CODE CHAPTER
445.63**

BE IT RESOLVED by
the Lee County Board of
Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. Iowa Code
Section 445.63 states that
when taxes are owing
against a parcel owned or

Parcel	Site Address	Amount
024715044060050	1320 Ave H	\$2,709.84
024715044060040	1324 Ave H	\$9,341.79
024715044060030	1328 Ave H	\$1,195.82
024715043260140	1713 Ave H	\$19,821.52
024715053350090	2833 Ave J	\$9,221.00

Section 3. The Coun-
ty Treasurer is hereby
directed to strike the
amount of property taxes
due on these City of Fort
Madison parcels in ac-
cordance with Iowa Code
Section 445.63.

Section 4. The Coun-
ty Treasurer is hereby
directed to forgive the
amount of property taxes
due on these City of Fort
Madison parcels in ac-
cordance with Iowa Code
Section 445.63.

Section 5. This Res-
olution shall take effect
immediately.

Dated this 15th day of
November, 2021

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

Moved by Seyb, sec-
onded by Harlow, to ap-
prove Resolution #2021-
101. Roll call: Seyb-aye,
Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye,
Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2021-101

RESOLUTION ABAT-
ING CERTAIN TAXES
AND DIRECTING THE
TREASURER TO RE-
MOVE THE PROPERTY
FROM THE COUNTY
SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee
County Treasurer has
submitted a written ap-

plication for removal of a
certain mobile home from
the county system and
the abatement of the tax-
es as uncollectible; and
WHEREAS, Section
445.16 provides in its
material part:

If the Treasurer deter-
mines that it is impractical
to pursue collection of the
total amount due through
tax sale and the personal
judgment remedies, the
treasurer shall make a
written recommendation
to the board of supervi-
sors to abate the amounts
due. The board of super-
visors shall abate, by res-
olution, 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:
Zacchary William
Lackro
Kiara Tenee Tillman
2002 REMN mobile
home
VIN-11263695
Dated and signed at

Fort Madison, Iowa on
this the 15th day of No-
vember, 2021.

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

Moved by Harlow,
seconded by Seyb, to
approve a Class E Liquor
License for Garner One
Stop, Montrose, for the
period December 1, 2021
through November 30,
2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb,
seconded by Fedler, to
approve the Family Farm,
Homestead, Military and
Disabled Veteran Tax
Credits for 2021. Motion
carried.

The Board canvassed
the Fort Madison School
District November 2,
2021 Election. The results
were:

For School Board
Member
Aleena Garr.....267

taxes due. If the govern-
ing body fails to immedi-
ately pay the taxes due,
the Board of Supervisors
shall abate all of the
taxes.

Section 2. The City of
Fort Madison has re-
quested abatement and
forgiveness for the follow-
ing parcels:

Parcel	Site Address	Amount
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024715044060040	1324 Ave H	\$9,341.79
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Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the canvass as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Monday, November 8, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to

approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a new hire for Conservation, Lia Risser, Environmental and Outdoor Educational Specialist I, \$19.10/hr., effective 11/15/21; a transfer for Andrea McVay, from the Treasurer's Office, Records Clerk \$15.47/hr. to the Assessor's Office, Administrative Assistant \$19.09/hr., effective 11/29/21; a step increase for Justin Counts, Correctional Officer, from \$18.11/hr. to \$20.91/hr., effective 11/27/21 and a merit increase for Jail Sergeant Matthew Killoren, from \$20.91/hr. to \$22.99/hr., effective 1/1/22. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on a Child Care Coalition meeting. Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Health Department Director Michele Ross gave the Board an update on COVID numbers.

At 10:00 a.m., a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid November 15, 2021

Ace Hrdwr, splys... 101.93
 Advd Crctnl Hlth, svcs 10792.17
 Agriland FS, fuel 8446.09
 Agrineed, splys 261.00
 Airgas USA, splys 1224.34
 Alliant Enrgy, svcs 10555.23
 Altorfer, splys 391.02
 Am Hm Fndng, svcs 1026.30
 J AndrsnCx, svcs 176.35
 E Andries, exps 18.00
 Applied Cncpts, equip 4780.00
 L Aschbrenner, svcs 195.43
 Augustine Const, svcs 4200.00
 Bates Sntatn, svcs.. 225.00
 DBeckinger, svcs 184.33
 C Bergthold, svcs ... 177.83
 E Biddenstadt, exps 13.50
 Blessing Hlth, svcs 260.00
 Blue Top Excvtng, svcs 166924.50
 K Bohnenkamp, svcs 194.85
 T Booten, svcs 173.95
 J Booth, exps 297.45
 Bound Tree Med, splys 1722.92
 R Bowden, exps 21.60
 Brghtree Hm Hlth, svcs 2413.50
 T Buckley, exps 212.51
 SBurgessCanida, svcs 171.50
 L BrtnHrrlsn, svcs ... 192.91
 Do Cackley, svcs 208.18
 Du Cackley, svcs 172.63
 L Cadwallader, svcs 323.55
 KCamposPatlan, svcs 169.39
 K Cannon, svcs 178.70
 D Chaney, svcs 144.00
 City/Dnnlsln, svcs... 238.31
 CCS, svcs..... 375.00

