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## Board OKs EMS incentive

**STAFFING CRITICAL:** Director asks for holiday pay to encourage staff to pick up shifts

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Board of Supervisors approved using a double-time-and-a-half incentive to help fill critically short staffing issues within the county's EMS service.

Lee County EMS Ambulance Director Dennis Cosby said staffing shortages are being seen throughout the country and incentive pay has worked in the past.

"I know this comes at a bad time with the raises that were just approved, however, we are continuing to have critical staffing issues here at EMS," Cosby said. "This is not an isolated issue for Lee County EMS. It's currently a national problem and probably one of the worst we've

faced in EMS history."

Cosby said EMS staff has been underpaid for years, coupled with the expense and time of education for certification and the global pandemic is making it difficult to convince and attract people into the field.

He said EMS staff usually works 24-hour shifts and typically gets little rest. He said mandatory overtime is not being well-received and is leading to poor morale.

"Frankly, it's not very safe to do. We're only able to mandate overtime to full-time staff which further complicates mandatory overtime," he said.

Typically the weekend shifts are the toughest to fill. He said the staff is also short one full-time paramedic

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## ELECTION

### Pete Seyb to challenge

### Harlow in 3rd

*Seyb is the brother of current board member Garry Seyb, Jr.*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Talk about following in your brother's footsteps...

Donnellson's James "Peter" Seyb formally announced his candidacy to run for the Lee County Board of Supervisors Monday night.

Seyb would be challenging Rich Harlow (D-Montrose) for the 3rd district seat.

Seyb is the third person to announce a run for Supervisor. Fort Madison City Councilwoman Donna Amandus and City Councilman Tom Schulz are also running. They will be running to fill the seat being vacated by Rick Larkin.

But Seyb will also be looking to join his brother Garry Seyb, Jr. on the board. Garry Seyb was elected in 2019 ousting long-time board member Gary Folluo.

Both brothers are registered Republicans, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they would be on the same page all the time.

"While getting signatures to be placed on the ballot I have fielded some concerns with having two Seybs on the county board of supervisors," Pete said.

"While I do speak with my brother often and we farm together, we each have our own minds on what "right" looks like. An example would be the discussions concerning the rogue cows near Argyle and the possibility of a county ordinance regulating loose animals.

"While my brother seemed to be very much in support of an ordinance, I was not. I believe the situation could be handled without an ordinance and I believe the situation was resolved without an

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## Guzman takes over FMAAA center for February exhibit

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE  
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON – "Journey to the HeART" by Fort Madison native Tracee Guzman opens Friday, February 4th with a Reception from 5pm to 7pm at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Ave G in Fort Madison. The exhibit runs through February 26th, 2022 tracing Guzman's artistic journey from abstract and mixed media artist, to Art Instructor at Burlington's Notre Dame and now coming back to her alma mater, Holy Trinity. Her most recent expedition has cast her into the world of illustration as a children's book illustrator.

Guzman says that she began her art career at age 3 when she won her first coloring contest. Sticking to her artistic roots and intending to

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Image courtesy of FMAAA

Tracee Guzman's abstract art is the subject of the February art exhibit at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association.

## Carthage man found dead outside city due to exposure

CARTHAGE – A 27-year-old Carthage man was found dead outside Carthage city limits Sunday, but no foul play is suspected based on a preliminary investigation.

Hancock County Sheriff Travis Duffy reported that on Sunday, February 6, at

approximately 1:25 p.m., deputies were called to a report of the male being found deceased near the city.

Carthage Police had taken a missing persons report earlier in the day around 9:20 a.m. The subsequent investigation led to the discovery of a body con-

firmed as Darren K. McGrew, 27, of Carthage, McGrew had been reported missing and was identified as the deceased male.

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# Obituaries

## MARY THOMPSON

Mary "Lynn" Thompson, 78, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born January 2, 1944 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Harold and Marjorie Worster Wright. Lynn graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1962.



THOMPSON

On December 23, 1961, Lynn was united in marriage to Robert "Bob" Thompson in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on February 28, 2014.

Lynn had been employed by the New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk as the church secretary for nine years. She also had been employed by Spurgeons and Von Maur both in Muscatine, IA, Foil Graphics in Keokuk and the Keokuk Community School District where she was known as the "Lunch Lady" for fifteen years.

