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FMSCD to ponder project bids

OPTIONS: Carl A. Nelson to present bid options on \$25M facility upgrade

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison School officials will be considering two different options as part of a \$25 million facilities upgrade at the middle school and high school Tuesday.

At a special meeting set for Tuesday at 6 p.m., the council will hear from Carl A. Nelson regarding recommendations on bids that were received on the work.

Bids came in totaling just over \$24 million on work to put all preK-6th grade students in an expanded middle school building and all 7th-12th grades in expanded high school

facilities.

The bids however didn't include any bids for drywall, insulation, and painting. The project received no bids for that work.

Carl A. Nelson is proposing two options. The first would be to approve about \$21 million in project bids, but reject about \$3 million in site paving, and rebid that work. That option also includes rebidding two other packages, including athletic equipment and the drywall/insulation/painting work that received no bids.

The other option is to reject all the bids entirely and rebid

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Hoskins Field debacle with attorneys

NO LAWSUIT: Davolt says an injunction was dangled last year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A property owner near Bill Hoskins Field on the FMHS property said the district has not been threatened with a lawsuit over foul balls that have damaged his property.

Darrell Davolt, 2101 Avenue A, said Tuesday that he has not filed a lawsuit against the district and he isn't sure how the issue boiled over last weekend on social media.

"There's no lawsuit," Davolt said. "We said we would seek an injunction if they didn't want to put a retaining fence up to keep the balls on their property. But we haven't done that and my lawyer said, 'let's not do that'."

Davolt said the issue is in front of the school district. He said it's his understanding the district was close to signing an agreement with Baxter's



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A dispute over foul balls landing on private property behind Hoskins Field at FMHS has the property owner wanting action.

but backed out at the last minute.

"I was shocked this blew up this weekend. Everyone was calling me and telling me I have a lawsuit and no, I don't. I said they were welcome to come by and look at all the papers we've given to the superintendent. But once she gives it to their lawyer, you can't talk to the superintendent anymore.

"I don't know where the rumor started, but it went crazy."

Dr. Erin Slater, FMSCD superintendent, said she couldn't comment on the issue other than to confirm attorneys are involved.

"The attorneys involved are continuing the conversation. That is all I

can say at this time."

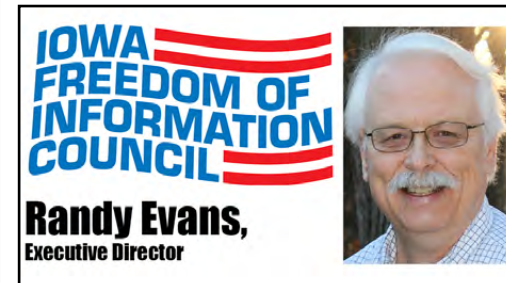
Davolt said the district has told him they want to work things out, but it may not be until the end of the season.

"There's no lawsuit and I don't think there'll be one," Davolt said. "They're wanting to comply, but the letter I have says they want to do it at the conclusion of this season. Well, that's not acceptable.

"What if I'm walking down there or my grandchild is riding her bike or battery-operated car and gets hit in the head? That's not being responsible. The school system is a poor

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OPINION



W.W.J.D is now a question for archbishop

Officially, bishops and archbishops in the Roman Catholic Church have one boss, the pope. Of course, their ultimate authority figure is Jesus.

That's why many Catholics and non-Catholics have been asking a very simple question in recent days: W.W.J.D.? What would Jesus do?

The question has been circulating since the archbishop of San Francisco announced on Friday that priests there no longer are allowed to provide communion to one of the most prominent Catholics in America, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi's home is in San Francisco. But the liberal Democrat's views on abortion have put her on the radar of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, whose views are more conservative than hers.

On Friday, he released a letter to Pelosi in which he said she must disavow her support for abortion rights or stop coming forward for communion.

He wrote, "I am hereby notifying you that you are not to present yourself for holy communion, until such time as you publicly repudiate your advocacy for the legitimacy of abortion and confess and receive absolution of this grave sin in the sacrament of penance."

