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Reynolds makes COVID stop in FM



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Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg help unload PPE at Fort Madison City Hall Tuesday after lunch. Reynolds made a swing through southeast Iowa to talk with local health officials on progress in addressing the coronavirus.

FLATTENED THE CURVE: Reynolds says, "...We've done that."

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds climbed up on the back of a flatbed Iowa National Guard trailer Tuesday in Fort Madison and helped unload medical supplies.

Reynolds was in town as part of a swing through southeast Iowa assessing efforts and commending leaders on the work to combat COVID-19 over the past 15 weeks.

She followed Iowa National Guard servicemen and servicewomen, who have been a large part of the fight against

the COVID disease, including delivering personal protective equipment across the state.

"This is my opportunity to not only highlight what (the Iowa National Guard) is doing, but to help deliver some of the PPE and to thank the local emergency managers, local public health officials, and all of the first responders instrumental in helping address COVID-19," Reynolds said.

"It's been one big team across the state working collaboratively to address the virus, and in Iowa were doing better every single day. So we're very optimistic about the future."

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AMBULANCE

Levy election idea dropped by county

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – County officials are leaning toward not putting an emergency services levy in front of tax payers this year to pay for a county-run ambulance service.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise told supervisors during a workshop following Tuesday's regular meeting that an election wasn't mandatory.

Fraise said she spoke with officials at the Iowa Department of Management who informed her the county could just pay for the service out of the county's general fund.

What that amounts to is instead of holding a \$10,000 special election, or adding the question to the November general election, the county could literally just buy the service and take it over.

The move would likely require the county to go past the 2% revenue growth soft cap put in place by the state in 2019, by surpassing the \$3.50/\$1,000 maximum allowable general fund tax levy.

To surpass the 2% soft cap on revenue increases, supervisors would need at least 4 of 5 votes in favor of increasing revenues during the next budgeting cycle.

The county has appropriated \$900,000 of county funds in the upcoming fiscal year budget to subsidize the operations of Lee County EMS Ambulance, Inc., the county's only ambulance service.

The county agreed to increase the subsidy earlier this month as part of a 12-month extension of the ambulance services contract with the county.

Lee County EMS Director Bill Young told the county in May they need to look at other options after this year. One of those options was having the county buy out the service and run it as a public ambulance service.

"You would be running into the 2% cap next year and that will have to be approved



FRAISE

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CONSERVATION

County to sell land for Hwy. 61 ramp project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A slip ramp the Iowa Department of Transportation is building to allow easier access to Hwy. 61 for Siemens wind blades, will require purchasing some

land from the county.

The property is part of the Lee County Conservation District's Trumpeter Marsh habitat across the conservation center at Heron Bend. A public hearing on the matter has been set for July 7, at the next regular Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting.

LCCD Director Nathan Unsworth said the project has been in the works for a while and he's had numerous conversations with DOT officials.

"One component for this to happen was

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Scene Around Town/Lee County News



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Fort Madison Police Officer Courtney Dalton jumped into a sewer drain with the help of Fort Madison firefighters Tuesday morning at about 8:30 a.m. to rescue seven ducklings that had fallen into the drain. The ducklings were turned over to the Department of Natural Resources.

DOT to pay \$8,100 for land and fencing

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for the DOT to acquire .79 acres at the Trumpeter Marsh area that we own. It was donated by local conservation groups to the board," he said.

The Lee County Conservation Board discussed the item last week and has recommended that the sale be considered.

"They see this as a public safety issue for the county, as we have wind blades pulling onto the highway and blocking traffic," Unsworth said.

"Obviously this was a tough call for the board and they don't like to be put in those situations, but they did recommend it."

The DOT is offering \$5,300 for the acreage and another \$2,800 for a fence that will need to be relocated to help protect the swans that are being reintroduced to the state.

Supervisor Matt Pflug said the DOT would have the right at some point to just take the land if they need it.

County Engineer Ben Hull said that was a possibility.

"The DOT certainly can take the land, but they do have a process they have to follow and environmental reviews are a part of it. They do those reviews to assess the impact to conservation ground they are taking," he said.

"They don't just get to take that without justifying it. They feel the need to do that for public safety, and I would say they are justified here."

Unsworth said there were concerns shared from the public as well as Pheasants Forever.

"The price is fair and it allows us to move the fence to keep the swans on the property as part of the reintroduction," he said.

