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Growth plan multi-faceted

MORE DETAILS SHARED: Mayor wants to target those connected, looking for better

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An aggressive plan to increase the population of Fort Madison about 10% in four years will take many tables of people and targeted solicitations, but Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said there's a difference between the vision of the plan, and the goal.

Mohrfeld elaborated Tuesday the details of the program, some of which were outlined at last week's City Council meeting.

"The goal is to add 1,000 people in four years. Why that's important is that there are people, communities out there that have initiatives. But they're not saying they're going to add x number

of people. There's a real difference in a vision and a goal," he said.

"We're not getting a 2,000-employee packing plant and bringing in refugees or anything like that. But this is about diversity. We want diversity in jobs, people, and housing because that's what a community needs. In no way shape or form is this designed around flying to Puerto Rico and handing out 1,000 airplane tickets. But we'll have to embrace diversity and I truly, truly mean that. The world is different than Fort Madison."

Mohrfeld outlined some of the plans last week, including seven strategic categories that need to be addressed specifically to make the growth sustainable.

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UNANIMOUS NO. 1

Hounds roll south of the border

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KAHOKA – The night was frigid, the popcorn was ho-hum, but the Bloodhound boys basketball team lived up to the hype and then some as they rolled Clark County 89-29 Tuesday night in Kahoka.

The Bloodhounds are the unanimous choice for the No. 1 team in the state in Class 3A as of Monday's AP Iowa High School rankings, and showed all of that against the Indians. Aside from an opening tip that went to Clark County, it was all Fort Madison.

With seniors Dayton Davis and Miles Dear leading the way, the Hounds held Clark County to just nine points and carried a 50-9 halftime lead, prompting head coach Ryan Wilson to start working different combinations throughout the second half to get other players on the floor.

Matt Hopper came off the bench and nailed three 3-balls in a row in the first half, the first to end the first period. Then the senior rained in two more from the

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Unanimous No. 1

FMHS senior Dayton Davis tries to posterize Tristen Pitford (33) Tuesday night with a dunk from the left side as the top-ranked Bloodhounds downed Clark County 89-29 in Kahoka.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Early outs add to library programs

BY SARAH CLENDINENG
FM Library Director

FORT MADISON – Once Upon a Wednesday

There are a lot more school early out days over the next few months so we have made some changes to our program, including the names. Wacky Wednesday will now be 'Once Upon a Wednesday'. Once Upon a Wednesday you can still make crafts but there will also be so much more. Once upon a Wednesday you can play games with friends or family including oversized Jenga and Checkers and board games like break the ice or pass the pigs. We will have mini cooking days, a chance to make your own snacks. We will also be adding movie days, popcorn included. See the library calendar of events for specific event details.

Blind Date with a Book 2022

Why not go on a blind date with a book? There will be a display of books introducing themselves with their first sentence at the library during February. The books will be wrapped in plain paper so you won't know the title, author or genre, though you may have a rough idea of how long it is based on size. All you can see is those first few intriguing words. That first sentence that can hook you and set the tone for the rest of the book. Pick a book that seems tantalizing, check it out and take it home to unwrap it and read it. Don't like the book you picked? No problem, stop reading and return it. There won't be a quiz and nobody's feelings will be hurt. The book won't care and librarians understand that people's tastes in books vary. However, on the other hand, you might also find your next favorite book or author and this is a great opportunity to try reading out of your comfort zone.

Books to Love

Love in Color: Mythical Tales From Around the World, Retold by Bolu Bablola (F BAB)

The Love Songs of W.E.B. Dubois by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers (F JEF)

Love & Other Crimes: Stories by Sara

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

FRED J. EWING

Fred J. Ewing, 63, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 7:22 a.m. Sunday, January 23, 2022 at his home.

Fred was born September 13, 1958 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Robert Lyle and Lenna Marle (Bennett) Ewing.



EWING

Fred grew up the Carthage, Illinois area and graduate from the Carthage High School in 1976. Following high school he attended Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois. Fred worked several years as a welder for Fruehauf in Fort Madison, Iowa. He was employed for the past 15 years as a truck driver for Scanlan & Sparrow Trucking, Inc.

Fred never met a stranger and made friends wherever he went. His many friends and family referred to him as Uncle Ogre. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, traveling, reading and was a huge history buff.

