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## LCCD, Climax working deal

**WASTEWATER:** Climax Moly willing to pay \$50K for 25-year non-disturbance deal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – An agreement is in the works between the Lee County Conservation District and Climax Molybdenum to put a new discharge pipe in the Mississippi River.

The Lee County Conservation Board unanimously approved moving forward to finalize a non-disturbance agreement Tuesday to put the new pipe into the Mississippi River channel.

The move is a step up from the current discharge pipe that dumps treated waste water from the plant into an unnamed creek that dumps into river back waters.

Officials with the company met with the board during their monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon. Climax and LCCD Director Nathan Unsworth have been working on the agreement for more than a year.

Stricter Iowa Department of Natural Resources limitations on waste water discharge are fueling the change, but Climax officials said the move accomplishes meeting those restrictions and even tighter restrictions moving forward.

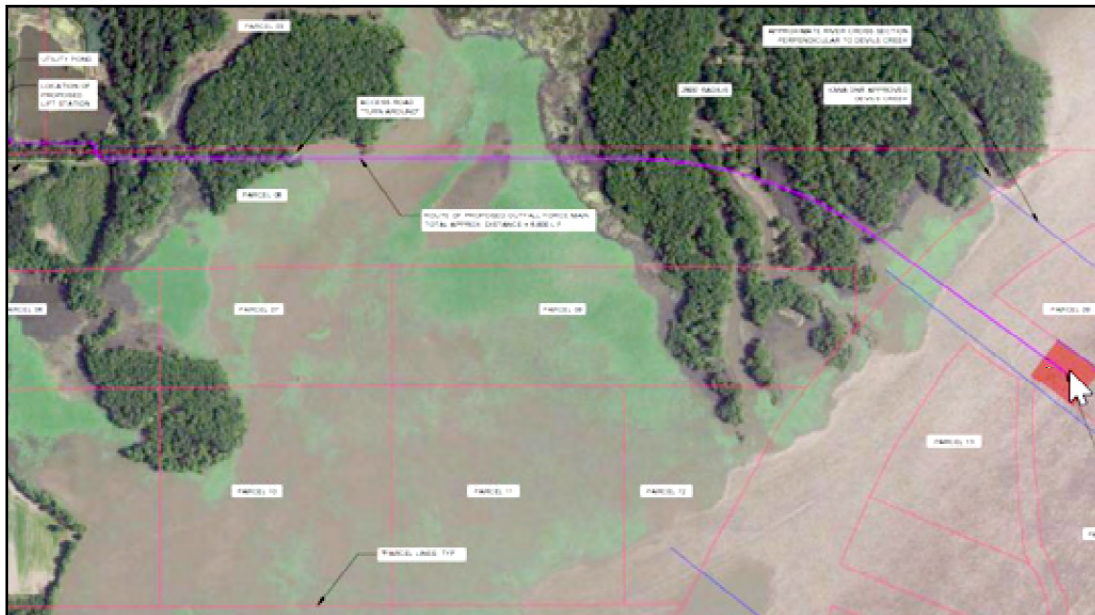


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The map above shows a red rectangle where Climax Molybdenum wants to put a new discharge outlet in the Mississippi River channel. The purple line shows where the underground piping would come through Devil's Creek.

The board unanimously approved a Letter of Intent to move forward with the project. In return the district gets \$5,000, and then an additional \$45,000 when the formal non-disturbance agreement is approved.

The final agreement will protect the new discharge pipeline from being disturbed by any county projects including dredging. Climax said plans have the new line in place by

2023 when new DNR restrictions go in place. But the project could be completed sooner.

The new pipeline would be installed via horizontal boring techniques and would run along Devils Creek and dump into an area out in the channel owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. All the other land around the ACE property is owned by the county.

“First off, it’s important to note that the fact that Lee

County Conservation has to have this discussion is totally unique. No other conservation district owns property along the river like we do and most of these deals are made with the Army Corps of Engineers,” Unsworth said.

He said the parcels involved are not property purchased with habitat money, and more to the point, hunting and fish-

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## 2020 TRI STATE RODEO Committee cancels all Pre-rodeo activities

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The 2020 version of the Tri-State Rodeo will still be packed with action and world renowned entertainment, but the COVID pandemic has forced some temporary changes and plans.

