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Reynolds allows salons to reopen

COVID-19: Governor continues to reopen state citing data that shows stabilization

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

JOHNSTON – Call your stylist, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has opened salons, massage parlors and barber shops across the state starting Friday with capacity restrictions.

At Wednesday's daily press conference from the Iowa Emergency Operations Center, Reynolds said much of the state is seeing a stabilization of hospitalizations and downward trend in monitored virus activity. guidelines.

"These positive signs give me confidence that were on the



right path and we're ready to take additional steps forward," Reynolds said.

She then lifted restrictions on 22 Iowa counties that have been under tighter guidelines to allow them to reopen along the same guidelines given to the states' other 77 counties a week ago.

REYNOLDS

Iowa Department of Public Health Deputy Director Sara Reisetter said symptomatic, vulnerable and older Iowans should still stay home as much as possible, as

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FMCH Hospital to restart some services

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital began to re-open some of their service lines this week at 50% of the normal capacity.

Many of these services were reduced to emergent or diagnostic needs when precautionary measures were implemented for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Service lines increasing capacity at this time include:

• Radiology preventive and diagnostic testing – including CT, MRI, Mammography, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, and Nuclear Medicine.

• Cardiopulmonary including stress tests and EEG's. PFT's and cardiac/pulmonary rehab will not resume at this time, as these are high-risk tests and/or patients.

• Outpatient rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. The aquatic therapy pool will not be reopening at this time.

• FMCH Clinics – in addition to continuing to offer Telehealth visits, in-person visits will be increased in the following specialties: Orthopedics, The Women's Center, Family Practice/Internal Medicine, and General Surgery. Other clinics, Podiatry, Psychi-



atry, Pediatrics, MyCare Walk-in Clinic and the Respiratory Center will continue at their current level of care.

• Elective surgeries and procedures began at FMCH starting the week of May 11, 2020. FMCH will evaluate all surgeries and procedures for risk potential making sure the well-being of the patient and the conservation of personal protective equipment (PPE) is in place. All patients will be required to be tested for COVID-19 and sign a special consent prior to their surgery or procedure. The safety of the patient remains the top priority. Patients are encouraged to contact their provider's office for assistance in determining if an in-person or telehealth visit is most appropriate for them at this time. FMCH adheres strictly to an intense cleaning routine between patients on all equipment and rooms.

Courtesy photo New barriers were installed at the Lee County North office buildings Tuesday. The county voted on Tuesday to keep the county's public buildings closed until June 1 until more protective gear arrives and additional barriers can be installed.

COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors vote to keep buildings closed til June 1

Ambulance service dominates agenda

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – Lee County Supervisors stumbled for close to two hours Tuesday through face shields and tech issues as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak C

havoc on county operations.

At the board's regular meeting held at the Lee County Conservation Center near Montrose, supervisors met for the first time in person in almost two months. Supervisor's Rick Larkin, Matt Pflug, and Gary Folluo still called into the meeting via teleconference. Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler were at the center along with Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise and county staff.

Fedler asked the meeting be held in per-

son this week to see if some of the problems with doing them via teleconference could be avoided, but the opposite turned out to be true.

Despite the technical snafus, the board did approve keeping county buildings closed for an additional two weeks until June 1.

Folluo said the county just wasn't ready

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

REGGIE R. BRANNON

Reggie Ray Brannon of Montrose went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 17th, 2020 due to complications following esophageal cancer at the age of 65.

He was born on March 27, 1955 in Fort Madison, IA. Preceding him in death are his par-



BRANNON

ents, Vernon and Darlene Reuther Brannon and brother, Rodney Brannon. Reggie will be missed and loved by his surviving two daughters; Renell Brannon McCoy of Humble, TX, and Kate Brannon Munson of Nampa, ID. Reggie is also survived by five grandchildren. Levi, Kaden, and Rhilynn of Atascocita (TX) and Anthony Malson and Axl Munson of Nampa (ID). Also surviving Reggie are his two sisters Melody Boatner and his nephew Brannon "Bubba" Boatner of Keokuk, and Renee Brannon of Fort Madison, and his niece Shelby Turner. After a brief stint in the Army, Reggie married Carrie Wickham and

had his first daughter, Renell. He later divorced and remarried Lynn Honneck before having his second daughter Kate. He was employed at Asplundh and Davey Tree Service.