Survivors include one sister: Mary Lynn of Germany; one local cousin: Jim (Shelley) Bennett and numerous other family members; his second family: Donald and Dyna Scanlan, Martin and Traci Sparrow and family, Jay and Tiffany Kosse and family, and Marc and Skye Sparrow and his Goddaughter: Carlie.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life and burial in the Elvaston, Illinois, Cemetery will be held this Spring. A memorial fund has been established for HUGS in Hancock County or the Dallas City Food Pantry. Memorials may be sent to the Fred Ewing Memorial Fund, c/o Scanlan & Sparrow Trucking, 1826 East State Highway 9, Dallas City, Illinois 62330.

To leave a condolence for his family, please visit Fred's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

DEANNA M. McCLARNON

Deanna M. McClarnon, 54, of Denmark, IA, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 2:13 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

She was born on May 23, 1967 in Rockford, IL to Milburn "Red" and Lois Baxter Holmes. On March 16, 2002 she married Mitchell McClarnon in Ft. Madison.



McCLARNON

Deanna spent time doing crafts, especially knitting. She also enjoyed going to auctions, yard sales and collected Pooh bears and dolls.

Survivors include her husband, Mitchell McClarnon of Denmark; one daughter, Elizabeth (Blake Pauwels) of Ft. Madison; one brother, David; four sisters, Paulette, Brenda, Andrea and Judy and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Carol and Christina and her grandparents.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Don Skinner officiating and the family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Burial will be in Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

JOAN A. GROSS

Joan A. Gross, 93, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 8:00 AM at the Kensington.

She was born on February 10, 1928 in Bucklin, MO to V.E. and Ina Ashlock Groce. On June 20, 1948 she married Garland E. Gross in Bucklin and he passed away on



GROSS

September 21, 1991. Joan worked at Sheaffer Pen Company in the corporate accounting department and retired after thirty three years of service. She was a member of Union Presbyterian Church where she served as Treasurer. Joan was also a member of NARVE, a sixty year member of Order of Eastern Star, and enjoyed reading.

She is survived by a niece, Janet (John) Ledford of Dahlonga, GA. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband on one sister, N. Otea Groce Marcusson and a niece Sally Marcusson.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will be held from 9:30 AM just prior to the service. Burial will be in Park Lawn Memorial Gardens in Brookfield, MO.

A memorial has been established for Union Presbyterian Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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From the Front

Targeted marketing to identify those who fit FM

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Those included housing, jobs, infrastructure, attraction/retention, public safety, quality of life, and a targeted marketing effort.

Mohrfeld said it will take about 400 new housing units based on current people per household averages in the city.

But jobs and public safety are already in place. On Tuesday Mohrfeld said public safety in Fort Madison is the city's "shining star".

"I think our police and fire are top shelf and in good conscience I think we can market that we keep people safe here. Have we had some shootings, sure, but I would still say our people are safe here. Statistics do back that up," he said.

Current statistics also show there is a 68% participation in the workforce in Iowa, but the area has more jobs than people.

As far as infrastructure, the mayor points to recent improvements and current projects in the works. He said the city is already designed for 15,000 residents so adding 4,000 should be easy to absorb.

"We've already ramped up our infrastructure improvements and that includes water, streets, sewer, etc. There's more to be done for sure, but that's important to note," he said.

The one area in which the city is lagging is curb appeal and he said that's a drum he's been beating officially for three years.

"We need to be prettier. Our areas of high visibility have to be better," he said.

The idea regularly heard around the community about there being nothing to do is met with stark contrast by Mohrfeld, who quickly points to the Tri-State Rodeo, Mexican Fiesta, Riverfest and the Summer Downtown Markets.

He also said there are amenities that people frequently mention the city is without that are actually within 20 minutes of the city.

"Within 20 minutes we have two pro bicycle shops, a running store, two or three bowling alleys. I'm in Phoenix and I can't get to one of those in 20 minutes," he said.

"Within 20 minutes we have a skating rink. We have one of the top outdoor rodeos in the nation, a Mexican Fiesta, a downtown festival. Tell me there's no events in the area and nothing to do. How many people have an Amtrak station in town. Isn't it interesting how you look at things?"

But when asked about where the 1,000 people are going to come from, Mohrfeld doesn't hesitate to say the goal is audacious and the growth will come from internal and external sources.

"We're going to have to reach out to find the fit for Fort Madison, and find the fit for those potential people," he said.

"If someone can come to Fort Madison and prosper, that's what we need - healthy,

wealthy, and wise. It's not just enough to be happy, you have to be successful and you have to be healthy. That's the holy trinity of prospering."

