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## NLCHS wants chimney facelift

**CREWS OUT:** Mayor would like long-term plan for 1908 Fort monument

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The North Lee County Historical Society got approval from city officials to apply for a \$20,000 grant to repair the city's chimney monument in the 400 block of Avenue H.

Dollar General on the city's east side.

"Right now we aren't asking to move it, just asking the council to approve a resolution to authorize us to get the \$20,000 then we can proceed with repairs," Andrews said via phone.

"We're not asking for ownership. If we want to move the property, then we'll come back to the council again."

Andrews said the grant has to be ap-

plied for by May 15th. He said the NLCHS has bids to repair the 1908 monument for about \$14,000. Workers would remove the chimney from its pedestal, relocate it to the parking lot across the highway and do the repairs there, then reassemble the monument.

Councilman Bob Morawitz said he didn't

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## AMBULANCE SERVICE

## Councilor wants details on proposal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON – As city officials continue to work to put together a proposal to offer city and county ambulance services, a Fort Madison city councilwoman wants to see the proposal.

Fort Madison Fire Chief and Mayor Matt Mohrfeld have been involved in countywide committee discussions focused on shoring up an ambulance service for the county. The move comes on the heels of current provider Lee County EMS Ambulance, Inc., financial



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struggles that have the service operating week to week as it struggles to meet payroll.

Just over a month ago, Lee County Supervisors authorized a \$36,000 payment to the Lee County

Ambulance to help cover that weeks payroll on March 20. Supervisors have not had to make another payment for the past four weeks.

However, Lee County Ambulance's investors, headed by Richard Young, have not signed a new contract that would start July 1. In lieu of that contract, the Lee County Ambulance has submitted a new proposal, which would, in all likelihood, ask for supplemental funding from the county in excess of the current \$500,000 that is budgeted for 2020-21.

Supervisor Gary Folluo said his conversations with the company have indicated amounts of \$750,000 to \$1 million may be needed to offset very low Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement rates that have crippled the service.

At Tuesday's regular Fort Madison City Council meeting, Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker asked if the city council was going to be able to any proposal from the city before it goes to the county.

The county is asking for all proposals

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## HIGHWAY 61 PROJECT

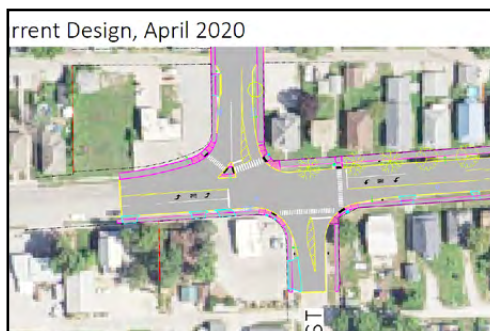
## City may wait until August to bid one-way project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City officials got a fresh look and timeline Tuesday for reconstruction of what are called the city's "one-way pairs" on Bus. 61 in Fort Madison.

At Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting held via teleconference, Tim Cutsforth, a project manager for HR Green of Cedar Rapids, updated the council on how 2016 plans for the work have changed.

Cutsforth said his firm was hoping to put the project out for bid in May, but with the virus and changing face of state and federal stimulus packages, the city



might see an advantage to waiting until the August bid letting period to put the work out.

The project is part of the Avenue H and Avenue L reconstruction that is being paid for with proceeds from a \$13.9 million payment given to the city by the state after the bypass was completed.

That fund, and the interest generated by it, are earmarked for the reconstruction project.

Phase 1 is currently underway with the reconstruction of the highway from 2nd Street to 6th Street.

Cutsforth said additional modifications to the plan also make a later bidding possibly a better option for the city.

"We expanded the project by adding some water main. The original plan original plan wasn't to replace it, but city decided it was the right time to do that so we added that in," he said.