Supervisor Rich Harlow said the ramp was a good idea.

"I go by there regularly and it's definitely as safety hazard. I've seen road rage there at those times," he said.

Fedler said it was tough decision for the board.

"They had to balance conservation with safety and it was a very good decision in order to make sure this is safer for people traveling 61," Fedler said.

Unsworth said the funds will be used to address the fencing issue right away and then the rest will go into the conservation trust fund for additional projects around the county.

The slip ramp will be a southbound turning lane on the west side to allow room for Siemens-Games wind blade haulers to have easier access to the highway from the facility, without blocking oncoming southbound traffic.

Local law enforcement to join in July 4th sobriety campaign

LEE COUNTY - The last few months have brought incredible challenges for our communities. As our nation begins to reopen, many Americans will be eager to celebrate the Fourth of July with family and friends. The Fort Madison Police Department, along with the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (NHTSA) and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) want to remind drivers to not let the celebration turn dangerous by driving impaired.

Nationally, during the 2018 July 4th holiday period (the most recent statistics available) 193 people died in motor vehicle crashes and 78 of these fatalities occurred in an alcohol-impaired crash. On the fourth of July in 2018, one person lost their life in Iowa due to an alcohol related crash. On July 4, 2019, Iowa experienced 112 crashes which involved 2 fatalities and 9 serious injuries. These fatalities and injuries are certainly nothing to celebrate.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 71 percent of those who died in alcohol related crashes were in

vehicles involving a driver with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .15 or higher, almost two times the legal limit of .08. Law enforcement agencies across Iowa will be participating in the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign from July 3 to July 7, 2020.

In an effort to combat impaired driving, officers will be exhibiting zero tolerance for impaired drivers.

Impaired driving is not only dangerous but illegal, and it puts everyone on the road in jeopardy. There is also a financial aspect of driving impaired. An OWI arrest can cost up to \$10,000. You could lose your license, your car, and your job. Before you set out to celebrate this holiday weekend, make a plan - have a designated driver, call an Uber, or other rideshare service.

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From the Front

County will need soft cap override in next budget

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by four of the five of you," Fraise said Tuesday. "If you want to do a special election the second week in September, I need to know now. I'm just looking for your opinions here."

Board Chairman Ron Fedler said since the county is already appropriating money to offset the shortages of the service, the county should just account for that in the general fund, and take over operations.

"We're already taking money out of that fund for ambulance service. It would be, I would think, the best way to do it to take over the service."

A bill that passed the state House of Representatives prior to the adjournment last week, would have given counties authority to assess a tax for ambulance service as an essential service defined by the state, but that bill was not called for a vote in the Senate prior to the session ending.

State Rep. Jeff Kurtz (D-Fort Madison) and State Sen. Rich Taylor (D-Mt. Pleasant) both thought the legislature was going to pass the bill.

"All the Senate democrats were asking where it was," Taylor said.

"I didn't hear it called for a vote and I just kept thinking it would be called. Then all the Senate Democrats were asking where it was at and what's going on. The next thing I know we're adjourned."

Senate President Charles Schneider (R-W. Des Moines) said he had no role in pulling the bill and deferred comment to Jake Chapman and Jack Whitver. Chapman is the chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee where the bill would have come out of, and Whitver is the Senate Majority Leader who would have had the final say on the billing coming to a full floor vote.

Neither Chapman nor Whitver returned calls or messages on Tuesday.

"I thought it was done deal," Kurtz said Friday. "I actually let some people know in Lee County that I thought it was done. I honestly don't know what happened. You'll have to talk to the Senate about that."

Taylor said he believes another bill will be introduced next year and if either the House or the Senate gets flipped to Democrat control, the bill will get passed.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said there

would be extra publications and hearings that will be required if the county wants to forego the election and increase property taxes over the state caps.

Supervisor Matt Pflug said an election would be rolling the dice.

"You're not sure how taxpayers would react to that.

The disappointing piece is that the people in Des Moines don't consider this an essential service."

Fedler said the county had to move in a direction that is best for all county residents.

"Just like any other decision, people agree with us and people disagree with us. I try to do what I feel is best for the entire county and that's all we can do," Fedler said.

Supervisor Gary Folluo said he still believed the coun-

ty voters should have a say in the direction the county takes.