Being born and raised in Southeast Iowa, it was the perfect place for Reggie to cultivate his love for the outdoors; especially mushroom hunting, riding his motorcycle, and fishing. He grew up with the Mis-

sissippi in his backyard spending much of his time on the river. He looked forward to sharing his love of fishing with his grandchildren when they had the opportunity to visit. Reggie was also an avid Indian artifact collector, but he will certainly be remembered by many as a man who enjoyed pulling clever pranks, some of which were quite humorous.

The family hopes to announce in mid June a date for a Celebration of Life to be held at his home.

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The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.



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yet to open back up despite Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds relaxing even more restrictions around the state Wednesday.

"We haven't received the 3,000 masks we ordered and the barriers aren't up yet and we are still seeing COVID cases in Lee County," Folluo said. "It would be inappropriate to open buildings right now."

Larkin said the health care experts are saying there could be a second wave of the coronavirus and the county needs more time to see what is happening.

"People are saying their could be a second type of pandemic go through here later on, so we might want to be prepared and keep investigating it," he said. "June 1 is a good date to review it again."

The move passed unanimously. A good portion of



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the rest of the meeting was talking about the pending June 30 deadline for Lee County EMS Ambulance to continue providing service in the county.

Lee County EMS is asking for an additional \$450,000 from the county, which would bring their total subsidy request annually to \$950,000, up from a \$500,000 request made in January.

American Medical Response is offering to provide the service for just \$450,000, a figure several supervisors feel isn't realistic. AMR also isn't in network with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield which would impact costs to county employee and residents on that plan.

Supervisor Matt Pflug pushed AMR's National Public Affairs Director Wes Harrell on the Wellmark issue asking him if AMR would sign a contract with Wellmark.

Harrell said AMR does accept Wellmark, but it's not an in-network service and the company would look at that possibility once they are a ground-service provider.

"That's to be determined and we are willing to work toward that in good faith," Harrell said.

Harrell said local commentary from supervisors that the county was settling for AMR because of the cost was inappropriate. He said AMR is a global leader in emergency medical response, going so far as to call it the "Cadillac" of services. He said AMR provided an offer to the county that is on par with the current service it has.

"There was a comment made that sometimes you have to settle because of cost. We feel we are the premier service and we are the Cadillac. We transport 13 million patients a year," Harrell said.

"We're excited about the opportunity to potentially provide service to Lee County. But we don't want Lee County to think they have to settle."

Harrell said, like with any health care provider, the provider bills for insurance and then the remainder of the costs are billed to the individual. With regard to Medicaid, the reimbursement is set by the government and the providers cannot go after the individual for the rest of the bill. It is absorbed by the company.

Providers set rates based on those reimbursements and AMR's rate sheet taken as a complete sheet shows rates close to double what Lee County EMS is currently charging.

A meeting has been set

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for Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Montrose Fire Station where supervisors again want to hear more on the three proposals and ask questions of each group. Harrell said he didn't know if anyone from AMR would be able to make the call, but he said the AMR proposal is pretty straight forward and he's not sure how much more information he could provide.

The meeting will also give Keokuk and Fort Madison fire officials a chance to outline their service proposal. Those two entities are asking for \$966,000 each from the county to help offset some start-up costs.