Mohrfeld and City Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker are making the trip to Southeast Iowa Days in Des Moines next week to meet with state officials including Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham.

Mohrfeld said that conversation will focus on broad topics of marketing the community as well as potential state incentives to encourage people to relocate to the area, including housing incentives.

He said the best incentives are those that build on each other.

"Are there incentives that could link jobs to housing? Say an incentive to pay the first three months of rent, or help with a down payment. Maybe that comes from an Iowa Workforce Development Grant, a Lee County Economic Development Grant, a city grant, employers match out on an incentive," he said.

"If Matt's Greenhouse hires a grower and gives him a \$10,000 incentive to relocate here and \$3,500 gets matched out by funds or groups of funds - what a cool idea. That's brainstorming and visioning."

He said the effort would focus on people that were here that may be looking for a reason to come back, getting people to stay, even if that means returning after college, and getting with parents who would like to see their children stay and aren't ashamed to say that.

Mohrfeld pointed to Mike and Allison (Pickard) Park who brought their jobs back with them to Fort Madison, where she grew up, bought her parents home, and opened Pool 19 Plants and Records in town.

"Now we got people coming into town with their jobs. We're seeing that and that was a connection to our town. And they're having a lot of fun with that vinyl shop."

Mohrfeld said geographically, Illinois would make a good place to start to look for people who are frustrated with the direction of that state. But he said the idea didn't come from a couple 'Come to Quincy' billboards that popped up on the edges of town in the past four months.

"This has to be more about the connections," he said. "But when you do think of geography and where we could potentially find people who fit Fort Madison, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that Illinois is the place to pick on."

He said this ambition will be different than the rapid success of the marina overhaul, but he said it shouldn't be lost that the right dozen or so people can get things going.

"You put that right 12 people in the room and it can scare them how fast things move," Mohrfeld said. "This won't be one table, this will be seven tables where people come together."

"I mean, what do we do... do we sit around and die, or recognize we need to move forward?"

February library agenda packed with events for all ages

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Fools in Love edited by Ashley Herring Blake (YA F BLA)

Love Does by Bob Goff (248.4 GOF)

Vegetables Love Flowers: Companion Planting for Beauty and Bounty by Lisa Mason Ziegler (635 ZIE)

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Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry (EF CHE)

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Bingo Love by Tee Franklin (GN FRA)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library -

For the safety of library employees and other patrons, please do not come to library programs if you feel ill, have a fever or are waiting on the results of a coronavirus test. The library is still offering curbside book pick-up if you need something to read, watch or listen to but want to keep your community healthy by temporarily quarantining.

Library Closed - The Fort Madison Public Library will be closed for the President's Day Holiday on Monday, February 21.

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Thursday Crafternoon - Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14-adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month. During the month of February the group will begin working on a bottle gnome and crescent moon shaped wreaths.

Hang Teen - Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 (except for February 22) for ages 12-19.

Minecraft - 3:30-5:00, ages 9-18 on Mondays.

Once Upon a Wednesday - Join us from 1:30-2:30 for a variety of adventures. February 2, make a valentine's mail box. February 9, make your own snack. February 16 family fun day with games and other activities. February 23, we'll have a movie starting at 1:30 pm.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, February 3, we will be discussing "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. On Thursday, March 3, we will be discussing "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline.

Cook the Book - This month's cookbook is "Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African American Cooking" by Toni Tipton-Martin. Pick a recipe and prepare it to share with the group on February 8 at 5:30 pm. In March, we will be picking recipes from "Afternoon Tea" by Lesley Mackley.

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Holy Trinity Sports

HTC boys run out of gas at Danville

Crusaders fall to No. 10 Bears by 22

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DANVILLE — The fuel ran out. There was enough gas to carry Holy Trinity's boys basketball team into late in the third quarter against No. 10 (Class 1A) Danville in Tuesday's game.

Eventually, though, the Bears just wore down the Crusaders.

The 63-41 loss was another example of how much Holy Trinity has improved this season, even if it didn't show in the final score.

The Crusaders (3-14 overall, 3-10 SEI Superconference South Division) were within five points on three occasions, the last time at 41-36 with 1:30 left in the third quarter. But Danville (14-1, 11-1) pulled away, outscoring Holy Trinity 22-5 the rest of the game.

It was the second game in two days for the Crusaders, who lost 54-53 to Cardinal on Monday night.