"Then the virus hit and slowed our production a little bit. I think it would be

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Ambulance proposal will come back in front of city council

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to be in by 5 p.m. April 30. Herren said he's meeting with Keokuk city officials Thursday to iron out some final details before sending a proposal to the county board.

Bowker said that takes any investigation by the Fort Madison City Council off the table.

"Will we be able to see that proposal before it goes to the Board of Supervisors or will when will we get to see it," Bowker asked at the meeting.

Mohrfeld said the city will be making a preliminary report to the county and then the city council would have a chance to weigh in on the proposal.

"The problem is that it ends up being a cart and horse thing," Mohrfeld said. "It's been a whirlwind thing and I can't compliment Joey and his team enough, especially when you're working shoulder to shoulder with a sister city."

Bowker pressed the issue.

"At that point we don't have any wiggle room," she said.

Mohrfeld asked Bowker what she meant by that and Bowker said if the details are approved by the board, then basically the city is "rubber stamping" the plan and wouldn't have any say what's in it.

"I'm assuming we're getting money from the

county for that new venture, but what does that look like?" she asked.

Mohrfeld said transparency to the council and the city is part of the process and the council would have the authority to decline the proposal.

In addition to the Lee County Ambulance proposal, the county also has a proposal from Global Medical Response, the parent company of the local AirEvac service with a base behind Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Other providers are also welcomed by the county to submit proposals for Lee County service before the April 30 deadline.

# State DOC now has 10 positive for coronavirus

CORALVILLE- Yesterday, the department, in cooperation with the Iowa Dept. of Public Health, began implementing expanded investigatory testing at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center (IMCC) in Coralville, IA. The testing is initially focused on the inmates who came from county jails in the special intake quarantine unit at IMCC, where the first positive inmate case was located.

So far, there have been 69 new tests completed on the inmates in this unit in the last 24 hours, and 4 tests completed on staff that have worked in this area. Of those, 10 results for inmates have been found positive. 11 tests are still pending.

48 tests were negative. The department has also ordered an additional 150 tests that will be conducted on staff and inmates.

The department intends to continue expanding testing of inmates and staff that have worked in specific areas at IMCC, primarily those involved the intake process and quarantine units. Once these tests are completed, testing will expand to other areas of the facility. Inmates with positive test results will continue to be moved to medical isolation cells where staff use full PPE when required to have direct contact with these inmates.

The IMCC staff have moved quickly to expand mitigation efforts at the

prison. They have implemented a prison-wide restricted movement, and are currently conducting a deep-cleaning of the affected unit. Staff continue expanding their efforts to separate healthy inmates from those that have tested positive, while following procedures that mitigate the risk to themselves and inmates. This prison has also suspended all non-medical admissions and transfers at this time. At this time, the vast majority of inmates remain asymptomatic and they will continue to be medically isolated and monitored for any medical needs as they recover.

The department has been preparing for the eventuality of the introduction of COVID-19 since early March, and has been as transparent as possible with all of the increased efforts across all nine prisons. This information, including a link to the department's pandemic policy is available at [doc.iowa.gov/departments-corrections-steps](https://doc.iowa.gov/departments-corrections-steps).

The department plans to continue to expand testing at IMCC, and as the results of those tests are returned, the department will update relevant statistics at [doc.iowa.gov/COVID19](https://doc.iowa.gov/COVID19) each day.

Dept. Director Beth Skinner had the following comment on the situation: "The members of the IMCC team have and continue to do everything possible to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The expanded testing they are conducting will be an essential part of helping us solve this problem. By knowing who to isolate, whether they are asymptomatic or not, we will be able to help reduce the spread at the prison." She also stated, "We plan to continue to expand testing with staff and inmates to have as much information as possible as we work to fight the impacts of this virus. I want Iowans to know that the courageous men and women of this department are working day and night to keep our prisons as safe as possible."



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## For the Record/ From the Front

# Panel wants to put historic locomotive on register

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think it was a responsible move to repair the monument without moving it to its permanent location. He said the current location subjects the piece to vibrations from trains and vehicles.