According to a release sent out Tuesday morning, the Rodeo committee is canceling all Pre-Rodeo activities for this year and is working closely with local officials on implementing a comprehensive safety plan for the protection of all the individuals attending the Tri-State Rodeo against the spread of COVID-19. More details will be available soon.



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“We are intending to conduct all of our planned traditional events beginning Wednesday September 9th starting with the Cinch Chute-Out, and allow all of our supporters and fans to participate at the level they feel comfortable,” said Tony Johnson, Chairman.

The Tri-State Rodeo Board of Directors and Operating Committee have faced several challenging decisions over the past several months. To put on the most successful event possible, the rodeo board has decided to postpone all pre-rodeo events Sept 5-8, until 2021. This includes the Fareway pancake breakfast, Fareway chili supper and The Hy-Vee Pork Dinner. This will also include the special kids rodeo, Lil Spurs Rodeo, Lil Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy contest, and the school’s out roundup.

“The goal by doing this is to not put a strain and burden on the committee members and volunteers during these difficult times. We have decided to put all of our focus on making the rodeo as safe and successful as we can and by

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## COUNTY BOARD

### Supervisors may bond for \$671K to make repairs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County officials are considering bonding close to \$700,000 for maintenance projects at county facilities, after reduced sales tax revenues and costly repairs the past several years have depleted the county’s repair fund.

Board Chairman Ron Fedler told supervisors at Tuesday’s regular meeting that sales tax revenues for the



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current calendar year are down about \$80,000, and repairs to the exterior of the South Lee County Courthouse have taken close to \$900,000 out of the fund.

“There’s not enough revenue to take care of the projects that need our attention,” Fedler said. “We’re currently replacing two boilers in the South Lee County Courthouse and that’s about \$250,000 and we need to

replace the camera’s at the county jail.”

Fedler said the camera repairs are considered essential by the county’s bond counsel, but other maintenance issues are piling up as well. He said the work on the boilers is currently underway and payment will be needed on those in the very near future.

“We need to think about that too as we consider what we’re going to do,” he said.

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## Education News/From the Front

# Southeastern, Iowa Wesleyan exploring partnership options

BY PCC STAFF



WEST BURLINGTON – Iowa Wesleyan University and Southeastern Community College have announced a memorandum of understanding to explore the development of a strategic partnership between institutions.

Leadership from both institutions will explore opportunities where each would benefit, including shared administrative structure and resources, cooperative academic arrangements, and economies of scale.

The two institutions will remain separate entities, maintaining distinct accreditation, boards, and governance structures. While IW and SCC have partnered in academic programming in the past, this formal affiliation will allow for seamless transfer pathways between Iowa Wesleyan and SCC, significantly broadening students' educational opportunities and strengthening workforce development for the region.

"Since our founding in 1842, Iowa Wesleyan University has pioneered innovative educational practices and led the way in providing educational opportunities

to diverse populations," said Chris Plunkett, President of Iowa Wesleyan University.

"We are thrilled to be moving toward a partnership with Southeastern Community College, and I look forward to the tremendous opportunity it will provide to our students and our community."

Uncertainties relating to the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated the challenges already faced by colleges and universities due to economic pressures and demographic shifts. New unique and creative models of higher education will become important in securing the future of economically vital regional educational institutions, particularly in rural regions of the country.

"This is the first step toward a potentially innovative and unique partnership between a four-year private liberal arts university and a public community col-

lege," says SCC President Dr. Michael Ash. "It could serve as a model for other institutions across the country."

IW and SCC intend to establish a joint "Affiliation Council," which will collaborate on opportunities that promote both institutions' greater good. The council will also make recommendations and help set priorities for the partnership's short and long-term goals. The institutions plan to submit a strategic affiliation agreement to their mutual accrediting body, The Higher Learning Commission, subject to approval later this year, anticipating full implementation with the Fall 2021 semester.

As Southeast Iowa's regional comprehensive university, Iowa Wesleyan University is a transformational learning community whose passion is to educate, empower and inspire students to lead meaningful lives and careers.

For more news or to learn about Southeastern Community College, visit: <http://www.scciowa.edu>

## Company needs about 58 acres under agreement

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ing would not be restricted in the area.