Cordileone's letter prompted a flood of observations, and some should make church leaders squirm with discomfort.

Yes, there have been statements of support from Cordileone's fellow bishops and from faithful Catholics.

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WEATHER

FRI 27 MayLight Rain, 69° F/ 55° F
SAT 28 MayRain, 73° F/ 53° F
SUN 29 MayOvercast, 86° F/ 66° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 05/25.....5 11 17 21 49, Star Ball: 5 All Star Bonus: 2
LUCKY FOR LIFE 05/2511 12 28 30 37, Lucky Ball: 1
PICK 3 05/25 MIDDAY.....6 4 5
PICK 3 05/25 EVENING.....4 9 2
PICK 4 05/25 MIDDAY.....8 3 6 3
PICK 4 05/25 EVENING.....5 8 3 9
POWERBALL 05/25.....19 28 39 42 57, Powerball: 17 Power Play: 3

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

ROBERT K. LAUBERSHEIMER

Robert Kenneth "Bob" Laubersheimer, 78, of Keokuk, IA passed away peacefully on Monday, May 23, 2022 after several years of health challenges and complications.



LAUBERSHEIMER

Bob was born on September 12, 1943 in Keokuk, IA, son of Robert and Louise (Squeak) Laubersheimer. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1961 and after graduation served in the United States Army for 2-years before returning to Keokuk. He had been employed by many local companies throughout his life, eventually retiring in 2010 from Jim Baier Service Department in Ft Madison.

In 1972, he was united in marriage to Shirlee Peevler. Although they later divorced, Shirlee continued to be the one constant in his life, being his friend and caregiver to the end.

Those who knew Bob knew he was an avid sports fan and during his younger years, you would find him along the sidelines of many athletic events. Many know that if you talked sports with Bob, he was a man of many words, otherwise, he was a man of little. He umpired and coached many kids, teens and even adults throughout the years, but watching his daughter Shellee and coaching his son Brent, brought him the most joy. In addition to being his children's biggest fan, he enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes and St. Louis Cardinals and later took a love to Connecticut Women's basketball only to spite his daughter because she was a huge fan of their rival, the Tennessee Lady Vol's.



He was also a member of the Keokuk Elks Lodge 106 and served as secretary for over twenty years.

Bob is survived by his ex-wife and friend Shirlee Peevler Laubersheimer (Jeff Zinnert), one daughter, Shellee Laubersheimer of Mountain View, CA, sisters, Judy (Flint) Peyton and Jennifer Laubersheimer, brother, Wayne (Donna) Laubersheimer and many nieces and nephews. Most importantly, he is survived by his loving granddaughter (Brent's daughter) Emma, and his chosen family Anita Roth (Emma's mother) and her three children McKenzie and Michael Ballard and Justin Webb all who he considered as his other grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Brent, his father Robert and mother Louise all in 2008, his brother in-law William (Bill) Peevler and mother in-law Lois Peevler McKee.

Graveside services with Military Rites will be held on June 13, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

OBITUARIES

NED O. RHEA

Ned Otis Rhea, 77, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at his home.

He was born July 1, 1944 in Grand Island, NE, the son of Wilbur and Arlene King Rhea. Ned's father, Wilbur, passed away in 1946, at which time Ned's aunt and uncle, Gladys Rhea Smith Briley and William Briley of Keokuk took guardianship of Ned and raised him as their own with their children, Betty, Wanda, John, Elizabeth, William and Dorothy.



RHEA

Ned entered the United States Army in November 1961. He proudly served his country working as a teletype operator in Frankfurt, Germany. He received his Honorable Discharge in 1964.



Ned was married to Kathy Crabtree in Keokuk in 1966. To their marriage was born a son, Joel Lyn Rhea in 1969. They later divorced. Ned was united in marriage to Patricia Lynn Smith Sigler on September 4, 1976. Ned adopted Patricia's two children, Torrantz Sigler Rhea and Holly Claire Rhea in 1977. To their marriage a daughter, Melissa Lynn Rhea was born in 1979.