"We played a lot better last night," Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said. "Tonight, we had tired legs."

Holy Trinity, which lost to Danville 72-35 at home earlier this season, was down 16-5 late in the first quarter of this game and trailed 32-19 at halftime. But the Crusaders opened the second half with a 7-2 run in the first 1:30.

"We came out a little lethargic," Hellige said. "We kind of got energized for the third quarter there, played pretty solid."

Maddox Rung's 3-pointer got the Crusaders within 37-32 with 2:50 left in the quarter. The teams traded baskets, and when Conner Gehling scored on a putback, the Danville lead was just 41-36. But the Bears scored six points over the final 1:10, then opened the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run.

"Their defense was pretty stifling," Hellige said. "It was hard to get anything going, set-wise."

Mike DiPrima led the Crusaders with 12 points. Rung had 10.

"We're making strides every night," Hellige said. "The kids are playing well. We're making strides from the beginning of the year. Just try to keep building."

Lady Crusaders squander lead

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DANVILLE — Tony Johnson knew his Holy Trinity girls basketball team left a lot of points behind in Tuesday's 51-44 loss to Danville.

The Crusaders, who scored a season-high 80 points on the Bears in a win earlier this season, squandered countless opportunities in this game.

"Missed free throws, missed rebounds, too many hurried shots," Johnson said. "It's on me. We'll fix it tomorrow."

The Crusaders (10-7 overall, 10-4 SEI Superconference South Division) were coming off a 52-30 win over Cardinal on Monday night. But Danville (6-10, 5-7) kept the pressure on Holy Trinity throughout the game.

Defensive stops were



turned into longer possessions because of missed rebounds. The Crusaders were also 10-for-20 in free throws, 5-of-12 in the first half when they had a chance to extend an early lead.

"We shoot hundreds of free throws every night in practice," Johnson said. "There's no excuse. Zero."

Those misses proved costly late in the first half. Holy Trinity led 23-17 with 3:12 to play, but the Bears scored the final nine points of the quarter.

Holy Trinity got the lead back to open the third quarter on back-to-back 3-pointers from Teagan Snaadt and Natalie Randolph, but the Bears answered with a 7-1 run.

Danville led by as much as seven points twice in

the second half before the Crusaders rallied. They tied the game at 42 on Kassi Randolph's basket inside, but they would miss their next five shots over the next three minutes as the Bears took control of the game.

"We took a lot of shots too early, rather than work it around," Johnson said. "And when we missed shots, we didn't get rebounds. There was no reason not to win tonight."

Brooke Mueller led Holy Trinity with 13 points. Snaadt had nine. Mary Kate Bendlage had seven.

Holy Trinity stayed in second place in the division, a half-game ahead of Central Lee. The two teams play Friday at Holy Trinity.

"We have to play better," Johnson said.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 13, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

There was no Public Input.

Lee County Compensation Board Chairman Larry Kruse presented the Compensation Board's recommendation for salaries for Elected Officials for Fiscal Year 2023. The recommendation was 45% for the Sheriff and 10% for all other elected officials.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-99. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2021-99

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa met on July 26th of 2021 to consider placing a load limit of ten (10) tons on J56 (Primrose Road) between the Van Buren County Line and 180th Ave; and

WHEREAS, The Board resolved under Iowa Code Section 321.473 to enact the 10-ton limit on J56 (Primrose Road) and directed the Lee County Engineer to erect signs informing the public of said restrictions; and

WHEREAS, The Lee County Board of Supervisors no longer finds the load limit necessary;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby repeals the load limit for vehicles on J56 (Primrose Road) from the Van Buren County line to 180th Ave, effective upon the removal of signs as soon as practical.

Resolved this 13th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member.

Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a quote from Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Sheldon, for a service body with a crane for Secondary Roads' sign truck, in the amount of \$143,672.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-127. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2021-127

APPOINTING LEE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

WHEREAS a county medical examiner shall be appointed by the Lee County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term pursuant to Code of Iowa Section 331.801(1), and

WHEREAS Dr. Amy Huber has agreed to serve as County Medical Examiner for Lee County pursuant to an approved Contract Agreement between Lee County and Dr. Huber for County Medical Examiner Services, and

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that effective January 1, 2022, Dr. Huber is and shall be appointed to serve and act as Medical

Examiner for Lee County and shall have all powers, rights, and duties, in such position including appointment of Deputy Medical Examiners in accordance with Code of Iowa Chapter 331 and otherwise as provided by law.