Fraise said county staff, including herself, will be meeting with Young Wednesday to get a closer look at the company's financials, to start getting some figures together on what it will cost the county to run the service.

In other action, the board:

- approved 5-0 to enter an agreement to for watershed protection on Valley Road west of Keokuk near the Des Moines River. The county will pay the \$400,000 cost of the rehabilitation but will be reimbursed close to 80% from USDA dollars.

- approved sending letters of support to Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission and Southeastern Community College regarding a joint educational center in Lee County.



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Sports

HTC girls give New London a run for 8 innings

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – The Holy Trinity Catholic varsity softball team is getting closer and closer to their first win.

After falling to Danville 13-12 Thursday night, the Crusaders (0-4) lost a heartbreaker to New London at home Tuesday night 5-4 in eight innings.

Freshman Mary Hellige held the Tigers (4-2, 3-0) scoreless through four innings, but ran into a bit of trouble in the top of the fifth. After getting Clair Jones to pop out behind the plate and Sofie Reighard to fly out in the infield for two outs, Elly Manning lined a single to center and then advanced to second on an error on the play.

HTC Head Coach Loren Menke intentionally passed all-state senior Layney Lloyd and then senior Kara Krieger ripped a two-run triple to left center. Ashlyn McSorley followed up with a single to score Krieger. Hellige would get Mariah Hartrick to strike out to end the inning two hitters later.

Neither team would score in the sixth inning, but New London would put up an insurance run in the top of the seventh, when Lloyd pushed a triple passed Jenna DiPrima in right field and came around to score on Krieger's squeeze bunt.

The Crusaders would get out of the inning when McSorley would pop out to first with Krieger running on the pitch and Rachel Menke was able to double her off at first.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's Mary Hellige gets forced at second as New London's Ashlyn McSorley tries to turn a double play Tuesday night at South Park in West Point. The Crusaders fell to the Tigers 5-4 in eight innings. Below left, Jenna DiPrima snowcones a flyball in right in the third inning.

HTC responded in the bottom of the seventh to send it into extra innings.

DiPrima led things off with a single that went off the glove of pitcher Elly Manning and dribbled into left field. After Raquel Schneider popped out to first, Anna Sobczak took a pitch off her foot moving DiPrima to second. Brooke Mueller would then send a drive into center that wasn't deep enough to advance any runners.

With two outs, Haile Cain singled just past McSorley at shortstop moving everyone up a base. Mary Hellige worked an 0-2 count for a walk to score DiPrima and then Kayla Box got down 0-2 and worked a 13 pitch at-bat for another walk to score Sobczak. Laura Mehmert would line out to second to end the inning with the bases loaded to force an eighth inning.

Menke said it was at-bats like Hellige's and Box's in the seventh inning with the game on the line that shows the girls are gaining confidence.

"Those were quality at bats. When you see them up there having an at-bat like that, it makes you feel really good. That's tough to do for freshmen in that situation," he said.

"And we're not striking out a lot. We're getting quality at bats and tonight we played a lot better defense than we have. You start putting those together and good things can happen."

Hartrick led off with a single to right and moved to second on a throwing error on the play. Sophie Malott moved her to third on a ground out to short. Hellige would get Jones to fan for the second out, and then

Sophie Reighard hit a line drive right at Hellige that went off her glove and trickled over second base to score Hartrick. Manning would ground out to Box at third to end in the inning.

DiPrima reached in the bottom of the eighth with a one-out single to right-center, but was forced at second on a rare fielder's choice from right field off Raquel Schneider's bat. Sobczak would ground out to short to end the game.

Hellige again went the distance for Holy Trinity throwing 109 pitches and getting four strike outs against three walks. She gave up 10 hits and five runs in the loss.

"Mary is learning to pitch at the varsity level," Menke said.

"She's seen nothing but junior high and jayvee batters. She knows she's not going to blow it by them, but she's learning how to pitch against varsity batters and it's making a big difference."

Elly Manning picked up the win for the Lady Tigers coming in in the bottom of the third and scattering three hits, while fanning three and walking three.

The Crusaders chased started Sophie Malott after two with New London down 2-0.

Schneider and DiPrima led the Crusaders at the plate with two hits each. Schneider had a double and single and an RBI. Mehmert, Mueller and Cain had the other hits for Holy Trinity.