Upon returning to Keokuk, Ned worked at Tigue Motors, Keokuk Water Works, Sheller Globe, and Midwest Carbide as a supervisor until the closing of the plant. He then went to Vradenburg Enterprise and ended his working career as a greeter at Keokuk Walmart where he worked for eleven years of which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Ned was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, was a coach for the Keokuk little League and supported his children in all of their endeavors. As a family, the Rhea's supported the Keokuk Schools music and athletic programs, the girls' softball program where he served as a softball umpire and also supported dancing and bowling. Ned loved to sing and his favorite song was One Tin Soldier.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia of Keokuk, two sons, Joel Lyn Rhea (Raquel), and Torrantz Sigler Rhea (Chastity), and two daughters, Holly Claire Rhea (Michael) and Melissa Lynn Rhea (Joseph), grandchildren, Yazmin Rhea, Tatyanna Rhea, Kiersten McClain, Tori Rhea, Alex Paris Alger (Zach), Beau Paris, McKenzie Paris (Kaitlyn Maulding), Ethan Otis Rhea (Sara Nuno), great-grandchildren, Easton Alger, Lane Alger, Riley Alger, Camille Alger, Mason Paris and Legend McClain. He is also survived by his siblings Elizabeth Briley Newberry (Rodger), Dorothy Briley Burrell (Rich) and William (Sonny) Briley.

He was preceded in death by three siblings, Betty Smith McGee, Wanda Smith Baugher and John Briley.

A graveside service with Military Rites will be held at 4:30 p.m., Friday at Keokuk National Cemetery with Milo Van Veldhuizen and Larry Connour officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to the family.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

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



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MARVIN L. PEZLEY

Marvin Lester Pezley, 81, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, May 23, 2022 at Blessing Hospital Keokuk.

He was born October 3, 1940 in Summitville, IA the son of Lester "Pete" and Stella Sunden Pezley. Marvin graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1959.

On August 8, 1983 he was united in marriage to Judy Chambers in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Stanley Pezley and Rick Pezley (Sandy) of Keokuk, one daughter, Kim Kendrick (Jim) of Hamilton, IL, four grandchildren, Amanda Dinwiddie (Steve), Ashlee Boatwright (Cody), Alayna King and Kimberly Kendrick and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Isabelle Krichel of Naples, FL, MaryAnn Underwood (Dale) of Keokuk and Barb Bozeman of Jacksonville, FL, one brother, Gary Pezley (Barb) of Keokuk and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Stanley Pezley, one sister, Joyce Gundy and two brothers-in-law, Joe Krichel and Burt Bozeman.

Marvin had been employed by Roquette in Keokuk for thirty-nine and a half years until his retirement. He then worked at the Keokuk Municipal Airport for ten years.

Marvin enjoyed spending time outdoors deer hunting and loved working on his classic convertibles. He especially enjoyed tinkering with things around the house to see how they worked. Marvin loved his family and looked forward to hosting family gatherings and annual hayrides for the past twenty-two years.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to Keokuk Animal Services.

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



PEZLEY

KATHY M. BLINT

Kathy M. Blint, 66, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 10:00 PM at the home of her son, Josh surrounded by family.

She was born on August 20, 1955 in Washington, IN to Robert and Lucille Wratten Wood.

On July 30, 1977 she married Ricky Lee Blint in Ft. Madison and he passed away on March 23, 2019. Kathy was a rural mail carrier for the USPS and retired in 2019 with over thirty years of service. She enjoyed animals and taking care of them, traveling and cooking. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Jaron Blint of Ft. Madison and Josh (Jo Schmid) Blint of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren, Haysten, Max, Kaiah, Kaydence & Nash; two sisters, Kristy Wood of Ft. Madison and Cecilia (Norbert) Lindauer of St. Henry, IN; two brothers, Dennis (Catherine) Wood of New Castle, KY and Jim (Vicki) Wood of Plainfield, IN; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband; two brothers and one sister.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dan Dorau officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the funeral at 11 AM. Burial will be in Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



BLINT

We remember and celebrate all those who fought for our freedom on this day.



Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition on Monday or Tuesday, May 30th & 31st in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7 and we will resume publication of the e-Edition Wednesday, June 1st.

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BARBARA E. PEITZ

Barbara E. Peitz, 91, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:32 PM at The Kensington.

She was born on November 26, 1930 in Gibbs, MO to Edward and Edna Schwaderer Mc-Vay. On May 6, 1951 she married Charles J. Peitz in West Point and he passed away on September 28, 2002. Barb worked in food service at the Ft. Madison Junior High School and retired after twenty three years of service. She was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, CWF, and was also a Deaconess of the Church and an office angel of the church. Barb enjoyed playing the slot machines and cards, cooking and traveling to many places with her good friend Betty Vincent.

Survivors include one son, John Peitz of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Teresa Peitz of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren, Jeremy, Andrew, Carrie, Jason & Jennifer; nine great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers, Ronald McVay and Virgil Shouse.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory Pastor Cheryl Simpson officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11. Following the funeral, she will be cremated and the burial will be in Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 10 AM.

A memorial has been established for the First Christian Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



PEITZ

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Rick Larkin. The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to allow Brian Wright, with The Madison, to hold a Senior Health Fair at the Newberry Center on June 2, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a \$1,500 price adjustment on a sign truck for Secondary Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a \$4,000 price adjustment on a Mack Granite Dump Truck Chassis for Secondary Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to table approval of the Chief Elected Official Shared Liability Agreement with Mississippi Valley Workforce Area, until Pflug can obtain more information. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an amended agreement with the City of Fort Madison for Combined Voting Precincts. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Monday, April 11, 2022 Board Minutes. Motioned carried.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a step increase for Tammy Wilson, Health Department Finance Operations Program Director, from \$38.19/hr. to \$38.95/hr., effective 5/10/22; a step increase for Michael Shelangoski, Environmental Program Director, from \$33.53/hr. to \$34.20/hr., effective 5/13/22; a step increase for Laura DeFord, Family Support Worker, from \$17.14/hr. to \$17.51/hr., effective 4/18/22; a step increase for Rae-

gan Swainey, LPN, from \$25.60/hr. to \$26.10/hr., effective 4/25/22; a step increase for Rachel Heidebreder, Dental Assistant, from \$17.17/hr. to \$17.51/hr., effective 4/13/22 and a step increase for Amy Cook, MIEC Family Support Worker, from \$20.53/hr. to \$20.94/hr., effective 5/29/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Fullenkamp Farms in Marion Township.

Committee Reports: Harlow reported on a Conservation Board meeting.

Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Seyb reported on a meeting with the City of Fort Madison regarding drainage issues with the PORT Trail, a meeting with the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding a safe route for Siemen's wind blade trucks due to the closing of an on-ramp on Highway 27/Highway 218 interchange south of Donnellson and an Empowering Families meeting. Pflug reported on a Regional Mental Health SEIL Board meeting.

At 10:30 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

Claims paid April 18, 2022

ABRA Auto, svcs .. 3777.80
Access Enrgy, svcs 520.79
Ace Hrdwr, splys..... 28.93
Advncd Rdlgy, svcs 141.82
Agriland, Fuel 7192.59
Airgas USA, svcs.... 165.23
Alliant Enrgy, svcs 9921.86
Amazon, splys 94.13
A Applegarth, rent... 40.00
J Baier, svcs 32.92
Blessing Hlth, svcs 2742.80
Jackie Booth, exps 411.30
Brightree Home, svcs 2413.50
Burlington Fire, svcs 34162.55
Commerce Bank 1password, starter pk 21.35
4imprint, splys..... 1426.93
Access Systems, maint 127.65
Adobe, sbscrptn... 210.76
Alliant, svcs 240.33
[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), splys 551.43
American Heart, cpr 139.12
Americinn, lodging 276.64