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Lee County News

Lee County Democrats award three scholarships

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Democrats have awarded 3 scholarships to Lee County Graduates this year. Student winners were selected based upon accomplishments in the areas of academics, leadership, community service, and extracurricular activities. They were also graded on an essay they submitted based on three civic questions. This years winners were Lily Cadwallader of Fort Madison High School, Wyatt Hellman of Holy Trinity Catholic High School, and Abbi Johnson of Central Lee High School

Lee County Democrats the scholarships reinforce their commitment to higher education. That higher education should be affordable and available to everyone. With a better education comes a higher income better employment benefits and more advancement opportunities

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Lily Cadwallader



Wyatt Hellman



Abbi Johnson



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Located right across the road

AMR pulls offer to provide county ambulance service

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County officials will have to go back to the drawing board to find their ambulance service.

American Medical Response officially pulled their offer to provide services to the county for \$450,000 per year Wednesday afternoon.

According to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, she contacted Wes Harrell, AMR's National Public Affairs Director to see if they would be a part of a meeting set for Thursday night to review proposals.

"He said, "Well, I was just getting ready to call you. We'll have a withdrawal letter to you this afternoon," Fraise said

Upon hearing that AMR was withdrawing their offer of service, Fraise said Lee County Supervisor Chairman Ron Fedler canceled the Thursday night meeting. That meeting would have also included discussions with Fort Madison and Keokuk fire chiefs, as well as Lee County EMS Ambulance officers.

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Health News/From the Front

Great River Health Systems restarts many services

WEST BURLINGTON - Great River Medical Center is beginning to lift its temporary restriction on appointments and procedures due to COVID-19 precautions. This includes outpatient occupational, physical and speech therapy, mammography and DEXA bone-density scanning.

Some clinics also are resuming appointments. Great River Health Fitness will announce its reopening plan soon in response to Gov. Kim Reynolds' authorization today to reopen fitness centers and other businesses statewide.

"Our plan is to reopen services slowly, said Teresa Colgan, chief, Clinical Operations. "Following CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health guidelines, we will maintain social distancing by staggering appointments to reduce the number of patients in waiting rooms, and seating will be at least six feet apart."

Screening for COVID-19 symptoms, including body temperature, and recent travel continues.

Everyone inside the hospital and its facilities is required to wear a mask. Patients are encouraged to bring their own or they are provided at the screening stations.

These entrances and screening stations are open: Main lobby - 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily

Emergency Department - 24 hours daily

Cancer Care Plaza - 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily Eastman Plaza - 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Mercy Plaza – 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday

Great River Medical Center followed strict cleaning procedures before COVID-19, and it continues its practice of disinfecting examination, procedure and inpatient rooms between patients.

While continuing a State Public Health Emergency

Declaration, Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation in late April allowing some elective procedures and surgeries to resume in a phased approach. The order requires hospitals to maintain an adequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to meet hospital needs with the reintroduction of services. Therefore, procedures that use a limited amount of PPE will begin first.

Elective services will be available to patients who are not at high risk for illnesses, including COVID-19. Patients are encouraged to call their providers' offices for information about appointments and procedures. Telehealth visits are available for patients who cannot or should not come to a clinic.

Visiting restrictions have not changed: Outpatient visiting restrictions

Outpatients at the hospital for clinic, Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory appointments, and Emergency Department care may not be accompanied by a visitor except:

Patients under 18 may have one visitor who is a parent or guardian.

Patients having surgery or procedures may have one visitor on the day of surgery or the procedure only.

Patients requiring special assistance may have one visitor or guardian.

Emergency Department:

Visitors may be allowed based on the patient's clinical situation.

Patients at end of life where death is imminent may have two visitors.

Inpatient visiting restrictions

Visiting is allowed only in designated areas. No

visiting is allowed in these areas: Behavioral Health Unit

Cardiovascular Care Unit Intensive Care Unit Medical Care Unit Medical-Surgical Unit Progressive Cardiac Unit Rehabilitation Unit

In other areas, patients are limited to the same visitors for the entire time they are hospitalized. They must stay in the patient's room or designated visitor area. Visitors must be at least 18 years old (unless they are the parents of a pediatric patient). They must pass a screening before visiting these areas:

End of life when death is imminent – Patients may have two visitors.