The Crusaders take on powerhouse Louisa-Muscataine at home Wednesday with a junior varsity/varsity set starting at 5:30 p.m.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
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Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2020

I. The meeting was

called to order by Vice President Hope at 6:00 p.m. Directors Wykert, Ross, Steffensmeier and Menke were present. President Wondra and Director DiPrima participated via teleconference. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director

of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

II. Recognition of guests. Vice President Hope welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communi-

cations

A. Student Rep report. There was none.

B. Curriculum Corner. The Board received End of Year data.

C. "Did You Know?" Superintendent Slater provided an update on the accessibility of all

information related to the District via the District's website.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the ongoing activities within the Fort Madison Community School District.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

E. District Presentations. Secretary Elmore received the Iowa Association of School Business Officials - Professional Leadership Award.

Break: 6:06 p.m.
End Break: 6:16 p.m.
V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Wondra to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting; financial reports including the May Balance Sheet, May Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the May General Account Board bills for Approval, June General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Chad Bowen as middle school soccer, Josie Morrill as associate at Richardson, Julie Bengé as teacher at the high school, Kimberly Anderson as associate at Richardson; employment of Misty Harris as elementary nurse, Ryan Wilson as assistant baseball, Jordyn Meierotto as assistant cross coun-

try, Luke Rickelman as middle school football and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

1. Consider approval of 2020-2021 Curriculum Materials K-5 Math and OUR EL. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the purchase of the curriculum materials as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.
1. Consider approval of salary lists.

a. FMEA. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Menke to approve the FMEA salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. Teamsters Unit 2. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the Teamsters Unit 2 salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. Administrators/Directors. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wondra to approve the Administrators/Directors salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 4-3 voice vote with Directors Menke, Steffensmeier and Wykert responding Nay.

d. Salaried Support Staff. It was moved by Menke and seconded by

Steffensmeier to approve the Salaried Support Staff salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

e. Hourly Support Staff. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the Hourly Support Staff salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

f. Food Service. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the Food Service salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider Approval of Policy Changes

a. 211 – Open Meetings. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Menke to approve policy 211 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. 212 – Closed Sessions. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy 212 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. 213 – Public Participation in Board Meetings. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve policy 213 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

d. 213.1 – Public Complaints. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Menke to approve policy 213.1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

e. 213.1-R-1 – General

Complaints by Citizens. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to delete policy 213.1-R-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids for Nutrition Services. The Board reviewed the Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids as presented. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the Nutrition Services Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. 2020-2021 Proposed School Meal Rates. The Board reviewed the proposed meal rates. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the 2020-2021 proposed school meal rates as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. IASB Safety Group Insurance Program renewal and premium approval. The Board reviewed the IASB Safety Group Insurance Program and renewal premiums. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the participation in and the renewal premiums for the IASB insurance program. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Resolution to Interfund Borrow. The Board reviewed the Resolution to Interfund Borrow. It was moved by Steffensmeier

and seconded by Wykert to approve the Resolution to Interfund Borrow as presented. A roll call vote was administered with Directors Menke, Ross, DiPrima, Steffensmeier, Wykert, Wondra and Hope all responding Aye.

5. Consider approval of the Class of 2020 graduate list. The Board reviewed the graduation list. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the class of 2020 graduation list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

Exit DiPrima: 7:22 p.m.
Enter DiPrima: 7:23 p.m.

6. Consider approval of the Legislative Priorities for the Iowa Association of School Boards. The Board reviewed the Legislative Priorities for the Iowa Association of School Boards. Consensus was given to submit Priorities #3, #7, #8 and #18 to the Iowa Association of School Boards.

VIII. Discussion Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

B. Superintendent.
1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 215 through 216.3. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Board Member Attendance. The attendance report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.
June 22, 2020 6:00 p.m. Special Work Session, Board Room, Central Office June 27, 2020 9:00 a.m. Graduation, Gymnasium, Fort Madison High School July 20, 2020 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President

June 15, 2020
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 6/16/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E.

This meeting was held with Council, staff and some members of the public present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda:

Minutes and Work Session Minutes of 6/2/2020; Payroll of 6/5/2020;

Claims dated 6/11/2020, May Manual Claims, May Financial Update and the City Manager's Financial Update, Resolution No. 2020-32, approving Resignation Agreement and Release; List of Cigarette Permits, Setting Public Hearing for 7/7/2020 at 5:30 P.M. on an application for an upper-story conversion grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grant program; Outdoor Service Extension: Vinnie's Longbranch, effective 7/4-7/5/2020; and Liquor License Renewals: Vinnie's Longbranch, effective 8/1/2020, Fort Madison Elks Club, effective 7/1/2020, Fareway Stores, effective 7/24/2020, Faeth's, effective 6/30/2020.