She was a member of New Testament Christian Church and attended small group Bible studies at Jim and Shirley Worrell's house for many years. Lynn served on the board of the Keokuk Community School Foundation and served as the secretary on the Lee County Historical Society. She was also a member of the "Save the Keokuk Union Depot Committee", Modern Quilt Guild, Retired School Personnel and was very involved in the Class of '62 Committee.

Lynn was a skilled seamstress and participated in several sewing groups and classes. She loved doing all types of needlework from sewing to machine embroidery and created beautiful quilts and pieces for her family and friends to enjoy. She was

an avid Iowa Hawkeye football fan, loved to read, enjoyed photography and spending time on the computer.

Lynn is survived by her children, Kristian Thompson (Debbie) of Rio Rancho, NM, Shawn Thompson of Elizabethtown, KY, Tim Thompson (Sharon) of Haysville, KS and Holly Thompson of Keokuk, a very special nephew, San Wright of Gulf Breeze, FL, who thought of Lynn as a mother, eleven grandchildren, Danae Thompson and Lori Abeyta both of Rio Rancho, NM, Brinda Porter of Campbellsburg, KY, Rabeca Rigdon, Nathan Thompson, Nicole Caire and Noelle Thompson all of Haysville, KS, Jeremiah Todd of Athens, AL, Andrew, Amos and Jonah Thompson all of Keokuk, IA, ten great-grandchildren and she is also survived by one brother, Richard Wright of Gulf Breeze, FL and two sisters-in-law, Becky Payne of Keokuk and Lois Thompson of Louisburg, KS and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Phyllis Ketter, one brother, Gerald Wright, two brothers-in-law, Roger Thompson and Steve Thompson and two sisters-in-law, Karen Lander and Dee Wright.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk with Brother Bill Hauser and Pastor Derek Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to New Testament Christian Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## KATHY A. HARDY

Kathy Ann Hardy, 66, Fort Madison, Iowa died February 2, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington, Iowa. She



HARDY

was born November 15, 1955 in Michigan, a daughter of Charles and Lucille (Smith) Hardy.

She worked in customer service for the GTE telephone company, retiring in 1996. She attended the Victory Faith Church, Fort Madison. She enjoyed photography, scrapbooking and was a big Beatles fan.

Kathy is survived by her brother, John (Janice) Hardy, of California; two sisters: Linda Doyle, of California and Sheri (Roman) Villanueva, of Fort Madison, Iowa; two nieces: Jennifer (Brian) Mena, of Fort Madison, Iowa and Laura (Matt) Corodimas, of California and great nieces and nephews: Kelcie, Marina, River, Wyatt and Ripley.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No formal services are being planned at this time. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Kathy Hardy family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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## From the Front

# Pipeline spurred candidacy

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ordinance. In the end brothers are brothers, but don't necessarily see "eye" to "eye." Seyb has lived his entire life in Lee County, growing up on a family farm north-east of Donnellson. He graduated from Central Lee High School in 1996 and then attended Indian Hills Community College obtaining a degree in Machine Technology in 1998.

For the next 10 years he worked as a machinist and mechanic at several area factories and businesses and then in 2008 took a job at the Iowa State Penitentiary as a corrections officer until taking over as Correctional Trades Leader in 2013.

He now lives in Des Moines Township with his wife and four children. The family has a 134-acre farm and Seyb helps his brothers and sisters run the family farm, as well.

The recent announcements of several new pipelines proposed to run through Lee County pushed Seyb to consider a seat next to his brother on the board.

"I can honestly say I had not previously considered running until the announcement of another pipeline coming through the county and our family farm," he said.

"I have attended meetings and read articles concerning the Heartland Greenway carbon pipeline coming through Lee County. I feel, as a County Supervisor, I would be in a position to assist with concerns other farmers may have and receive updates from the county-hired inspector."

The mask mandate and handling of the pandemic in the county were also areas of concern.

"During the beginning of the pandemic, I had some very strong feelings as it related to the county mandatory mask talk and possible fines being imposed," Seyb said.

"These concerns, as well as mandatory vaccine discussions still continue nationally. While I'm not against wearing a mask or taking vaccines, I believe it is and should be a personal choice."