The property impacted by the new discharge pipeline would be 57.85 acres.

Unsworth said board members Tom Pollpeter and Liza Alton have also been in on the meetings.

"We thought about a purchase agreement or an easement with Climax, but we kinda settled on a non-disturbance agreement," Unsworth said. "It does put up some restrictions.

"Basically, we cannot jeopardize the functionality of the outlet pipe. There can be no disturbance that would impact the flow, but it does not restrict public access. You can boat and hunt over it."

Unsworth said it is unknown the impact the new pipe will have on the islands project that Lee County resident Jim Noll has been working on. Noll has been working to get Pool 19 declared a wildlife refuge so federal funding could

be used to turn it back into the habitat it was before the river was changed through damming.

"If we get to that point, the Army Corps will come in and help us find a way to work around these challenges. It's not the only outflow pipe on our property. I just want to point that out," Unsworth said.

"It's something were going to have think about with this project over the long term. We repeatedly shared with Climax our long-term vision for the river properties and Climax is working hard to improve

habitat wildlife in their territory as well."

Climax is looking for formal 25-year agreement with the board, with an additional \$50,000 in 25 years if the agreement is rolled over.

David Caskey, Manager of the Environmental Plant at Climax said the company just put in a \$5 million upgrade to its internal waste water treatment facility. He said the new discharge pipe will actually put cleaner water into the river, as well as putting it in a part of the river with active circulation.



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### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

07/10/20 – 6:49 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue L. 07/10/20 – 10:50 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of Avenue E. 07/10/20 – 1:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue P. 07/10/20 – 8:37 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2500 block of Hwy. 61. 07/11/20 – 10:14 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue F. 07/11/20 – 5:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 12th Street. 07/11/20 – 7:56 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in

the 1100 block of Avenue E. 07/11/20 – 9:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue G. 07/11/20 – 9:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Alta Drive. 07/11/20 – 11:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Alta Drive. 07/11/20 – 11:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Alta Drive. 07/12/20 – 9:43 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3000 block of Avenue K. 07/12/20 – 1:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/13/20 – 4:36 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of Avenue E. 07/13/20 – 5:39 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in

the 1500 block of Avenue D. 07/13/20 – 6:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1800 block of Avenue E. 07/13/20 – 7:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of Avenue E. 07/12/20 – 8:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Johnnette Sue Williams, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for forgery and voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 07/12/20 – 4:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited William Austin Kemp, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/11/20 – 2:57 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jaime Lynn Hall, 35, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 260th

Street and Hwy. 61, on warrants for violation of parole and failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/11/20 – 8:16 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Roderick Mikchel Flores, 20, of Fort Madison, at Hwy. 61 and 255th Street on a charge of driving while barred. 07/11/20 – 9:02 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Anthony Kempker, Jr., 35, of West Point, in the 1300 block of 160th Street in Donnellson, on a charge domestic assault – impeding the air/blood flow. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 07/12/20 – 2:39 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Lawrence Rooney, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Hwy. 2, on a charge of OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

#### Hancock County Sheriff's Report

07/07/20 – Jordan L Ragain, age 25, of La-Harpe, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Aggravated Domestic Battery and Domestic Battery. Ragain was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 07/08/20 – Eric J Rahn, age 40, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Unlawful Violation of Order of Protection. Rahn was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 07/10/20 – Holly L Skees, age 35, of Niota, IL was arrested on a Warren County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Skees was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 07/10/20 – Austin P Brown, age 18, of Keokuk, IA

was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. Brown was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 07/11/20 – Michael S Floyd, age 50, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Floyd remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance. 07/11/20 – Adam L Sutton, age 41, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Sutton was also arrested on a Pike County, MO warrant charging him with Arson and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Sutton remains lodged in the Hancock County jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## Central Lee to open year with pod system

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON, IOWA — The Central Lee Community School District will implement a new pod system for students in grades 3-6 at the start of the upcoming school year.

Students engaging in face-to-face instruction in these grades will attend class in small groups at various locations in Donnellson, Argyle, and Montrose. Classes will take place in church classrooms, at community centers and in other spaces hosted by local community organizations.