Amazon, splys 7688.21
[Apple.com](https://www.apple.com), rntl..... 53.49
Applebees, meal..... 17.00
ASCC, reg 1500.00
Aaility, svcs..... 35.00
Axon, bttrys..... 174.46
BP, Fuel 60.00
BTS, splys 395.01
Building Materials, plaster 39.98
Burger King, meal.... 11.55
Casey's, fuel 210.30
CDW, splys 169.56
Cenex, Fuel 118.56
Centurylink, svcs.. 3059.09
Claim MD, sftwr 100.00
Country Store, Fuel 31.50
Court Ave Brewing, meal 144.66
Customink, unifs 1743.66
Denmark Jet Stop, fuel 69.00
Digitalbuyer, svcs 35.00
Dish, svcs 69.38
Dollar General, splys 116.90
Donnellson Lumber, splys 381.05
Donnellson Tire, svcs 510.00
Drury Inn, htl 778.70
DXE Medical, splys 180.00
Embassy Suites, lodging 347.20
Farm & Home, splys 368.97
Firebird's, meal 164.02
[Flightbrdgd.com](https://www.flightbrdgd.com), splys 97.94
Ft Madison Vet, svcs 121.96
Galls, unif..... 1096.43
Goodyear Auto, tires 775.90
[Greenssteel.com](https://www.greenssteel.com), svcs 270.00
Griffin Muffler, svcs... 95.04
Hancock Journal, blc 1210.28
Harbor Freight, splys 14.99
Hulu, sbscrptn..... 13.90
Holiday Inn, lodging 2033.38
Huffman's, splys 1566.38
HyVee, splys..... 50.64
IA Dept Public Safety, svcs 15.00
IA Sec of State, svcs 30.00
IHCC Market Place, reg 45.00
Intern. Service Fees, fees 0.21
IA Events Center, parking 30.00
IA Public Health, svcs 735.00
IA Taproom, meal.... 17.23
[lowacntst.org](https://www.lowacntst.org), mbrshp 400.00
Jim Baier, svcs 177.89
Kempker's, equip .. 612.66
Kwik Star, fuel..... 30.02
Legis. Svcs, books ... 97.38
Love's Travel, Fuel 49.50
LU Midstates, gas 964.80
Marketing Holders, hold-ers..... 48.22
McDonald's, meal 9.41
McFarland-Swan, splys 1390.32
Mediacom, intrnt 4800.00
Medpro Waste, svcs

..... 83.00
Menard's, splys..... 237.88
Microsoft Store, 356 reg 74.89
[Netflix.com](https://www.netflix.com), svcs 19.25
Office Regulating, rfnd -200.00
Officemax, splys 1419.81
O'Reilly Auto, parts 25.58
Parking Meters, fees 2.75
Parking Ramps, parking 5.00
[Partstree.com](https://www.partstree.com), parts 64.07
Phillips 66, fuel 21.01
Phillips Auto, svcs..... 20.80
Pilot, meal..... 23.80
Pitney Bowes, splys 381.88
Quadient, equip 150.00
Rathbun, water 142.50
Shell Oil, fuel 95.59
Sherwin Williams, paint 220.71
Shottenkirk, svcs 25.00
Tmobile, svcs 48.44
Turbo Wash, car wash 9.00
US Cellular, svcs 196.22
USPS, pstg 794.40
Verizon, phone.... 2071.07
Vistaprint, cards..... 25.67
Wal Mart, splys..... 470.69
Win Supply, parts.. 930.10
Wiss & Wiss, parts 357.26
WM Supercenter, plys 290.87
Xpert Auto, svcs 100.00
Zoom, mbrshp 320.79
A Cook, exps 214.65
M Cook, exps..... 199.80
Culligan, water..... 41.95
Democrat Co, publ 567.00
L DeFord, exps 189.00
DM Co Hlth Dpt, svcs 5615.38
LDettmers, xps 10.80
Donnellson Tire, svcs 79.45
B Fader, exps 213.30