Be it Further Resolved that Dr. Huber shall serve a two-year term, which may automatically renew for like-terms without further Resolution unless or until this appointment is terminated in writing.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of DECEMBER, 2021.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-128. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2021-128

APPOINTING LEE COUNTY DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

WHEREAS a county medical examiner shall be appointed by the Lee County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term pursuant to Code of Iowa Section 331.801(1), and

WHEREAS Dr. Meghan Wooster has agreed to serve as Deputy County Medical Examiner for Lee County pursuant to an approved Contract Agreement between Lee County and Dr. Wooster for Deputy County Medical Examiner Services, and

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that effective January 15, 2022, Dr. Wooster is and shall be appointed to serve and act as Deputy Medical

Examiner for Lee County and shall have all powers, rights, and duties, in accordance with Code of Iowa Chapter 331 and otherwise as provided by law.

Be it Further Resolved that Dr. Wooster shall serve a two-year term, which may automatically renew for like-terms without further Resolution unless or until this appointment is terminated in writing.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of DECEMBER, 2021.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a contract with Dr. Amy Huber as Lee County Medical Examiner, effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a contract with Dr. Meghan Wooster as Lee County Deputy Medical Examiner. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Pflug signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Iowa for an Opioid Settlement. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve replacing the IT Director. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-124. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION 2021 -124

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

| Parcel | Site Address | Amount |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 044521222000310 | 365 Carbide Ln. | \$13,530.00 |

Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount of property taxes due on this City of Keokuk parcel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 427.2.

Section 4. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to forgive the amount of property taxes due on this City of Keokuk parcel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 427.2.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 13th day of

December, 2021
Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2021-125. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION 2021 -125

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 427.2

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

Section 1. Iowa Code Section 427.2 states that when land or rights in land are acquired in connection with or for public use or public purposes, the acquiring authority shall assist in the collection of property taxes and special assessments. However, assistance in the collection of the property taxes does not require the payment of property taxes on the property acquired which exceed the amount of just compensation offered as required by section 6B.45 for the acquisition of the property. For that portion of the prorated year for which the acquiring authority has possession of the property acquired in connection with or for public use or public purposes, all taxes shall be canceled by the county treasurer. From the date of possession by the acquiring authority for land or rights in land acquired in connection with or for public use or public purposes, and for as long as ownership is retained by the acquiring authority, a special assessment shall not be certified to the county treasurer for collection while under public ownership.

Section 2. The condemnation commission appointed for 365 Carbide Lane, Keokuk, IA 52632 found just compensation for the City of Keokuk's acquisition of the property to be in the amount of \$0.00 on March 31, 2021.

Section 2. The City of Keokuk has requested abatement and forgiveness for the following parcels:

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 427.2

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

Section 1. Iowa Code Section 427.2 states that when land or rights in land are acquired in connection with or for public use or public purposes, the acquiring authority shall assist in

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the collection of property taxes and special assessments. However, assistance in the collection of the property taxes does not require the payment of property taxes on the property acquired which exceed the amount of just compensation offered as required by section 6B.45 for the acquisition of the property. For that por-

| Parcels | Amount |
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| 041521321000040 | |
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| 041521322000110 | |
| 041521331000020 | |
| 041521331000030 | |

tion of the prorated year for which the acquiring authority has possession of the property acquired in connection with or for public use or public purposes, all taxes shall be canceled by the county treasurer. From the date of possession by the acquiring authority for land or rights in land acquired in connection with or for

| Site Address | Total |
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| | 544.00 |
| | 241.00 |
| | 21.00 |
| | 479.00 |
| | 748.00 |
| | 540.00 |
| | 348.00 |
| | 579.00 |
| | 554.00 |
| | 344.00 |
| | <u>\$4,398.00</u> |

public use or public purposes, and for as long as ownership is retained by the acquiring authority, a special assessment shall not be certified to the county treasurer for collection while under public ownership.

Section 2. Lee County has requested abatement and forgiveness for the following parcels:

a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Cody and Rycki Mehmert 1048 Pilot Grove Road Salem IA 52649

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-123

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jesse Richers 1753 346th Avenue Wever IA 52658

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-122

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Todd and Jolene Hall 2970 County Road 103 Fort Madison IA 52627

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

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

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, December 6, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a new hire for Secondary Roads, Josh Patton, Mechanic, \$20.88/hr., effective 12/27/21 and a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Cole Lee, Correctional Officer, \$18.11/hr., effective 12/13/21. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

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Seyb reported on a Port Authority meeting and the Ft Madison Depot Dedication. Health Department Director Michele Ross gave an update on Covid statistics for Lee County.