Seyb said he also believes in being fiscally responsible to county taxpayers, but said if the raises can be achieved without increasing the property tax levy, he is in support of increasing salaries.

"With what I have seen in the paper, if raises are able to be given without raising the tax levy, I am for it," Seyb said.

"And I look forward to serving the taxpayers of Lee County's 3rd District."

# Children's book author gets February FMAAA exhibit

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remain connected to art as part of her life's work, she graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University with a degree in Art Education. As a child, she had spent quite a bit of time drawing, and creating what has become the title character in her latest book, "Chester, the Almost Pirate". It is gratifying to her to bring Chester to life after so many years, and share him with others, especially young people.

Guzman released her first book, "The Witches Ball", last year in 2021. "Chester, the Almost Pirate" is set to be released later this year, in July of 2022. This month's exhibit, generously sponsored by Pen City Current, will feature an advance peek at some of the artist's original art that appear as illustrations in this book. The FMAAA Art Center is open from 10am-5pm Tuesday through Saturday.

# Fatality is ruled accidental

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tion show that McGrew died due to extended exposure to cold weather. Duffy said there was no indication of trauma or illness, or any indication of foul play.

McGrew had been last seen on foot in the early morning hours of Friday, Feb. 4

The death is currently under investigation by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Carthage Police Department, and the Illinois State Police.

At this time Sheriff Duffy wants the public to be assured that there is no risk to public safety in regard to this incident.

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## For the Record

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#### Fort Madison Police Report

02/01/22 – 8:44 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue E.  
 02/01/22 – 9:28 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.  
 02/01/22 – 11:29 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2600 block of Avenue I.  
 02/01/22 – 1:01 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue I.  
 02/01/22 – 4:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue O.  
 02/01/22 – 5:45 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3600 block of Bluff Road.  
 02/01/22 – 10:25 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jacob Daniel Cochran, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of Avenue D, on charges of interference with official acts and disorderly conduct – fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/02/22 – 12:51 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Melissa Dawn Davis, 39, of Fort Madison, no location reported, on a charge of unauthorized credit card use greater than \$1500, but less than \$10,000. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/02/22 – 9:45 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to 2 reports of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.  
 02/02/22 – 9:46 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.  
 02/02/22 – 3:44 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 53rd Street and Avenue O.  
 02/03/22 – 9:03 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the

1100 block of 48th Street.  
 02/03/22 – 11:17 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue G.  
 02/04/22 – 12:27 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Michael Kerry King, 39, of Argyle, at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 02/04/22 – 12:09 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 02/04/22 – 2:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue F.  
 02/04/22 – 4:33 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 02/04/22 – 4:43 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue H.  
 02/04/22 – 8:48 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Kelly Michelle Freeman, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 5200 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driver's license suspended/revoked.  
 02/05/22 – 12:23 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of Avenue E.  
 02/05/22 – 9:48 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested James Lee Timothy, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on charges of public intoxication and 1st offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/06/22 – 5:22 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jacob John Montgomery, 34, of Denmark, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 02/06/22 – 12:02 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Travis Dvorak, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for third degree theft. He

was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/06/22 – 12:49 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jeramy Francis Skelton, 31, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 28th Street and Avenue O, on charges of simple assault and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/06/22 – 4:51 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 35th Street and Avenue L.  
 02/06/22 – 11:18 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue E.