Connection Ins, ins 2141.00
 Elctrcal Engrg, equip 368.03
 A Cook, exps 99.90
 M Cook, exps..... 143.10
 D Cosby, exps 450.00
 Culligan, water..... 71.99
 Democrat Co, publ 5099.00
 L DeFord, exps 38.25
 DM Co Shrff, svcs ... 18.24
 Dodd Prtg, splys ... 245.00
 R Downey, svcs 192.73
 C Enger, svcs 166.31
 D Enger, svcs 187.01
 R Essex, svcs 158.20
 H Evans, svcs 185.59
 T Evans, svcs 170.02
 B Fader, exps 126.90
 Family Res, svcs .. 2192.55
 Fastenal Co, equip 823.90
 Floyds EZ Way, svcs 60.00
 T Forseen, svcs 34.20
 FM Hsing Auth, svcs 1878.33
 FM Water, svcs 139.43
 H Fowler, svcs 196.64
 L Fox, svcs 223.78
 M Frueh, svcs 51.50
 Garner FdMart, fuel 666.84
 G Glasscock, svcs.. 187.95
 B Gray, svcs 187.60
 GRRWA, svcs 485.90
 M Gunn, svcs 175.58
 TO Haas Tire, svcs 171.74
 Susan Hanan, svcs .. 43.00
 L Hansen, svcs 213.71
 S Happs, svcs 173.51
 Hartricks Lmbr, parts 134.74
 A Hayes, svcs 190.35
 K Hayner, svcs 187.71
 S Helenthal, exps ... 68.85
 B Hill, svcs 190.61
 Hoenig Tree Srv, svcs 1625.00
 Mi Hogan, svcs 187.28
 D Holtkamp, svcs ... 176.66
 Home Thrpy Sol, svcs 2052.60
 K Houston, svcs 204.75
 J Hudson, svcs 235.80
 Huffman Wldng, svcs 400.15
 ICONNECTYOU, svcs 128.00
 IMWCA, ins..... 9751.00
 IA Off of St ME, svcs 2028.00
 IA State Pen, meals 13662.00
 J&S Elec Bus, splys 855.20
 S Jeffries, svcs 313.65

M Jessen, svcs 236.26
 G Johnson, svcs 190.43
 H Johnson, svcs 205.70
 J Johnson, exps 41.40
 T Jordan, svcs 117.19
 JW Medical, equip 500.00
 L Kane, svcs 212.71
 D Kearns, svcs 181.40
 Keltek, equip 15101.45
 Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ 200.00
 Keo Wtr, svcs 58.91
 KingLynk Fnrl, svcs 1240.00
 D King, svcs 189.58
 P Knustrom, exps 286.65
 B KrmrRsbrg, exps 28.80
 J Kratzer, svcs 190.63
 R Krogmeier, svcs .. 159.00
 K Kuntz, svcs 172.36
 L Kunz, svcs 172.36
 Lawson Prdcts, svcs 333.11
 LeeCo Atty, exps... 529.01
 Liberty Util, gas 68.66
 C Lindeman, svcs... 208.76
 Lynch Dallas, svcs 4766.00
 McFarlands, splys 1324.36
 LMehl, exps 9.90
 CMeller, svcs 785.13
 P Menke, svcs 36.50
 B Merschman, svcs 165.00
 J Metcalf, svcs 184.10
 B Meyers, svcs 214.80
 MidAm Enrgy, gas 547.85
 Midway FrtlInr, svcs 10399.46
 NMiller, svcs 186.58
 O Miller, exps 155.70
 S Mills-Echols, svcs 208.98
 B Mitchell, svcs 183.82
 L Moander, svcs 189.70
 MES, unif 69.00
 JJ Nichting, parts 3.95
 AT Conf, svcs 30.82
 M Nusbaum, svcs... 181.63
 OReilly Auto, svcs .. 190.68
 SOLTmans, svcs 147.50
 OMG MW, svcs 3202.33
 Onmedia, adv 602.00
 Optum Rx, splys ... 699.52
 L Orwig, svcs 199.83
 D Ott, svcs 172.15
 M Park, exps 186.75
 RPttrsnRh, exps 122.40
 B Peevler, svcs 218.25
 Pen City Crmt, publ 1057.50
 Pen Cty Sht Mtl, svcs 59.99