On motion, Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance D-062, amending Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 3, Speed, and replacing Title 9, Chapter 4, Traffic Regulations, Chapter 5, Turning Regulations and Other Violations, and Chapter 6, Equipment.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-33, authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of Transportation's State Recreational Trails program grant for construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 4 – 48th Street Trail Connector.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-34, granting property tax exemption for Larry and Diana Peck for property at 3108 Avenue E (new home).

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a one-year Contract for Transportation Services between the City and Southeast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee County Iowa Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Testing

Saturday, July 11, 2020 9 AM – 12 PM

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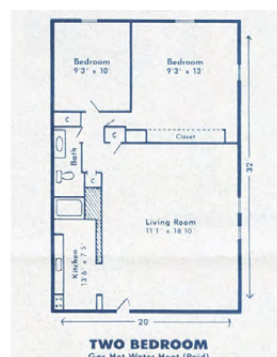
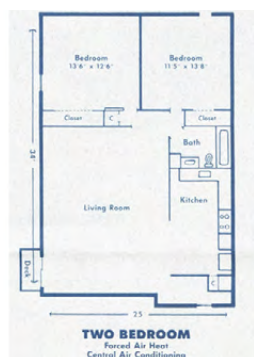


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PUBLIC NOTICES

Iowa Regional Planning Commission, effective 7/1/2020. On motion, Council approved the bid of Pro Paving, LLC, of Middletown, of \$.50 per square foot (double seal) for the 2020 Street Seal Program. On motion, Council approved the bid of W. L. Miller Company of Hamilton, Illinois, of \$1.96 per square foot for the 2020 Yearly Asphalt Program. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun Burns & Associates, of West Des Moines, Iowa, for Preliminary Design Phase services for Replacement of the 27th Street Bridge Over Dry

Creek. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun Burns & Associates, of West Des Moines, Iowa, for Preliminary Design Phase services for Replacement of the Avenue F Bridge Over French Creek. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a one-year lease with RiverfestFM, LLC, for the use of Riverview Park for Riverfest 2020.

At 6:58 P.M., the meeting adjourned until July 7, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

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

REVENUES	6/15/2020	PAYROLL	6/5/2020
General	\$57,484.14	General	\$179,476.02
Special Revenue	84,188.04	Marina	602.84
Road Use	2,697.55	Old Fort	2,727.67
Debt	14,015.39	Road Use	31,162.38
Capital	6,026.71	Tourism	1,427.36
Water	539.10	Water	27,282.33
Sewer	1,793.86	Sewer	38,267.38
Solid Waste & IWC	173.63	Solid Waste	11,347.89
SW Utility	42.41	Airport	312.77
	\$166,960.83	Storm Water	2,776.61

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$118,826.24
Special Revenue	598,210.69
Road Use	84,060.57
Capital	329,177.34
Water	19,373.57
Sewer	36,855.45
Solid Waste/IWC	15,418.60
SW Utility	659.41
	\$1,202,581.87

CLAIMS - 6/16/2020
 ACCO, POOL VAC 4,614.00
 AGRINEED, INC, WEED KILLER 48.00
 AHLERS & COONEY, PC, PROF FEE - PARKING LOT 2,010.55
 ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, CHUSION TILE 125.00
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 2,005.86
 ALTORFER INC., GLASS 40,502.07
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MISC. SUPPLIES 575.69
 ANSWER PLUS, ANSWERING SERVICE 187.50
 ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM/SHOP SUPPLIES 752.16
 BAIER FORD, BATTERY 139.95
 BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, REPAIR SEWER MAIN 425.00
 BEACH & ENKE TRUCKING, ROCK & HAULING 29,468.94
 BRIAN S GREEN, SAFETY BOOTS/CLOTHING 300.19
 BUILDING MATERIALS INC, SUPPLIES 296.13

BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES 119.00
 CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE 1,728.33
 COMPANY NURSE LLC, ON JOB INJURY 86.00
 CONN COMM INC., PHONE CASE/COVER 89.90
 CORE & MAIN LP, TUBING 301.00
 DAILY DEMOCRAT, POSTINGS 377.87
 DALE BEUNING, SAFETY BOOTS 125.00
 DAVIS RADIOLOGY PC, 2020 FIRE PHYSICALS 800.00
 DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT CO., STREET PAINT 2,317.23
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, DOG PARK DAY PASS ENVELOPES 151.24
 DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE 2,218.36
 DRAVIS AUTO & TRUCK REP, REPAIR F550 1,722.00
 EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS 48.50
 ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS, REMOTE SPEAKER 105.00
 FASTENAL COMPANY,

SHIRTS - BRYANT 70.56
 FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, TRASH PICK UP .. 836.10
 GEM ELECTRONICS, VOLUME KNOB 27.50
 GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, GARBAGE 14,195.75
 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, TOILET PAPER/CLEANING SUPPLIE 241.32
 GREG HOWARD, NUISANCE 1,242.52
 HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, TREE REMOVAL - AVE G - 11 950.00
 HOWARD MENKE, RENTAL REFUND .. 90.00
 HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - ONE WAY 98,609.00
 HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, BOLT FLANGE 784.31
 HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRE REPAIR 19.50
 IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CONCRETE 783.50
 INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTORS, SUMP PUMPS 100.00
 IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, GRANT FINDER SUBSCRIPTION 50.00
 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, TRAFFIC SIGNS 497.31
 JEAN PEITON, REIMBURSEMENT 214.80
 JEREMIAH BOLLIN, NUISANCE ABATEMENT 200.00
 JIM'S LOCK & SAFE, INC., KEYS/SERVICE CALL 469.25
 JOE PEITZ, DNR 2019 60.00
 JONES CONTRACTING CORP, AVE H 2-6 ST PAY EST #4 228,019.96
 JUDY WATSON, SHELTER REFUND 180.00
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, RENTAL/PARTS/SHIPPING 954.44
 LINK MEDIA, OUTDOOR ADVERTISING 130.00
 LISCO, INTERNET/PHONE 2,132.56
 LYNCH DALLAS P.C., NEGOTIATIONS 2,166.70
 MASTERCARD, ZOOM MTG/POSTAGE/SAFETY SUPP 2,880.47
 MCFARLAND, SOAP/GLOVES 43.93
 MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, FILTERS; PARTS 2,310.83
 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ABATEMENT 3,165.76
 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, RIVERVIEW FT INSTALL 490.46
 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, METERS/MXU 7,197.00
 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS/SUPPLIES 535.98
 PANTHER UNIFORMS INC, CAPT BARS ... 44.50
 PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, MONTHLY FEE 1,350.00

PAUL'S PLUMBING & HEATING, REPAIR TOILET 1,428.38
 PITNEY BOWES, SERVICE AGREEMENT 647.20
 POEPPING STONE & BACH, CITY HALL ROOF REPAIR 302.27
 PRODUCTIVITY PLUS, ACCOUNT STARTER ISSUE 1,428.52
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 SERVICE MASTER, CLEANING SERVICE 1,311.50
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 STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC, TEST MATERIAL 85.00
 STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING 19.50
 TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY TEST 273.00
 TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, SPINDLE KIT 138.51
 TRANSYSTEMS, BRIDGE STUDY 68,502.18
 TRUCK REPAIR INC., AIR FILTER 367.54
 WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, BISULFITE 3,187.13
 WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS PREMIUM - JULY 2020 89,487.63
 WINDSTREAM, INTER-

NET 246.32
 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTION, RADIO SUPPLIES .. 27.50
 YMCA, FORT MADISON, 1/2 - 2020 POOL SEASON 10,000.00
 YOUNGGREN SHOES, SAFETY SHOES .. 103.99
 TOTAL 647,433.00
 GENERAL 109,445.35
 SPECIAL REVENUES 90,491.28
 ROAD USE 68,304.98
 CAPITAL PROJECT 329,154.58
 WATER 14,163.69
 WASTEWATER 20,581.32
 SOLID WASTE 14,203.95
 AIRPORT 428.44
 STORM WATER ... 659.41
 TOTAL 647,433.00

MANUAL CLAIMS MAY 2020

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 36,858.26
 AMSOIL, INC, GREASE 275.72
 CONAGRA, 4 QTRS TARGETED JOBS 499,529.07
 EASYPERMIT POSTAGE, WATER BILLS/ DUES/POSTAGE 1,667.07
 FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, KUHLMIEER FOUNTAIN WATER 562.25
 HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 63.45
 JET GAS, TANKWAGON