City Manager David Varley said the current plans for the reconstruction of that section of Highway 61 include a pull-off area where cars can stop and view the chimney with the fort and Mississippi River in the background.

Mohrfeld said he'd like for the historical society and the local Daughters of the American Revolution, who originally owned the piece, to get together and formulate a long-term plan.

Councilman Rusty Andrews said the first priority is to preserve the monument. He said the top five feet has substantial cracking and over the years moisture has gotten in and frozen in the winter causing more damage.

"If an entity like the historical society or the DAR wants to get involved and preserve it, neither can apply for grants without the blessing of the city," he said.

"The city needs to embrace someone out there who wants to raise funds for it, because nobody has the money right now."

Mohrfeld said he heard from the DAR and they wanted to pull back from the project and take another look at what needs to be done.

The council did approve the NLCHS request to apply for grant funding by a 6-0 vote. Tyler Miller was absent from the meeting.

In an unrelated issue, Fort Madison's Historical Preservation Commission is asking the city for permission to put the #2319 Locomotive on the National Register of Historic Places. The locomotive currently sits in Riverview Park.

Mohrfeld said the move equates to taking on the locomotive for life and maintaining it.

Commission President Chris Sorrentino said he's spoken with state officials on several occasions and he didn't see a downside to applying for the national register.

Councilman Mark Lair, who serves as a liaison to the commission, said recent bouts of flooding have done damage to the tiles the locomotive sits on, and the city may consider moving it to a better location. He suggested moving it west by the caboose closer to the museum on a little higher ground.

"It's not a matter of if, but when, we're going to spend money to replace the ties," Sorrentino said. "If further conversation takes place to move it closer to the caboose we'd entertain that, but we have not been able to find any downside for it being added to the register."

Having the locomotive on the national register could open up the commission and the city to grants to help maintain and market the locomotive.

Varley said he believes the move wouldn't put any additional strain on the city.

"There are no regulatory conditions that go with it. I concur with what Chris is saying. The application has to be done online, and that will take a little bit of work that has to go through State Historical Preservation Office and they have to decide if it's worthy. They have to give it their blessing and then it gets bumped up to the federal level for approval."

In other action, the council:

- approved the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 2324 and 2332 Avenue J as a high business district. The move would require to more readings or a council-approved waiver of the second reading.

- approved a contract with Meller Excavating to resurface city parking lots at 8th Street and Avenue D, and 8th Street and Avenue F, with permeable pavers as part of a grant-funded storm water mitigation project.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
04/19/20 – 11:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited James Martindale, 55, no address listed, in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while revoked. He was released after being cited.  
04/20/20 – 4:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Cindy Drive.  
04/21/20 – 7:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Amanda Boggs, 32, no address given, in the 900 block of 22nd Street, on a charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct, assault on a police officer, interference, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 narcotics. She was taken to

the Lee County Jail and held 04/21/20 – 5:24 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Cindy Drive.  
04/21/20 – 6:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of 26th Street.  
04/21/20 – 8:01 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue J.  
04/21/20 – 2:53 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue J.  
04/21/20 – 11:26 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue E.  
04/22/20 – 8:35 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue H.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
04/17/20 – 5:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1700 block of 303rd Avenue. According to reports, a vehicle driven by William LeStat Wagner, 24, of Fort Madison struck a guard rail on slick conditions and left the vehicle at the site. No injuries or citations were reported. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
04/20/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and a kitchen grease fire.  
04/21/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.

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## Iowa News/Ag News

# USDA sees record contracts for crop risk coverage

WASHINGTON, April 21, 2020 – Producers signed a record 1.77 million contracts for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2019 crop year, which is more than 107 percent of the total contracts signed compared with a 5-year average. USDA also reminds producers that June 30 is the deadline to enroll in ARC and PLC for the 2020 crop year.