L Peterson, svcs 172.80
 S Peterson, svcs 209.25
 M Pflug, exps 40.00
 Pilot Grv Bnk, splys 198.00
 PLS, edu 1440.00
 Practicon, svcs 166.44
 Prem Off Equip, svcs 111.61
 Prtchrd Brdctg, publ 350.00
 Prugh Fnrl, svcs ... 1314.96
 CPundt, svcs 203.85
 Quad City Tstg, svcs 3420.00
 Red Lion Rnwbl, svcs 1284.46
 Reg Util Svcs, svcs 1850.72
 C Renstrom, exps 144.90
 K Robbins, svcs 176.23
 M Robbins, svcs 186.83
 A Roller, svcs 172.16
 RSM US, svcs 1610.38
 J Sams, svcs 171.75
 J Saunders, exps 64.80
 A Schiller, svcs 1952.22
 J Schneider, svcs ... 770.00
 SEIL FscI Agnt, svcs 530150.48
 P Settles, svcs 160.49
 R Shenkor, svcs 522.90
 Shortys Portys, svcs 130.00
 SIADSA, svcs 4492.50
 SEIRPC, svcs 10000.00
 K Spear, exps 14.85
 P Stone, svcs 188.38
 Stryker Sales, equip 405.19
 R Swainey, exps ... 131.85
 D Sylvester, svcs 180.28
 M Terhune, exps ... 642.15
 Total Maint, svcs 693.00
 US Cell, svcs 2479.60
 Verizon, svcs 0.06
 J Vradenburg, svcs 3.60
 L Wallingford, svcs 190.32
 WapelloCo Adtr, rent 4211.20
 WshngtnCo Shrff, svcs 36.00
 J Wessel, exps 136.80
 West Grp, splys .. 1554.28
 West Pt Utlty, svcs.. 855.09
 L Wheatley, svcs 205.24
 R Williams, svcs 160.45
 C Woodworth, svcs 152.50
 Yng Hse Fmly Svcs, svcs 1446.15
 Bobbi Zinnert, exps 454.50
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From the Front

City officials to meet with IEDA for targeted marketing talks

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He said it would require adaptive rehabilitation and new construction in a wide range of housing markets.

Mohrfeld said the job market will also be a factor, but said this is a rare time in a rural part of Iowa with traditionally high unemployment rates where open jobs outnumber the jobless.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker said there are currently 600 jobs in the county that are unfilled.

"Jobs are not our limitation on growth," Mohrfeld said.

He said the city has done a great job on improved infrastructure including roads, sewer and water and doing things that can accommodate. He said the city also needs to clean up their curb appeal and Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker quickly pointed to downtown sidewalks.

Mohrfeld said the city's public safety is a "shining star" for Fort Madison. He said projects like the Marina, the relocated Depot and the new highway are also hallmarks for the city, but projects like sidewalks need to have a goal addressed.

"These are all cogs in the wheel and we need to look at that wheel as growing our town," Mohrfeld said.

He said it's a goal that needs to be put together in a way where the 1,000 people can prosper and then choose to stay.

"The easiest way to grow a business is to retain a customer. The easiest way to grow Fort Madison is to keep people," he said.

There are also efforts underway to reach out to people who have left and start to understand why they are leaving.

Mohrfeld said he and Bowker will be meeting with

Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham in February to talk specifically about targeted marketing for Fort Madison and what options are available.

"This isn't about running ads, "Come to our Town", this is about reaching out," Mohrfeld said.

He said a Visioning Group could be formed similar to the one put together to start the renovation of the marina. He said that would include businesses, existing economic groups, youth, and city staff.

Mohrfeld said conversations with economic development people has revealed that this is one of the first times that people from outside the area without connections are applying for jobs in Fort Madison and rural America.

"We have two school districts with new schools, we have a progressive bunch here. A community college here, and we have the Mississippi River which is a heck of an asset," he said.

"What I'm doing tonight is challenging all of us that we join in a common voice and put that bullseye on the wall and take up the challenge that in four years we can add 1,000 people to our town."

"I'm 100% on board with all of this," Bowker said. "Of course we need housing and in order to bring them we need the housing. It really has to work in tandem and in multiple circles working at the same time to accomplish this.

"Everyone we bring to the community may not look like us. They may have different beliefs, colors, religions and what have you. We need to embrace those communities and really look forward to how they bring value to our community. I really think we can do that."

Mohrfeld said 150 years ago the railroad reached into Mexico and brought workers up to the area through available jobs.

"And look at what that's done to the identity of this town," Schulz said. "This is what vision looks like in a town that's going to progress and not regress. It's going to grow and not die."

Chad Cangas said he was surprised that local industries are now seeing applications from people outside the area with no connections to the area.

"There are jobs here and jobs in a place where the wage as compared to the cost of living is good. There are other towns where the average wage is way higher than here, but it doesn't pay their bills. There is a chance to live well here," Cangas said.

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WHEN:

Friday, January 21, 2022

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Reception: 4:30-5:00

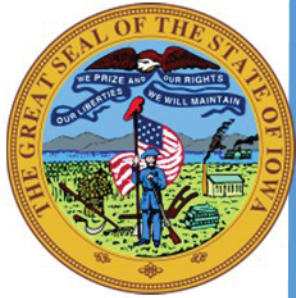
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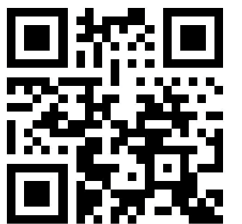
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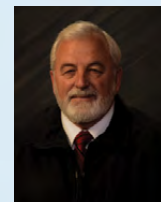


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