#### Lee County Sheriff Report

02/01/22 – 1:16 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chelsea Nacole Smith, 23, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 5th degree criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.  
 02/01/22 – 5:12 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Douglas Delperdang, 77, of Keokuk on a warrant for judgement hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/02/22 – 12:05 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kenneth Leon Hayburn, 18, of Burlington, in Des Moines County, on charges of sex abuse – 2nd victim less than 12 years of age, lascivious acts with child – body parts, and incest. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/02/22 – 12:59 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David Foxhenry Street, 32, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/02/22 – 1:32 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Leshawn Eugene Stanbridge, 36, of Quincy, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/02/22 – 10:36 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Steven Joe Lamb, 57, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody and charges of judgment hold and hold temporary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/03/22 – 6:58 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Deborah Christine Armstrong, 65, of Donnellson, in the 2300 block of Golden Road, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. She was cited and later released on her own recognizance.  
 02/04/22 – 8:52 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Thomas Jay Ruble, 54, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/04/22 – 9:33 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Donald Ray Bauswell, Jr., Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on 2 warrants for judgment hold for serve weekends. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released.  
 02/04/22 – 12:09 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at Hwy. 218 N. on the frontage road to Central Lee School District. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tamisue Lynn Simmons, 50, of Donnellson, was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Ashley Ann Ruffcorn, 36, Donnellson. Simmons' vehicle sustained functional rear-end damage and Ruffcorn's vehicle sustained functional front-end damage. No injuries or citations were reported.  
 02/04/22 – 4:05 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Pamela Sue Ruiz, 37, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.  
 02/04/22 – 10:32 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jessie Maxine Hocker, 41, of Montrose, at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and Johnson Street, on charges of driving while barred and provide

proof of financial liability. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on her own recognizance.  
 02/05/22 – 12:47 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1000 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Lindsey Michelle Pliapol, 21, of Port Orange, FL, was traveling north on Hwy. 218 when a coyote ran in front of her vehicle. Pliapol was unable to avoid striking the animal with the front end of her vehicle which sustained disabling damages. No injuries or citations were reported and the vehicle was towed from the scene.  
 02/06/22 – 4:02 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile from Mt. Pleasant, at the Juvenile Detention Center, on a charge of assault on a law office and others – no injuries – and simple assault. He was held for juvenile court.  
 02/06/22 – 8:00 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile from Mt. Pleasant at the Juvenile Detention Center, on a charge of 4th degree criminal mischief \$300-\$750.  
 02/06/22 – 9:12 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Hunter John West, 18, of Argyle, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of 4th degree criminal mischief \$300-\$750. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/06/22 – 10:05 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Nicole Lee Ahlen Prado, 41, of Donnellson, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no-contact order and a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 02/06/22 – 11:58 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jeffery Allan Atterberg, 55, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 330th Street, on a charge of 1st offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

#### Hancock County Sheriff Report

01/31/22 – I C Frederick Christy, age 34, of Argyle, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Driving While License Suspended, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. I C remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 01/31/22 – James R King, age 37, of Sutter, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence and No Valid Driver's License. King was released after given a Notice to Appear at a future court date.  
 01/31/22 – Karley R Schmitz, age 29, of Quincy, IL was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for Driving

While License Suspended.  
 01/31/22 – James R King, age 37, of Sutter, IL was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for Driving Under the Influence, No Valid Driver's License, and Failure to Reduce Speed.  
 02/01/22 – Tristan A Cain, age 21, of Bowen, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Burglary. Cain remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 02/03/22 – Ryan L Meyer, age 35, of Colusa, IL was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer. Meyer remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 02/03/22 – Joseph E Meyer, age 58, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Obstructing Identification. Meyer was also arrested on a Fayette County, IL warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Meyer remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 02/03/22 – Nikayla D Gibson, age 22, of Keokuk, IA was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for Operating an Uninsured Vehicle.  
 02/04/22 – David E Pence, age 47, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear / Failure to Pay on original charges of Resisting a Peace Officer. Pence was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 02/04/22 – Daniel J Deshong, age 29, of Bowen, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Deshong was also arrested on a Schuyler County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges Driving While License Suspended. Deshong remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 02/04/22 – Blane B Robinson, age 20, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Robinson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 02/05/22 – Matthew J Clutter, age 49, of Rockford, IL was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for Speeding. *Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Lee County Conference Board Chairman, Matt Pflug, has scheduled a public hearing to adopt the Assessor's budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The public hearing will be held in person or electronically February 24, 2022 at 6:00p.m. at the North Lee County Board Room, 933 Ave H, Fort Madison, Iowa. Please enter thru east door.