The system will allow the district to better space out PK-2 students in its elementary school while also reducing capacity at the middle school, providing more space for students in grades 7-8. Students will still take part in physical education, music, art, lunch and recess.

“Our team wanted to find a way to preserve face-to-face instruction while also knowing we would have to respond to a positive case of COVID-19 during the school year,” said Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier. “We looked at the daycare model as a way of possibly finding success.”

Crozier said the pod system will also allow a creative way to keep everyone safe.

“We believe this pod system will give us the ability to

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## Sports

# Central Lee boys overcome quick VB start to advance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Central Lee's Dylan Stueker and Jadon Hawk came into Tuesday's District 10 semi final game with a 4-0 combined record and ERAs of less than 0.62.

For a 4-7 team to come into town and put up 11 hits on the two Hawks was unexpected. So, too, was the 4-0 lead the Van Buren Warriors had over the Hawks after the top of the second.

"I didn't think someone could come in and put six on Jadon and Dylan," Head Coach Shane Weirather said after the game.

"Give Van Buren credit they made some improvements on their hitting and they handled Jadon as well as anybody as this year."

But the Hawks would right the ship with back-to-back four run innings enroute to a 9-6 win over Van Buren. The win pits the Hawks against Mediapolis on Saturday at Central Lee for the District 10 title at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs defeated Danville 15-2 in five innings in Mediapolis Tuesday night.

Hawk, a senior, started for the Hawks and quickly put four on with a walk and three singles. Seventeen pitches into the game Hawk found himself down 1-0 with no outs and the bases loaded.

Hawk worked a strikeout to the next batter, but then a fielder's choice at second plated another run. With runners at first and third and two outs, Van Buren's Tony Davison broke for second and Hawk wheeled and threw to try and get him as the Warrior's Dylan Richardson took off from third to score on the double steal.

Hawk got out of the inning with a pop up to shallow right but Central Lee was looking up at 3-0 deficit – something a bit uncommon for the 2019 state qualifiers.

Stueker's walk would be the only action the Hawks would see in the bottom half.

Van Buren would get at Hawk again in the top of the second with two outs. After fanning the first two hitters, Hawk would give up three straight singles, the last on a shot to left fielder Kade Myhre who actually made a gutsy dive for the liner and came up short, but the ball bounced into his glove as he got horizontal to keep the hit to just one RBI.

Hawk would work one of his seven strikeouts on the night to get out of the jam down 4-0.

With Central Lee fans strewn about the high school baseball field engaging in some social distancing, the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee catcher Luke Simmons takes a throw at home in the top of the third inning, but Van Buren's Jackson Manning would score as the ball would bounce off Simmons on the throw.

Hawks seemed ready to get back in it.

Adam Boeck would reach on an error and Evan Pohren would earn a walk. Alex Sandoval would single to left driving Boeck in from second and moving Pohren to third. Jonny Snider would fan for the first out, but Myhre was walked and TJ Stutes would ground out to second scoring Pohren to make it 4-2.

Stueker would work a walk off Van Buren starter Ryan Wolf to load the bases and then Hawk would single to center scoring two to tie the game at 4, before Simmons flew out to center stranding Stueker.

Jackson Manning would open the top of the third with a single and would come around to score on a double by Davison to left. Taylor Sprouse would then lay down a bunt back to Hawk with Davison on the run. Hawk tried to get Davison at third, but was too late and Sprouse reached on the fielder's choice.

Hawk would then settle in and get the next three hitters stranding the two Warriors.

Central Lee would work four more runs in the bottom of the third. Boeck, Pohren and Stueker all singled to load the bases with no outs. Snider grounded into a fielder's choice at second, but got the RBI when Boeck came in to score. Myhre would fan for the second out, but Stutes would single to left scoring Pohren and Snider for a 7-5 Central Lee lead.

Stueker then singled on a grounder to deep short moving Stutes to third. Jadon Hawk then hit a towering infield fly ball that Van Buren's Taylor Sprouse couldn't get his bearings on with the runners going on contact.

The ball fell behind Sprouse allowing Stutes to score for an 8-5 lead.

Treyton Bainbridge, on in relief of Wolf, sat Simmons down swinging to end the inning.