MARINA FUEL... 7,633.25
 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE 725.92
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, POSTAGE FOR NUISANCES 715.25
 RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER 35.83
 VERIZON WIRELESS, PHONE 280.07
 WEX BANK, FUEL 6,802.73
 TOTAL 555,148.87
 GENERAL 9,380.89
 SPECIAL REVENUES 507,255.14
 ROAD USE 15,755.59
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 22.76
 WATER 5,209.88
 WASTEWATER 16,274.13
 SOLID WASTE .. 1,214.65
 AIRPORT 35.83
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From the Front

Reynolds says Iowans need to be personally responsible

PPE - Continued from Page 1

Reynolds, along with Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, visited the Great River Health Test Clinic in West Burlington before heading to the Old Fort Diner for lunch, and then to Fort Madison City Hall.

She said the most recent data shows that Iowa has flattened the curve, moved through recovery, and is now in an economic growth phase.

“Our original goal was to flatten the curve, to protect vulnerable Iowans and manage our health care resources so we would flatten the curve and not overwhelm our healthcare system. And we have done that,” she said.

Current data shows 166 Iowans hospitalized with the disease and a positivity test rate of 10% with a 5.6% rate on Monday, but she said testing is at record levels since the virus showed up in Iowa. Lee County currently has seen 44 positive tests and two deaths from the new coronavirus.

“We have significantly increased our testing ability with Test Iowa and now anybody who wants to get a test can test,” she said.

The Test Iowa website at www.testiowa.com is still actively assessing Iowans and recommending testing locations by appointment.

But the governor said the state is also being proactive in watching for any spikes in numbers and will react aggressively to those clusters.

“Because of the testing we can monitor that and manage it, but people have to be personally responsible,” she said.

“It’s the same thing with the mask – it’s not a mandate. But if you don’t feel comfortable going out in public and you can’t social distance, we would recommend a face covering. But that’s a personal choice.”

The state’s role is also to educate Iowa communities, she said, as to where hot spots are occurring even down to a zipcode, so people can make the best decisions for themselves.

“You’re starting to see more people gather and we’re going to watch that closely and see what that looks like as we move forward,” she said. “As we do see an uptick



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds pulls herself onto the back of a flatbed truck Tuesday afternoon. With outgoing Lee County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Steve Cirinna in the foreground. Reynolds helped Iowa National Guard service men and women unload PPE at Fort Madison City Hall. Below left, Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross talks with Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg about the county’s handling of the COVID crisis.

in virus activity, we can proactively let the community know so, again, then they can figure out what they need to do to address it.”

Michele Ross, Lee County Health Department administrator said she spoke with the governor about contact tracing. While a large part of the state is using the National Guard personnel to conduct investigations, Ross said LCHD is still using their own staff to monitor positive cases in Lee County.

“We talked about contact tracing and what kind of team I had in place and how that’s going,” Ross said. “And I talked about how great Lee County worked together to do mitigation, and how our businesses reopening did it correctly.”

Reynolds said those kinds of stories are what gives her confidence to continue moving ahead with economic recovery.

“I’m really seeing some positive things take place across Iowa and that’s why we can continue in a very safe and responsible manner to open back up and get our economy going and get Iowans’ lives back to some normalcy.”

Locking down the state has been hard on Iowans, Reynolds said, and that has to be taken into consideration as decisions are being made to open things back up.

She said people being afraid to go to the hospital, not

getting needed treatments, in addition to abuse and neglect, are all apart of being locked down.

“Child abuse numbers are down because we haven’t had eyes on our kids,” she said. “It’s just been a perfect storm for some really bad things to happen. So you have to take that into consideration as we try get things back to normal.”

PPE is still being delivered as the supply chain continues to open up. Reynolds said the goal is to regionally have 90 days worth of gloves, face shields, masks, and gowns on hand in the event the state would see an uptick in virus cases.

“We starting to see a lot of items we procured coming back in and we’re seeing the supply chain open up. I think, with gowns, we’re watching that and probably are still not where we want to be, but everything else were putting a 90-day stockpile in place.”

The entourage moved from Fort Madison to Fairfield and Keota with stops scheduled in both communities on Tuesday.



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