Federal Engrng, svcs 3601.16
First Child Finance, svcs 5000.00
T Forseen, svcs..... 126.00
Garratt-Callahan, svcs 690.70
GRRWA, svcs..... 6256.00
GreatAm Financial, equip 119.00
J Hall, exps 448.20
Hancock Co Hlth, svcs 1095.00
R Heidebreder, exps 68.40
Home Thrpy Sol, svcs 3690.80
J Hudson, exps..... 218.70
ICONNECTYOU, svcs 155.00
Intrst All Battery, splys 55.65
IA Div/Labor, prmts 175.00
IA Sec/St, DP svcs 413.23
IA St Assc Co Adtrs, reg 210.00
S Jeffries, exps 244.80
Jireh Inc, svcs..... 174.00
Johnson Co ME, svcs 7758.00
JW Medical, equip 701.00
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FORT MADISON
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**PUBLIC HEARING
May 31, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

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Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures.

AGENDA

- I. Call Public Hearing to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. Ft. Madison PK-6 and 7-12 Additions and Renovations
- IV. Receive written comments regarding Ft. Madison PK-6 & 7-12 Additions & Renovations
- V. Receive oral comments regarding Ft. Madison Ft. Madison PK-6 & 7-12 Additions & Renovations

VI. Adjourn

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May 31, 2022
6:05 P.M.**

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AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. Consider approval of EF WWII Study Abroad trip during March 2023 Spring Break
- IV. Consider approval of

John Devine as Richardson Elementary Principal
V. Consider approval of Four Oaks Professional Learning Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year

VI. Consider approval of Nutrition Fund Equipment Purchase

VII. Consider approval of Agreement with Salvation Army for Summer Lunch Program

VIII. Discussion of update from CANCO regarding bid summary and options for PK-6 and 7-12 Additions and Renovations Project.

IX. Consider approval of CANCO bid recommendation for PK-6 and 7-12 Additions and Renovation Project:

- a. Award Base Bid Packages 1, 3-8, 10-11, 13-17 and Reject Base Bid Packages 2,9 and 12 and rebid Base Bid Packages 2 and 9.
- b. Reject all Bid Packages.

X. Adjourn

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Note: The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources shall not consider bids if they are not received by the Department of Natural Resources, either at its mail room or at its Fourth Floor Reception Desk, by the time and date described in this Notice to Bidders, regardless of whether the bid was mailed prior to that time and date or whether the bid was received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or other state government location prior to that time and date.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50312. Please visit www.beelin-

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The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall

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Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

LEE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 20-06-56-01
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Proposal Guarantee: \$6,250.00
Completion Date: 10/31/2022
Project Description: This project consists of the removal of an existing, sectional concrete beam, low water crossing, the installation of articulated concrete block matting, removal and installation of an RCP culvert, placement of macadam/erosion stone/rip rap and ditch cleaning.

CLAY COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-01-21-01
Dewey's Pasture WMA Smith Slough Road Maintenance
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 10/31/2022
Project Description: This project consists of HMA pavement maintenance; crack cleaning/filling/sealing, transverse joint repair, patching and fog sealing. It also includes the removal of 3 CMP and replacement with 3 RCP.

APPANOOSE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-05-04-02
Rathbun Wildlife Unit Sedan Bottoms Office
Proposal Guarantee: \$4,000.00
Completion Date: 04/30/2023
Project Description: The Rathbun Wildlife Unit needs an office space at the Sedan Bottoms location. A recently acquired piece of land has been set aside for this new office location and this project will place a mobile home office unit on this site.

APPANOOSE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 22-05-04-07
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From the Front

Richardson to get new principal

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the whole project.

At a bid opening about two weeks ago, Chris Smith, vice president of Construction for Carl A. Nelson, asked the board for two more weeks' bid time to see if the firm could generate more interest from bidders on the project.

Smith said the landscape of construction business right now is that it's tough to get firms to commit to projects.

"It's just a sign of the busy market right now. It's our hope that with this two-week extension we'll give people some time to work on it, and attract more bidders," he told the board.

A public hearing on the project is set for 6 p.m. with a special meeting slated for 6:05 p.m. Written and oral comments will be heard at the hearing.