Both teams would go three up, three down in the fourth. Van Buren would get two on with two outs in the fifth, but a hard grounder to Alex Sandoval at third turned into a double play when the sophomore stepped on the bag and fired to first to clean up the inning.

Central Lee would put one on in the fifth when Myhre reached on a dropped line drive to left, but Stutes line-out to short would result in a twin killing when Myhre got doubled off at first to end the inning.

Van Buren's Jonah Heckenberg hit a 1-1 pitch out over the left field fence for solo homer with one out in the top of the sixth off Stueker, but that would be the end of the scoring for Van Buren down 8-6.

The Hawks would pad the lead when Simmons doubled on a line drive to left field scoring Corbin Pohren, courtesy running for Stueker who took a pitch off his ear lobe.

Boeck and Pohren would both go down swinging to bring on the top of the seventh. Stueker would get two outs on two pitches, and then work a ground out to end the game.

Stueker said he knew the Hawks bats would come alive.

"I knew we would get the bats going and we'd come alive," he said.

"We want to win state, we want to go farther than we did last year. We know we can do it, we just have to put in the work and take quality at bats."

The Hawks were bounced from the state tourney last year by Des Moines Christian, and Stueker said the teams goal this year is to go farther than last year and win the Class 2A state title.

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## Sports/From the Front

# TSR Rodeo action, entertainment still on for 2020

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postponing the pre-rodeo events until 2021, this allows us to be better prepared to make the 2020 event as safe as possible. We will continue to have four great nights of rodeo and entertainment along with the Grand Rodeo Parade on Saturday morning," Johnson said

The Tri-State Rodeo is looking forward to September with the focus of the protection of everyone's health, continuing to provide economic impact for our community and to preserve the 73-year history of the rodeo in Fort Madison, Iowa.

The entertainment lineup this year includes country music up-and-comer HARDY on Thursday September 10. We are throwing it back to the 90's on Friday

with country legends Mark Chesnutt and David Lee Murphy both performing. On Saturday night country music star Trace Adkins will be on the main stage! Each night we will have entertainment in the Bud Light Stockyard as well. Wednesday and Thursday Joe Stamm Band performs and Stumptown will be here on Friday and Saturday nights. Music on the main stage starts immediately after the rodeo ends each night.

Tickets for the Tri-State Rodeo are on sale now and available at [www.tristaterodeo.org](http://www.tristaterodeo.org), tickets can also be purchased by visiting or calling the rodeo box office.

In 1948 C.E. (Eddie) Richards brought the Rodeo to the Tri-State area

and every year since Fort Madison is home to the best rodeo of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Great Lake Circuit. Every year thousands of

people flock to Fort Madison area starting Labor Day weekend for a week of action-packed entertainment and events. Since 2000 the Tri-State Rodeo has been named as one of the nation's top five large outdoor rodeos and continues to rank first among rodeos in the Great Lakes Circuit and in 2001 ranked 43rd among the nation's more than 700 sanctioned PRCA events. No other rodeo east of Kansas City, Missouri ranked higher.

The Tri-State Rodeo continues to attract the nation's top cowboys, with competition spread over four nights the first week in September and big-name musicians headlining the Thursday - Saturday night performances.

Find out more about the rodeo and the concert by visiting [www.tristaterodeo.org](http://www.tristaterodeo.org) or by following them on Facebook and Instagram both @fmtristaterodeo.

## Weirather says Mediapolis will bring defense for Saturday game

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Weirather said the game was pretty clean defensively with the exception a few hiccups.

"Our outfield is always good. TJ Stutes plays a great centerfield and is one of the best in the state I would assume," he said.

"We had a couple hiccups, but Jadon made some nice plays there at the end. You have to hang with it on this field. It's lumpy and tough to handle. I think that works to our advantage a lot of the time, but we get some of the tough hops, too."

Weirather said the Hawks haven't seen Mediapolis since the district finals two years ago, but he expects solid defense from the Bulldogs.

"They'll come in and play good defense and we better be ready for the same type of game we got tonight."

Sandoval led the Hawks at the plate going 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Hawk, Stutes, Evan Pohren, Stueker, Simmons and Boeck all had hits for the Central Lee. Stutes had 3 RBI on the night.