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#### AGENDA

1. Roll call
2. Approve agenda
3. Approval of January 27, 2022 Conference Board Meeting Minutes
4. Chairman open public Hearing
5. Motion to close public Hearing
6. Roll call
7. Adoption of the approved 2022-2023 Assessor's budget
8. Roll call vote
9. Adjourn

- Enclosed:
1. Copy of January 27, 2022 minutes
  2. Copy of Approved 2022-2023 Assessor's budget
  3. Copy of the DOM Assessor's budget

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FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

5:00 P.M.-

#### WORK SESSION

1. Call to Order
2. Elementary Presentation
3. Adjourn

#### 6:00 P.M.- REGULAR MEETING

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
  - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
  - b) Sixth Grade presentation
4. Superintendent's Report:
  - a) Set Building Walk-through Date (February 28 or March 1 @ 4:30 p.m.)
  - b) Finance Update (FY 23 Budget Update)
  - c) Legislative Update
  - d) March Board Meeting - 3/8/2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Finance workshop @ 5:00)
  - e) COVID Update
  - f) Construction Update
  - g) Vacancies
5. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)
  - a) Approve minutes
  - b) Approve Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
  - c) Approve prepaid bills
  - d) Approve monthly bills
  - e) Approve Overnight Trips:
    - 1) Central Lee Girls' State Basketball Tournament: 2/28/2022 - 3/5/2022
    - 2) Central Lee Boys' State Basketball Tournament: 3/7/2022 - 3/11/2022
    - 3) Iowa Junior Science & Humanities, Iowa City, Iowa: 3/7/2022 & 3/8/2022
    - 4) State Science Fair, Ames, Iowa: 3/22/2022-3/24/2022
    - 5) Iowa Academy of Science Poster Presentation: Date and Location TBA

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve and Wel-

come Student Board of Education Representatives (Motion)

2. Public Hearing - 2022-2023 District Calendar
  - a) Review calendar (Exhibit II)
  - b) Open hearing for public comment
  - c) Approve Calendar for 2022-2023 (Motion) (Roll Call Vote)
3. Review and Approve High School Dishwashing Area Bids (Motion) (Exhibit III)
4. First Reading Board Policy 600 Series (Motion) (Exhibit IV)
5. Request to SBRC for Funding Related to FY22 Statewide Voluntary Pre-school Program (SWVPP) Increased Enrollment in the amount of \$25,294.50 (Motion) (Exhibit V)
6. Review and Approve Additional Projects from Remaining Bond Funds (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
7. Review and Approve Staff Retainage Bonus for 2022-2023 School Year (Motion) (Exhibit VII)
8. Approve Bids for Bus Purchase (Motion) (Exhibit VIII)
9. Approve Iowa Medicaid Business Associate Agreement (Motion) (Exhibit IX)
10. Volunteer Coach Approval: (Motion)
  - a) Paul Kropf - High School Golf
11. Transfer (Effective 1/7/2022): (Motion)
  - a) Cheryl Fraise - Sub Bus Driver to Regular Bus Driver
12. Transfer (Effective 2022-2023): (Motion)
  - a) Sasha Grossman - First Grade Instructor to Fourth Grade Instructor
13. Resignations (Effective End of 2021-2022): (Motion)
  - a) Deanna Stuecker - Elementary Instructor
  - b) Kayla Haigh - One on One Special Needs Associate
  - c) Wendy Buford - Teacher Associate
14. Contract Approvals (Effective FY2021-2022): (Motion)

- a) Katie Felgar - K8 Foodservice (Effective 2/14/2022)
- b) Hollie Weber - Middle School Girls' Track Coach
- c) Kristopher Hayes - Middle School Boys' Track Coach
- d) Brian Wells - Assistant High School Baseball Coach
15. Contract Approvals (Effective 2022-2023): (Motion)
  - a) Jennifer Van Ausdall - Elementary Instructor
  - b) Carter Colby - Elementary Instructor
  - c) Brooke Finney - Elementary Instructor
  - d) Sarah Kruse - Elementary Instructor
  - e) Brett Cole - Special Needs High School Instructor
  - f) Amy Boyd - 7-12 Computer Science Instructor
16. Board Reports.
17. Adjourn (Motion)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 2/1/2022

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on

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Tuesday, 2/1/2022, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Schulz, Gray and Rink present. Council Members Canagas and Amandus were absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 1/18/2022; Claims dated 1/27/2022 and January Library Claims; and Liquor License Renewals for Under the Sun, 733 Avenue G and Dollar General, 429 Avenue H.