Also on the agenda is the hiring of John Devine as Richardson Elementary Principal. Devine will be replacing Todd Dirth who submitted his retirement that was approved at last week's board meeting.

Devine comes to the district as a Facilitator for the Polk Alternative Education Center and

Bertram/Four Oaks in Cedar Rapids. He has also been a department chair, member of the digital literacy team, and has co-taught classes in grades 2-12. He has a Board of Educational Examiners license of PK-12 Principal / PK-12 Special Education Supervisor and Evaluator.

He will be on a 260-day contract at a salary of \$85,000.

District steps back from moving softball

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neighbor."

The issue surfaced when two trees were taken down in construction of the PORT trail that runs behind the softball and baseball fields. The two trees helped keep a lot of the foul balls hit over the back stop from going onto Davolt's property. Now those balls regularly land in Davolt's yard or strike a garage that was constructed behind the field.

A social media frenzy whipped up over the weekend and the school district inquired as to moving the games to Baxter Sports Complex. An agreement had been reached to move the games to the complex on the city's west side, but the district backed off the agreement and is still playing games at Hoskins Field.

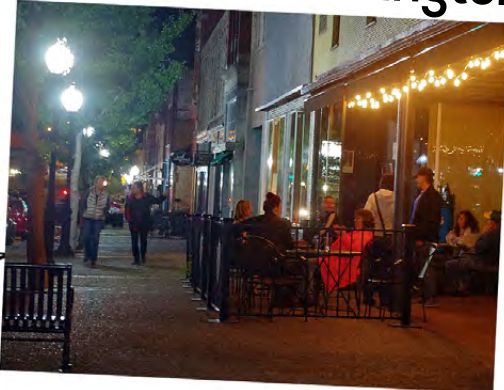
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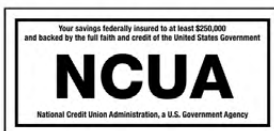


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Most Americans are not absolutists about abortion

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But Pope Francis himself has spoken out on the debate among U.S. Catholics over the issue of whether politicians who support abortion rights should be permitted to receive communion. Last September, he said bishops should be pastors, not politicians.

"What must the pastor do?" Francis asked. "Be a pastor. Don't go condemning. Be a pastor, because he is a pastor also for the excommunicated."

Of course, Francis is steadfast on abortion. He calls it murder. But he also reminds people, and his fellow church leaders, that we are all sinners and communion is not a prize for the perfect, but a medicine and nourishment for the weak.

Last year, when Archbishop Cordileone and other U.S. bishops pushed to ban President Biden, another prominent Catholic, from receiving communion, Francis conveyed his thoughts by saying communion "is not the reward of saints but is the bread of sinners."

Most Americans are not absolutists on the abortion issue. They are neither totally anti-abortion, nor totally pro-choice. They see circumstances when they believe the procedure is proper and should be allowed. But they also see circumstances when it should not be permitted.

The archbishop and his letter and the spectacle it creates will sow division and further polarize an America that already is sharply divided — rather than working to bring healing at a time when our nation sorely needs that.

The archbishop's statement on Friday led to comments like, "W.W.J.D.? I think he said something about casting the first stone," and "I don't advocate for pro-death-penalty Catholics to be denied communion. It's wrong to weaponize a sacrament."

Congressman Mike Thompson, a California Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church, shared a letter he received from a friend who is a priest. That priest grasps the significance of communion much better than does the archbishop.

"I want to write a longer piece about those bishops who seek to keep some from the table of Christ, but for now I will say this: It is not your table (nor mine). Bishops, priests, etc., are neither the hosts, nor the bouncers, nor the ones who wrote the guest list.

"Jesus Christ is the one who invites the guests; he is the host of those who come; he is the setter of the table; and he is the feast which is shared.

"We are the guests at the meal, and sometimes (by his calling) servers. So, stay in your lane, please. The wait staff don't get to exclude those who want to come. If you don't like the company Christ calls (and, admittedly, it is a rag-tag bunch of sinners, one and all), it's you who need to leave the table, not them."

Amen.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and can be reached at DMRevs2810@gmail.com.

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