Hawk went four innings and gave up five runs, four earned on eight hits and one walk. Stueker went the final three innings for the save, and gave up one earned run on three hits and one walk. He struck out one.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Date: Thursday,  
July 16, 2020  
Time: 5:30 P.M.  
Place: Sheaffer  
Meeting Room  
**AGENDA**

Electronic Meeting  
(Pursuant to Iowa Code  
Section 21.8)  
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- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting
- June 18
- V. Approval of the Bills
  - a. Approval of July 2020 Bills
  - VI. Correspondence
  - VII. Director's Report
    - a. Financial
    - b. Personnel
    - c. Programming
    - d. Collection Development
    - e. Operations
    - f. Facilities
    - g. Professional
  - VIII. Unfinished Business
  - IX. New Business
    - a. Review current meeting room use policy
    - b. Library Volunteers
    - c. Replacing or updating library security gates
  - X. Upcoming Business and Events
    - a. Update on strategic plan process with Becky Heil – August board meeting
    - b. Presentation on Special Library Levy – August board meeting
    - c. Discussion of ways to promote the value of the library to the community and city government – August board meeting
- Next Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 2020, 5:30 pm Fort Madison Public Library

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 20, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**

- Finance:**
- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
  - II. Recognition of guests
  - III. Reading of Foundation documents
  - IV. Monthly communications
    - A. Student Rep Report (skip)
    - B. Curriculum Corner - Return to Learn update
    - C. "Did You Know?"
    - D. Superintendent Goal Report
    - E. District Presentations
      - PORT Trail update
    - V. Approve the agenda
    - VI. Consent Agenda
      - A. Minutes
        - 1. June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting
        - 2. June 22, 2020 Work Session
      - B. Financial reports
        - 1. June Balance Sheet
        - 2. Revenue Summary Report
        - 3. Expenditure Report
        - 4. Student Activity Report
      - C. Accounts payable
        - 1. June General Account Board Bills for Approval Am Express
        - 2. July General Account Board Bills for Approval
        - 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval Am Express
        - 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval
      - D. Consider personnel resignations
        - 1. Shelly Hoening, concessions manager and elementary technology
        - 2. Kay Diton, food service at the high school
        - 3. Karen Jones, full student government
      - E. Consider employment of personnel
        - 1. Tonya Todd, associate at the middle school
        - 2. Ann Neaves, teacher at Richardson
        - 3. Corrine Swigart, Flag Sponsor
        - 4. Karen Jones, ½ student government
        - 5. Stephanie Brownlee, ½ student government
      - F. Consider contract modifications
      - G. Consider leave of absence
      - H. Consider open enrollment requests

- I. Other reports
  - 1. Activity/Athletic fund-raisers and Donations Director (blank) moved and director (blank) seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.
  - VII. Action Items
    - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
      - 1. District Developed Service Delivery Plan
      - 2. Preschool 28E Agreements
    - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
      - 1. Consider approval of policy changes
        - 215 - Board Of Directors Records
        - 216.2 - Board of Directors' Member Development and Training
        - 216.3 - Board of Directors' Member Compensation and Expenses
      - 2. Teacher Leadership
      - 3. Food Service stipend recommendation
      - 4. Consider approval of Supplemental Letters of Assignment salary list
      - 5. Consider approval of Extracurricular Contracts salary list
    - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
      - 1. Consider approval of a Board Resolution to schedule public hearing date for PORT trail easement
  - VIII. Discussion Items
    - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
      - 1. Superintendent – Erin Slater
        - 1. Consider policy changes
          - 216.5 - Support of Legislation **recommend to delete**
          - 217 - Board of Directors same as IASB, no change
          - 218.1 - Board Negotiating Agents **ours only, no change**
          - 218.2 - Impasse Procedures **ours only, recommend to delete**
          - 219.1 - Board-Staff Communications **ours only, recommend to delete**
        - 2. Annual truancy report
        - 3. Retirement of FMCS D employees
        - 4. Board Member Attendance
      - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
        - 1. Establish Board meeting dates for August regular board meeting and September work

- session and regular board meeting
- IX. Comments from the audience
- X. Legislative update
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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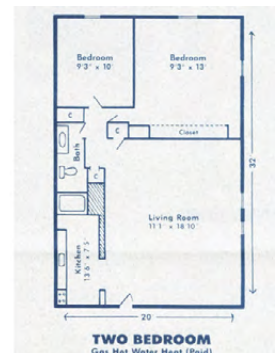
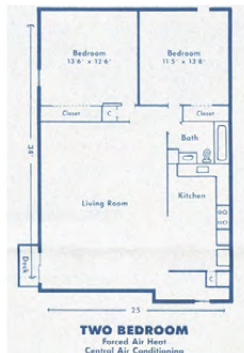
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## From the Front/Education News

## CL to move 3rd-6th grades off campus

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keep students and staff safe and healthy throughout our district," Crozier said.