Mayor Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning an Amendment to Title 10, Zoning, to define "Tiny Homes" and to allow Tiny Homes under certain conditions. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed

the public hearing at 5:36 P.M. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, to define "Tiny Homes" and to allow Tiny Homes under certain conditions.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning PIPs 2021-02, Avenue F Bridge Over French Creek and 2021-03, 27th Street Bridge Over Dry Creek. With no oral or written comments,

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Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:40 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-09, adopting plans, specifications and form of contract for the projects. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-10, awarding construction contract for the projects in the amount of \$2,032,011.30 to Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C., of Washington, Iowa, and approving contract and bonds of Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C., pending receipt of the documents.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-84, amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Chapter 3, Planning & Zoning, by changing the number of Planning & Zoning Commission members from seven to five. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-11, granting property tax abatement to: Larry/Diana Peck, 3108 Avenue E. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-12, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Requirements) for Brent Filz (property owned by Michael Reed & Monica Newman) at 3348 – 201st Street, within two miles of City Limits.

On motion, Council approved the Certificate

of Completion for the Accretion Removal Phase of PIP 2021-01, River-view Marina Dredging. A motion to approve the Mayor's signature on Amendment #1 to an Engineering Agreement with HR Green for PIP 2020-07, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61, 10th to 18th Street FAILED. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Amendment #3 for Supplemental Agreement #3, with Klingner & Associates, P.C., for PIP 2019-05, Amtrak Passenger Platform Project. On motion, Council approved the purchase of a police dog for the Fort Madison Police Department and the necessary equipment for the training, care and transportation of said dog. On motion, Council set public hearing for 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 2/15/2022, to approve the FY2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointments of Ron Welder and Lyle Brown to the Planning & Zoning Commission, terms expiring 3/31/2025.

At 6:24 P.M., the meeting adjourned until February 15, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL	1/28/2022
General	\$196,516.14
Old Fort	2,848.56
Vol Emp Benefits	6,157.31
Road Use	31,506.62
Tourism	464.71
Water	31,025.97
Sewer	35,126.17
Solid Waste	15,586.27
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	4,602.42
	<u>\$324,320.71</u>

REVENUES	
General	42,288.94
Special Rev.	285,244.88
Road Use	121,470.02
Debt	1,024.14
Capital	616,833.90
Water	263,856.84
Sewer	278,605.37
Sld Waste, IWC	66,479.96
SW Utility	17,686.41
	<u>1,693,490.46</u>

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$30,365.65
Special Revenue	12,798.40
Road Use	9,246.76
Capital	29,731.07
Water	48,959.73
Sewer	24,580.19
Solid Waste/IWC	2,553.24
SW Utility	36.88
	<u>\$158,271.92</u>

### CLAIMS - 2/1/2022

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SCREW DRIVERS/WIRE STRIPPERS..... 47.06  
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, PRINTER LEASE..... 939.68

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC..... 22,712.90  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PORTABLE HARD DRIVE ..... 182.75  
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSN, MEMBERSHIP FEE..... 370.00  
ANSER IOWA, ANSWER-

ING SERVICE ..... 207.00  
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM ..... 767.39  
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTIN, PRE-TREATMENT STUDY ..... 4,875.00  
B&B PROPANE, HEAT ..... 300.45  
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE ..... 75.00  
BROZENES HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, HYDRAULIC FLUID..... 144.50  
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE ..... 85.00  
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PROF FEE - BROS SWAP ..... 7,363.30  
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., MOD ROCK/CLEAN ROCK ..... 1,567.71  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 2022 MEMBERSHIP ..... 175.00  
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE W/E ... 1,604.53  
CORE & MAIN LP, PLASTIC WASHERS..... 3.50  
DELONG CONSTRUCTION, INC, PAY EST #3 - JETTY ..... 8,580.35  
DES MOINES STAMP MFG., CITY STAMP ..... 25.70  
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, INK CARTRIDGE ..... 91.55  
DOG WASTE DEPOT, DOG WASTE BAGS ..... 707.69  
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE... 2,713.68  
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, WEEKLY TEST ..... 151.20  
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, PLATES/PAPER TOWELS ..... 79.93  
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, RV WATER.. 27.59  
GARNER OIL INC., KEROSENE ..... 30.74  
GREAT RIVER DRAIN & SEWER, UNCLOG URINAL..... 150.00  
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, WIPERS .. 60.50  
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES..... 287.98  
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES ..... 9,004.50  
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, SAW ..... 1,278.32  
IOWA ASSOC OF MUN. UTILITIES, SEISG (JAN - MAR) ..... 6,661.70

IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., AVE H 6-10 ANNUAL FEE ..... 175.00  
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, PRE EMPLOYMENT .... 150.00  
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC., TRAINING ..... 370.00  
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, CHANGE ORDER-AVE H 6-10 ..... 1,304.60  
JUSTIN LOZANO, CLEANED OUT MAIN SWR ..... 175.00  
KAY PARK RECREATION, FIRE RINGS @ RV PARK ..... 1,655.00  
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/ SHIPPING ..... 1,332.24  
KIMBALL MIDWEST, CLEANER..... 37.48  
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, PROF FEE - DEPOT ..... 11,508.92  
LEE COUNTY AUDITOR, 2021 ELECTION ..... 2,547.96  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY, CODE BOOKS..... 95.00  
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL ..... 4,992.71  
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC, PANEL ..... 9,759.16  
MCFARLAND, TOWELS ..... 38.99  
MCINTYRE SIGNS, DECALS FOR FIRE TRUCK ..... 522.50  
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, TABLE... 239.96  
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, REPLACEMENT LENS ..... 91.15  
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, SCBA FLOW TESTS..... 609.07  
MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEAT... 8,040.79  
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ..... 370.00  
MISSISSIPPI LIME COMPANY, LIME ..... 3,496.50  
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPLACED FILTER/ STARTUP DRIVE ..... 2,960.00  
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, CLAMPS ..... 6,893.05  
NEWBERRY INC, TOWING ..... 500.00  
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL FEE..... 1,350.00  
PITNEY BOWES, METER RENTAL..... 171.00  
POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, WATER PAST DUES POSTAGE ..... 304.77  
QUILL CORPORATION, DOORHANGERS ..... 105.99  
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL..... 1,728.48  
RAIRDEN AUTO SALVAGE, INC, VEHICLE TOW ..... 125.00  
ROBERTS TIRE CENTER CORP, NEW TIRES ..... 2,715.55  
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- OCT-DEC 2021 ..... 2,125.00  
STEFFENSMEIER WELDING & MFG, BRIDGE RETAINAGE FEE..... 2,000.00  
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, SPARK PLUG..... 83.50  
TRUCK REPAIR INC., PARTS..... 1,625.01  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ..... 252.50  
U.S. CELLULAR, HOT SPOTS/SMART PHONES, ETC .. 1,599.25  
UPS, SHIPPING .... 25.84  
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - 10TH ST COMBINE SWR ..... 574.00  
WALMAN OPTICAL, SAFETY GLASSES ..... 130.00  
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/ INTERNET..... 256.43  
..... 144,309.60  
GENERAL ..... 24,173.05  
SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 4,899.32  
ROAD USE..... 9,246.76  
CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 29,731.07  
WATER..... 48,959.73  
WASTEWATER ..... 24,580.19  
SOLID WASTE .. 2,553.24  
AIRPORT..... 129.36  
STORM WATER .... 36.88  
TOTAL ..... 144,309.60

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AMAZON.COM, SHELF MATERIAL..... 1,224.83  
BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 1,784.85  
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 290.34  
BOOK FARM, INC, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 901.30  
BUTTONMAKERS.NET, BUTTON MACHINE ..... 287.38  
CENGAGE LEARNING, LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 24.69  
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL... 60.00  
DAILY DEMOCRAT, JOB LISTING/EVENT POSTINGS..... 160.00  
DEMCO, LABEL PROTECTORS ..... 202.63  
FP MAILING SOLUTIONS, LABELS ..... 56.50  
J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, SMART TV/ SUPPLIES ..... 3,612.63  
KANOPY, INC., LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 32.00  
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, ICE MELT ..... 146.95  
KOKX-AM, AD ..... 100.00  
MEDIACOM BUSINESS, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 361.51  
MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEAT..... 659.40  
OVERDRIVE, INC, E-BOOK..... 500.00