Obstetrics Unit - Only the mother's designated support person may visit unless the mother has a suspected or positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

Nursery and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - One birth parent plus one significant other may visit.

Pediatrics Unit /patients under 18 - One parent or guardian may visit.

Specific circumstances may further restrict visiting. Families of the patients described below should discuss visiting options with the patient's health care team.

Patients with disruptive behavior whose family member is key to their care may have one visitor.

Patients who have altered mental status or developmental delays who require a caregiver to help provide safety may have one visitor.

Where to go for more information

For more information, visit greatriverhealth.org Great River Health 24-hour COVID-19 Call Center,

319-768-1009 or 800-871-3313, toll-free For COVID-19 questions, call the Iowa Department of Public Health by dialing 211.



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FMCH releases additional services

The following entrances

• Main Clinic Entrance:

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All patients will concampus. tinue to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon are open at FMCH: entering the FMCH facility. They will also be asked to 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., M-F; wear a mask, and practice social distancing while on

7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday • Emergency Department Patient Entrance- 24 hour access/ 7 days a week

• Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Center Entrance: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Patients only.

"We are anxious to be able to provide the level of health care services to our community we did prior to the onset of COVID-19 planning. We want to make sure we do it in a cautious and logical way, protecting the quality of care our patients deserve," expressed Shelby Burchett, CEO, FMCH. "Our employees' safety is also a driving factor in the decisions we continue to make as we move forward in this uncertain time."

FMCH Birthplace patients- only the mother's designated support person is allowed- must be the same identified person for the duration of the stay.

guardian visit.

• Patients with an appointment in the FMCH Clinics, laboratory, outpatient rehabilitation, cardiopulmonary or radiology areas should be unaccompanied. Patients requiring special assistance may have one visitor or guardian.

• Emergency Room patients will not be allowed to have anyone in the treatment room with them. Pediatric patients may have one parent or guardian in the treatment room with them. The Emergency Department allow additional visitors based on clinical patient situation • We strongly recommend all additional support people wait in the car rather than the waiting area for their safety and ours. The leadership team at FMCH, in coordination with Great River Health, will monitor developments of the COVID-19 situation in Southeast Iowa, making adjustments as needed to the services offered.

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Visitor Restrictions are still in effect at FMCH and are as follows:

• No Visitors will be allowed on our Medical/Surgical or Special Care Units. Patients who are at the end of life where death is imminent may have two visitors. • Patients under the age of 18 may have one parent or

Education News/Lee County News

SCC's KidTek returns in June

WEST BURLINGTON - Arrangements are set for SCC's popular Kidtek University learning program to take place this summer.

The summer-learning camps are scheduled for late June, July, and August at sites in Burlington, Keokuk, Mount Pleasant, and West Burlington — and even at home.

CBIZ Sales and Marketing Director Beth Nickel says that organizers made adjustments to the program to compensate for COVID-related disruptions.

The program's typical start date has been pushed back a few weeks

and popular camps will take place later in the summer. In addition, students will have the opportunity to take online camps.

"We feel it's important that kids still have access to learning opportunities – especially now," says Nickel. "By offering virtual camps, parents have the option to give their kids fun science and technology activities from the comfort and safety of their own home."

For a complete schedule, registration, scholarship applications, and more information about Kidtek U, visit <u>kidteku.com</u> or call (319) 208-5375.

Thursday proposal meeting canceled by chairman

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The board was hoping to hear from the groups in order to make a decision on which way to go to keep ambulance service running.

Supervisor Gary Folluo, who represented the Board of Supervisors on the a recommending committee said he was surprised by the move.

"I was very surprised," Folluo said. "They have answered questions over and over and over again. And they were very dissatisfied with a comment about, if you can't afford the Cadillac you might have to settle for the Chevrolet. That really upset them. At the time I did here from them over that comment."