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid December 13, 2021

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| Nxt Deg Comm, svcs | 495.00 |
| ABC Fire Extnng, svcs | 129.80 |
| ABRA Auto Body, svcs | 13838.30 |
| D Abraham, svcs | 586.25 |
| Agriland, fuel | 1572.63 |
| Airgas USA, splys | 257.33 |
| All Ssns Music, svcs | 75.00 |
| Alliant Energy, svcs | 8345.23 |
| Altorfer, parts | 538.80 |
| Amazon, splys | 122.88 |
| APCO Intrnl, dues | 96.00 |
| Atlantic Costa, splys | 337.95 |
| Ball Volvo, splys | 60.40 |
| Bergen Innc, svcs | 67345.00 |

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Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount of property taxes due on this Lee County parcel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 427.2.

Section 4. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to forgive the amount of property taxes due on this Lee County parcel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 427.2.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2021

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

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve a renewal contract with Maximus U.S. Services for actuarial services, for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Mt Hamill Tap, for the period January 16, 2022 through January 15, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve six tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-119

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Gregory Menke 2016 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-120

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Mark and Lori Meierotto 2598 121st Street West Point IA 52656

Iowa. PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-121

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jesse Richers 1753 346th Avenue Wever IA 52658

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-122

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted

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| E Biddenstadt, exps | Kempkers, splys... 100.80 |
| 42.75 | King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs |
| N Booten, exps..... 189.45 | 1200.00 |
| J Booth, exps..... 178.20 | P Knustrom, exps |
| Bnd Tree Med, splys | 305.10 |
| 49.45 | Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs |
| Brightree Hlth, svcs | 895.15 |
| 2413.50 | BKRiesberg, exps |
| Busin Radio Lic, publ | 102.60 |
| 105.00 | LeeCo Abstract, svcs |
| City/Donnellson, svcs..5.11 | LeeCo Auditor, Ctrl Purch |
| Connection Bnk, svcs | 9696.38 |
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| Electrical Engrg, parts | 221250.00 |
| 900.00 | LeeCo Hlth, svcs.. 1549.81 |
| A Cook, publ 199.35 | LeeCo Rec, prmtrs... 17.75 |
| CJ Cooper, svcs 290.00 | LeeCo Treas, costs |
| Cullen Pest, svcs.... 284.00 | 15656.69 |
| Culligan, water..... 49.00 | Liberty Util, gas..... 156.10 |
| Democrat, publ ... 1887.40 | McFarlands, splys |
| L DeFord, exps..... 60.30 | 598.97 |
| DM Co Hlth Dpt, svcs | V McGinnis, svcs.... 185.00 |
| 6903.61 | McKesson Med, splys |
| J Dilks, exps 150.00 | 1868.40 |
| RK Dixon, equip.... 301.38 | Mediacom, svcs..... 204.73 |
| Dnnlsln Lmbr, equip | L Mehl, exps 22.95 |
| 868.80 | MetLife Dental, ins |
| Douds Stone, mtrl | 369.51 |
| 6945.77 | MidAmer Res, splys |
| EMSLRC, edu..... 138.00 | 491.54 |
| Enderle Htg, parts | MidAmer Enrgy, gas |
| 357.59 | 2224.71 |
| B Fader, exps 261.00 | O Miller, exps..... 121.95 |
| R Fedler, exps 61.95 | Mohrfeld Elect, svcs |
| Ferguson Entr, equip | 1250.00 |
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| Fidelity Sec., ins 112.23 | 4538.89 |
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| 40.00 | AT Conf, svcs 19.73 |
| Floyds EZ Way, svcs | O'Reilly Auto, splys |
| 60.00 | 41.59 |
| T Forseen, svcs..... 8.10 | Occupntl Hlth, svcs |
| FM Hsng Auth, svcs | 126.00 |
| 2692.24 | OMG MW, svcs 1666.73 |
| FM Water, svcs..... 307.59 | Onmedia, adv 600.00 |
| Four Oaks, svcs 326.55 | Optum Rx, splys... 661.87 |
| J Giebelhausen, exps | M Park, exps..... 53.55 |
| 35.55 | Pen City Current, publ |
| S Gray, svcs 92.25 | 652.50 |
| GRRWA, svcs..... 422.07 | K Pflug, svcs..... 554.45 |
| Griffin Mflr, svcs..... 417.64 | Phsnts Forever, dues |
| Grp Bnft Prtnrs, svcs | 250.00 |
| 3456.00 | Prairie Farms, splys |
| TO Haas Tire, svcs... 83.99 | 408.00 |
| J Hall, exps 296.10 | Pritchard Brdctg, publ |
| A Hayes, exps..... 116.10 | 350.00 |
| Health Sol, svcs..... 471.00 | Qdnt Finance, pstg |
| Hellige Lawn, svcs... 110.00 | 4000.00 |
| Heritage Med, splys | Rairdens Auto, svcs.. 65.00 |
| 30.00 | J Rea Jr, exps..... 255.95 |
| Hoenig Tree, svcs | Red Lion Rwbl, svcs |
| 3800.00 | 1202.91 |
| Hope Haven, svcs 43.50 | River Hills Vllg, svcs |
| J Hudson, exps..... 153.45 | 14840.69 |
| Huffman Widng, svcs | RSM US LLP, svcs |
| 277.93 | 204.53 |
| ICONNECTYOU, svcs | J Saunders, exps.... 18.90 |
| 256.00 | T Schroeder, exps .. 46.80 |
| ICS Jail Splys, svcs | P Settles, exps..... 149.80 |
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| IA DOT, svcs..... 1106.76 | 34.20 |
| IA Law Enfmt, ed .. 375.00 | The Toner Place, splys |
| IA Prison Ind, splys | 115.00 |
| 1358.36 | US Cell, svcs..... 1416.58 |
| IA St Pen, meals | West Pt Utility, svcs |
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Dear leads Hounds with 25 in Kahoka