"It also allows us to resume with in-person teaching and learning, which is incredibly important for our students and families. This is a creative way to maintain safety as we work toward getting back to normal here in Central Lee."

The pod system enables the district to isolate groups of students and minimize exposure to the entire school environment. If one pod has a diagnosed case of COVID-19, for example, the district would transition the students in that pod to a remote learning format for a brief period. Meanwhile, students in the other pods would be able to continue with in-person learning.

The pod system also allows the district to protect teachers and staff members who may be at a higher risk if infected with COVID-19. Additionally, the district will be able to quickly return students in grades 3-6 to a normal schedule if conditions allow for it later in the school year.

Crozier said that would probably be a phased-in approach.

"We still need to determine our metrics for moving classrooms back into the building. We will likely do this one pod at a time to ensure we can manage more students in our building during the transition," he said.

"If we have success early on with our PK-2 students, I can imagine bringing 3rd grade students back fairly soon in September.

## Jail cameras, showers on list

REPAIRS - Continued from Page 1

The estimate on the cameras for the jail is \$220,000. County officials are also considering restroom upgrades at the North Lee County office building to make them ADA compliant at \$80,000. The North Lee County Courthouse retaining wall and sidewalk need replaced at an estimate of \$47,500.

Inspectors have also been dinging the jail staff on inferior showers for inmates. Several of the showers have been upgraded to brick, but two still remain with drywall and there's a \$75,000 price tag on getting those two remaining showers upgraded.

The total of all the projects including the boilers in Keokuk, total \$671,500.

Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said she would recommend first looking at local lender to borrow the money for the

projects, but if there are no takers, then bonding would be the next option.

Since the cameras are essential services, the county would need to hold separate public hearings on that expenditure.

Fedler said the county isn't required to hold a referendum on bonding for the money, if the amount is below \$750,000.

"With these projects being completed it would take a load off maintenance and maintenance revenues," Fedler said. "The long-term goal is to get these done and not wait for someone to put us in litigation."

The North Lee County Courthouse is also in need of tuckpointing that has been delayed, but Fedler said the deteriorating retaining wall and sidewalk could be a lawsuit waiting to happen.

The county is currently paying on two other bonds, one for the jail and one for the conservation building. The jail will be

paid off in 2023 and the conservation building will be paid off in five years.

"Those are two large bonds that will be paid off in the next two to five years," Fedler said.

The supervisors voted 5-0 in favor of setting the public hearings.

In an unrelated issue, the board approved gas and diesel contracts with Jet Gas Corp. of Houghton for \$72,583, which is \$350 more than the lowest bid from Agriland FS of Danville.

The decision came because Jet Gas is in Lee County and Agriland is in Danville, which is Des Moines County. Ron Fedler, a former employee of Jet Gas said that had no bearing in his decision to advocate for the local bid. The county does have the authority under bids with small expenditure differences to take the bid that isn't the lowest.

Jet Gas did have the lowest bid for diesel fuel at \$219,363 compared to Agriland's \$219,535

resulting in a total difference of gas and diesel of \$1.50.

"I certainly understand the board's decision," said Lee County Engineer Ben Hull. "The counterpoint is that competition is good and Agriland may not take the time to bid next year. I don't know if that's true, but I can see both sides to this and can live with this decision."

In other action, the board:

- tabled a decision to approve a replacement on the Veteran Affairs Board. The board wants to readvertise the position and hope some women will come forward to apply to try and have female representation on the board. Currently there are now no women on the board.

- voted 5-0, to approve hiring three temporary county security officers for courthouses for the next 90-days to help control foot traffic with courthouse reopening during the pandemic.

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