Folluo said he was very discouraged with the turn of events considering the amount of time and effort that's gone into coming up with a recommendation for the board to consider. He said he thought Suher I'd like to still present our proposal to the county and I haven't heard back from her," Herren said

The cities' joint proposal would cost the county \$1.9 million annually. Herren has said that number seems scary, but the cities would be able to reduce that amount over the years because there are a lot of start up costs involved, and public agencies can get gap funding that isn't currently available to private services.





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pervisors would've acted on the recommendation during a special meeting held Saturday evening.

"I felt it was a slap in the face. The countless hours and phone calls, adverse and pro, and all the time we've put in all day long and most evenings. We made a recommendation, so I don't know what else they want."

Lee County Board Chairman Ron Fedler was unavailable for comment. Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren said he'd still

Joey Herren said he'd still like an opportunity to present the cities' proposal to the county

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 5/5/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Rink, Lair, Andrews, Cangas and Morawitz present. Council Member Miller was absent.

This meeting was held electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) because a meeting in person was impossible or impractical for the health and safety of City Council, staff and the public presented by COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/21/2020; Payroll of 4/24/2020; Claims dated 4/30/2020, Manual Claims dated 4/30/2020 and the City Manager's Financial Update; Liquor License Renewals: Casey's #2023, 1208 Avenue H, effective 7/1/2020, Casey's #2319, 1428 - 38th Street, effective 7/1/2020, LULAC Council #304, 1424 - 36th Street, effective 5/1/2020, Sidelines Bar LLC, 1128 Avenue I, effective 5/1/2020; Outdoor

Liquor Service Extension: Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L, effective May 25-26, 2020; and Setting public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on 5/19/2020, on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Amendments.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning Amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 25, Floodplain Management at 6:01 P.M.. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 25, Floodplain Management.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning P.I.P. 2020-02, Airfield Lighting Reconstruction at 6:05 P.M.. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2020-26, adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-27, awarding construction contract to Kimrey Electric of Urbandale, Iowa, in the amount of \$214,568.50, and approving contract and bonds of Kimrey Electric, pending receipt of the documents. On motion, Council approved the second

reading of an ordinance rezoning of property located 2324 and 2332 Avenue J, from R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to B-4, Highway Business District.

On motion, Council approved the Historic Preservation Commission's request to apply for placement of the #2913 Steam Locomotive on the National Historic Register. On motion, Council accepted the Civil Service Commission's Police Department Promotional List. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Economic Development Assistance Contract between ConAgra Foods Packaged Foods, LLC, the City of Fort Madison, and the Iowa Economic Development Authority for High Quality Jobs Program Tax Incentives.

At 6:43 P.M., the meeting adjourned until May 19, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING** May 18, 2020 6:00 P.M.

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Finance: Steffensmeier/ Wvkert

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a auorum

II. Recognition of guests

III. Reading of Foundation documents (skip) IV. Monthly communi-

cations A. Student Rep Report (skip)

- B. Curriculum Corner
- CLC update
- SEL update

• Kindergarten update

C. "Did You Know?"

D. Superintendent Goal Report

E. District Presentations Iowa Association of School Boards Public School Proud

- Department Updates V. Approve the agenda VI. Consent Agenda
- A. Minutes
- 1. April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
- 2. May 11, 2020 Special Meeting

B. Financial reports

- 1. April Balance Sheet 2. April Revenue Summary
- 3. Expenditure report 4. Student Activity
- report C. Accounts payable