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Senior Tate Johnson picks the pocket of Indian guard Gage Winters in the 3rd quarter of the Hounds' 89-29 win over Clark County Tuesday night. Johnson finished with 10 points on the night. The Hounds take on Fairfield on Thursday night in a Southeast Conference clash.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

left baseline to start the second quarter. Hopper would finish with 17 on the night. Dear led Fort Madison with 25 points, Davis had 15, and Tate Johnson was also in double figures with 10.

The Bloodhounds went 9 of 15 from the field in the first quarter alone racing out to a 24-4 lead. Clark County wouldn't get into double digit scoring until the third quarter as a menacing full court presence led to repeated steals and quick buckets in transition for Fort Madison.

"Hopper's a great player for us. Shoots well and did that this week in practice. He comes out here and hits four 3s and a couple of freethrows. It was nice to see him have a spark tonight," said Head Coach Ryan Wilson.

Clark County's Drayson Daniels gave the Indians a little spark at the start of the third period with four straight buckets, but Fort Madison answered each possession and after a Davis putback about half way through the period, Fort Madison was in full command 57-17.

Wilson said it's always tough to decide who gets playing times in lopsided games, while keeping the team focused on staying hungry.

"The hardest job as a coach is playing time. Who should play and when do you pull your seniors that have worked so hard for four years," he said. "But we got a lot of good minutes and were able to get our sophomores in there with the seniors in the fourth quarter, and then pulled the starters with five minutes to go."

The complacency is something Wilson said he's seen this year, despite the Hounds' undefeated 13-0 mark and top-ranking in the state.

"We didn't have much to talk about after the game, just our regular end game thing, but at the half we talked about just not being complacent. Stay hungry and continue to work hard. We've had some games where we've had leads like that and then we come out and don't take care of the ball or finish with an exclamation point," he said.

The Hounds were anything but complacent as they finished the fourth quarter on a 21-9 run including a 3-pointer and a 3-point play from Hopper.

Wilson said he was happy with the leadership he's been seeing from the seniors, while Dear and Davis lead the way.

"Miles is our floor general for sure. He's the vocal guy making sure we're doing what we're supposed to do," Wilson said. "Dayton's leadership is all through effort and how he plays. He works hard, gets deflections in the front end of the press, and does what he needs to do. They both lead in different ways."

Fort Madison travels to Fairfield Thursday night. The Trojans are just 1-6 in Southeast Conference and 4-9 overall, but Wilson said it's a tough road trip.

"It's tough to play in that gym. We lost at the buzzer to them last year so they'll be ready."

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