PEN CITY CURRENT, JOB LISTING..... 59.99  
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, SHELF MATERIAL..... 33.75  
PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDINENG, CRAFT SUPPLIES..... 125.12  
QUILL CORPORATION, DOUBLE SIDED TAPE ..... 293.03  
SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE ..... 905.10  
THE LIBRARY STORE, LITERATURE HOLDER ..... 81.29  
WT.COX INFORMATIN SERVICES, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 1,666.98  
..... 13,962.32  
GENERAL ..... 6,192.60  
SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 7,769.72  
TOTAL ..... 13,962.32

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-084

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, CHAPTER 3, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, SECTION 2, MEMBERS; TERMS

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, does hereby amend Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 2 of the City Code of Fort Madison in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

"2-3-2: MEMBERS; TERMS: The Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of five (5) members. The term of office shall be three (3) years.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any portion, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 1st day of February, 2022.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

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ATTEST: /s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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From the Front

# EMS director says staffing situation is critical

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position and another one opening in March. There is also one full-time EMT position that could be filled this week, but then there's another 30 days of orientation before they can hit the schedule.

Cosby asked the board to approve an incentive pay structure that would offer 2.5 times the employee's hourly wage to encourage staff to pick up the harder-to-fill shifts. Currently, both Cosby and Lee County EMS Director of Operations Jason Dinwiddie are both filling in shifts and still had six paramedic shifts and 10 EMT shifts open on the schedule.

Some of those are partial shifts with part-time staffing help fill in some of the shifts, but said an incentive could work to help fill slots.

"I'm proposing a premium pay incentive for difficult-to-fill open shifts. We use the carrot and not the stick approach and incentivize our employees to pick up shifts. I think we should offer them premium pay at double-time-and-a-half just like we would for holidays," Cosby said.

"We used this approach in Henry County fairly successfully. While it doesn't always work, it certainly helps."

Cosby said the service also needs to consider adding staff as call volumes continue to rise.

"Unfortunately, we've reached the limit of what we can do with the staff we have," he said.

"It's important that we look at this stuff to improve the care the residents of Lee County are receiving and that we continue to lead the way of the future for EMS."

Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr., asked if there had been any additional thought

given to providing a specific transfer business model to help solidify the future of the EMS department.

Cosby said they are pulling data to see what the demand looks like and what service calls look like.

Dinwiddie said in the first 25 days of January, the service had 92 times when two ambulances were on 911 calls going on simultaneously. He said there were also 15 times where there were three ambulances on 911 calls at the same time.

Cosby said there were 70 calls for transfers during the 1st 25 days, and said the county is currently turning down transfers due to staffing.

"I try to prioritize our two hospitals here in the county first, and then Great River, but we get requests from Quincy and Van Buren and often times those get turned down," Cosby said.

Seyb said that's when the county could get the best return on investment and the county EMS should work up a business model to staff a transfer ambulance or operation to take some of the workload off the emergency response by having that transfer system in place.

Cosby said adding a transfer truck, even for 12 hours a day, would be beneficial to the county.

Seyb said he thinks the incentive pay is a short-term fix, but adding the transfer staffing and services is the way to help solidify the budget and allow for staff and service development.

Board Chairman Matt Pflug said he would caution against going outside the county too often so people of Lee County are taken care of first, but said there could be money to be made by offering the transfer services.

In a related issue, the county set a public hearing for Feb. 28 at 10:01 a.m. to consider the maximum levy for next fiscal year.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom is proposing an 11.2% increase in the general services fund and the rural fund levy staying at 2%. She said the county needs to increase the general services fund levy 11.2% to cover the costs of added benefits paid to the EMS staff the county purchased in July 1.

The county's current levy is \$10.259/\$1,000 of assessed valuation and she's proposing an increase to 10.327/\$1,000. The county board last year approved a levy of \$10.704/\$1,000, but Renstrom said the state dropped that levy on final approval with the removal of the mental health levy.

Seyb said a county levy of \$10.33 is still below the four-year average despite the increase in the general supplemental levy. Since the increase for the general supplemental fund is more than 2%, the increase would require 4 of 5 supervisors voting in favor of the increase, and would require a second public hearing on the matter.

Renstrom said she would like approval of the budget the first week in March and then finalize it to the state by the third week in March.

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