1. April General Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX

2. May General Account Board Bills for Approval 3. Student Activity

Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX

4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval D. Consider personnel

resignations 1. Jessica Bennett,

associate at the middle school

2. Heidi Schneider, nurse at Richardson/Lincoln

3. John Hewett, custodian at the high school 4. Susan Mallinger, as-

HELP WANTED **FAMILY SUPPORT** WORKER

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sociate at the high school 5. Jessica Groene, associate at Richardson

of the 2020-2021 Middle

4. Consider approval of

5. Consider approval of

6. Consider approval of

the 2020-2021 AFSCME

7. Consider approval

of the 2020-2021 FMEA

8. Consider approval of

the 2020-2021 Substitute

9. Consider approval of the sharing agreement

between FMCSD and

HTC for baseball for the

2020-2021 school year

between FMCSD and

the 2020-2021 school

between FMCSD and

the 2020-2021 school

between FMCSD and

2020-2021 school year

between FMCSD and

HTC for football for the

2020-2021 school year

between FMCSD and

14. Consider approval

of the sharing agreement

HTC for boys tennis for

year

year

HTC for boys soccer for

11. Consider approval

of the sharing agreement

12. Consider approval

of the sharing agreement

HTC for boys track for the

13. Consider approval

of the sharing agreement

10. Consider approval

of the sharing agreement

Teacher Handbook

the 2020-2021 Teamsters

the 2020-2021 Teamsters

School Handbook and

Unit 1 Handbook

Unit 2 Handbook

Handbook

Handbook

changes

6. Karen Menke, teacher at Richardson

E. Consider employment of personnel 1. Ryan Smith, high

school assistant football 2. Wendy Bailey, TL Computer Science Integration Coach

3. Kristi Roach, teacher at the high school

F. Consider contract modifications G. Consider leave of

absence H. Consider open en-

rollment requests I. Other reports

1. Activity/Athletic fundraisers 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.

B. Superintendent -Erin Slater 1. Consider approval of

policy changes 210.10 - Voting Method

recommend to keep 402.2 - Child Abuse

Reporting 2. Consider approval of the 2020-2021 Elementary Handbook and changes

3. Consider approval

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HTC for girls tennis for the 2020-2021 school year

15. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and HTC for girls track for the 2020-2021 school year

16. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and HTC for girls cross country for the 2020-2021 school year

17. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Central Lee for wrestling for the 2020-2021 school year

18. Consider approval of tentative agreements a. Teamsters Unit 1 -**Bus Drivers**

b. Teamsters Unit 2 -**Custodians/Mechanics**

c. FMEA d. AFSCME

19. Consider approval of Master Bargaining

Aareements a. Teamsters Unit 1 -

Bus Drivers

b. Teamsters Unit 2 -**Custodians/Mechanics**

c. FMEA

d. AFSCME

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore

1. 2020-2021 Fee Form

VIII. Discussion Items A. Director of Curricu-

lum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

1.

B. Superintendent -

Erin Slater 1. Consider policy

changes

211 - Open Meetings minor changes

212 - Closed Sessions

minor change 213 - Public Participa-

tion in Board Meetings minor change

213.1 - Public Complaints recommend to adopt IASB version 213.1-R-1 General Complaints by Citizens ours only, recommend to delete 214 - Public Hearings same as IASB, no change 2. Board Member Attendance C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore 1.

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IX. Comments from the audience

X. Legislative update XI. Announcements June 15, 2020 6:00 PM **Regular Board Meeting** June 22, 2020 6:00 PM Special Board Work Session XII. Adjourn

From the Front

New order keeps state's bars and casinos closed

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should any other Iowan who feels that's the safest choice.

"Any Iowan over 65 or at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness should stay home as much as possible to protect your health. You should wear a face covering if you can't stay at least six feet away. Anyone with close contact for more than 30 minutes with a positive case needs to self isolate for 14 days," Reisetter said.

"And it's OK to continue to stay home if you're not in a high-risk category. Every Iowan needs to do what's best for them. The Department of Public Health has developed guidance that all business should follow as they prepare to open."

That guidance is available on the state's coronavirus website at coronavirus.iowa.gov. Recommendations include increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing customer and staff areas, as well has providing hand sanitizer and face coverings when needed.

Reynolds said the state is seeing an uptick in numbers in the central and western parts of the state, including Polk County and Woodbury County which have been labeled hot spots in national media reports this week.

But the governor said decisions are always based on data and with the state phasing in it's plans to reopen, health care resources and targeted testing are sufficient to continue to move forward in getting the state restarted.

"We're also monitoring the potential impact of hospital resources in those areas and resources remain stable and Iowans are getting the care they need. These signs give me confidence we're moving in the right direction," she said.

"COVID-19 is here to stay for a while. But with everyone working together, despite everything, we can and must reopen our economy. We can restart and in a stable, safe and responsible way."

No decisions have been made on high school sports with some states in the nation moving to open up summer sports.

Reynolds said, as she has throughout the pandemic, those decisions will be based on data that is being pulled from the state and she will continue to look at those figures in making decisions.

Bars and casinos in the state are still closed under

the new order.

Reynolds said despite 35 deaths in the last two weeks, she still has confidence in opening the state's commerce further.

"It's awful anytime we have to announce additional Iowans losing their lives due to COVID-19. The vast majority of those deaths have been associated with our vulnerable population and in our long-term care facilities.

Reisetter said the deaths are a lagging indicator and those severe conditions usually present seven to eight days into the illness.

She said some areas of the state have peaked in virus numbers, but some others have not and that will come with increased and targeted testing in those areas, and where other surges might occur. Reisetter also said state

businesses are no longer required to report via a survey when 10% of their workforce is absent or ill due to the virus. She said it's better for them to contact that state directly.

"We'll continue to provide as much support and guidance to the businesses as we can," she said. "But instead of filling out a survey we've asked them to reach out directly to us with any concerns about their workplace."

Test Iowa is still several validations away from being able to ramp up testing. Reynolds said the State Hygienic Lab is validating 100 tests, when previously they only had to validate five tests with the Centers for Disease Control in the early onset of testing in the state.

"The State Hygience Lab is being very thorough to assure Iowans (Test Iowa results) are valid," she said. "We've got two or three left so hopefully by tomorrow we'll have that validated."

As of Tuesday evening, Lee County holds at 18 positive cases with 13 recovered. Des Moines County had an additional positive case Tuesday taking that county to 44 total with 20 recovered. Henry County has 43 positive confirmed cased with 32 listed as recovered. Both of those counties have seen once death. Jefferson County has nine confirmed cases with eight listed as recovered and Van Buren County has had eight cases and all are listed as recovered by the IDPH.

According to Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services, Clark County has only had one reported positive case of the virus. Hancock County in Illinois has had 12 confirmed cases of the virus.

County employees' copays for Rx, doctor visits increase in renewal

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"This is not something we put for bid as it wasn't a construction project or improvement. We solicited bids from known providers that we thought would be feasible," Fedler said.

Folluo said at least the county should allow the proposals to be tailored to the

additional funding.

"If we come up with another 400,000, by rights shouldn't we allow Keokuk and Fort Madison to tailor their plan to include \$900,000 and do the same thing with AMR. Maybe they could provide additional ambulances to Lee County," he said.

Pflug said he felt no



decision should be made until after the Thursday night meeting.

"I think we need to ask questions on Thursday night. There are questions, critical funding questions, that we can ask then," he said.

"There are still some questions I want to ask these people directly before I would make a decision. \$450,000 isn't going to cover ambulance service in Lee County. It's going to be on the backs of somebody."

Folluo said everyone needs to remember that Lee County EMS won't provide service with a \$500,00 subsidy.

In other action, the board approved new contract renewals with Wellmark for county employee health insurance with increases in copays for prescriptions and doctor visits. Co-insurance and deductibles will remain the same. The board also approved renewals of the county Wellness Program Contract with Health Solutions, and vision insurance

for the next fiscal year.

The board also: • approved removing golf carts from current ATV/UTV ordinance that sunsets at the

end of the year. • approve an updated pandemic policy to reflect new current symptoms of the coronavirus and COVID-19 illness.



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