“Producers for several years have experienced low commodity prices, a volatile trade environment and catastrophic natural disasters,” said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “Farmers looking to mitigate these risks recognize that ARC and PLC provide the financial protections they need to weather substantial drops in crop prices or revenues.”

Producers interested in enrolling for 2020 should contact their FSA county office. Producers must enroll

by June 30 and make their one-time update to PLC payment yields by September 30.

FSA attributes the significant participation in the 2019 crop year ARC and PLC programs to increased producer interest in the programs under the 2018 Farm Bill and to an increase in eligible farms because of the selling and buying of farms and new opportunities for beginning farmers and military veterans with farms having 10 or fewer base acres. Enrollment for 2019 ended March 16

USDA Service Centers, including FSA county offices, are open for business by phone only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any

other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

For more information on ARC and PLC, download the program fact sheet or the 2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet. Online ARC and PLC election decision tools are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc). To locate the nearest USDA Service Center, visit [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-center-locator).

## State closing in on 100 deaths from COVID-19 illness

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES - Today, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of 107 additional positive cases for a total of 3,748 positive cases. There have been an additional 522 negative tests for a total of 24,496 negative tests to date, which includes testing reported by the State Hygienic Lab and other labs.

According to IDPH, an additional 7 deaths were also reported, 272 are currently hospitalized, and 1,428 Iowans have recovered. The state now has 90 deaths from the virus

According to IDPH the additional 7 deaths were reported in the following counties.

- Black Hawk County, 2 older adults (61-80 years)
- Linn County, 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years)
- Muscatine County, 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years), 1 older adult (61-80 years)
- Tama County, 1 middle-age adult (41-60 years)
- Woodbury County, 1 older adult (61-80 years)

The state of Iowa has released an updated dashboard on [coronavirus.iowa.gov](https://coronavirus.iowa.gov) that will be updated daily to include comprehensive tracking of COVID-19 in Iowa. The new dashboard includes cases, deaths, and tests conducted in each county. The state is now providing demographic information that was not previously provided as well as Iowa’s epidemiological curve.



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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Correctional Center.

Present: Ron Fedler, Gary Folluo, Rick Larkin and Matt Pflug.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Pflug, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

At 9:01 a.m. Fedler opened a Public Hearing for approval of properties for Tax Auction. No comments were received prior to the hearing and no comments were received during the hearing. At 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Pflug and seconded by Folluo to close the Public Hearing. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Folluo-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2020-47. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Larkin-aye, Folluo-aye and Fedler-aye.

**Resolution #2020-47**

WHEREAS, Lee County has acquired certain properties or is eligible to acquire certain properties by tax deed; and,

WHEREAS, under the provisions of §331.361 and §569.8, Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors is required to publish notice not less than four nor more than twenty days before a public hearing; and following the public hearing, by resolution, approve or reject the proposed disposition of the property; and

WHEREAS, Lee County has prior passed a resolution setting February 11, 2020, at 9:01 o'clock a.m. as the date and time of the public hearing on the

proposed sale of certain properties. A public hearing was held on that date and time. The Board of Supervisors is now authorized to approve or reject the proposed sale of property acquired by tax deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors that the real estate listed below, be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on the 29th day of February, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the South Lee County Courthouse. The Auditor shall conduct the sale and shall have the authority to adopt such rules as are necessary to conduct the sale. The Auditor is empowered to retain the services of an auctioneer to assist in conducting the auction. The Auditor shall publish notice of the time and place of the auction as may be necessary to notify potential bidders of the auction. Mailed notice may also be sent to the owners of adjoining lands. The chairman of the Lee County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign quit claim deeds on behalf of Lee County to each purchaser.

The description of the property to be sold at public auction is set forth below:

Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Thirty-Three (33), Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa, together with all buildings hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. (407 Timea Street)

The East one-half (E 1/2) of Lot Nine (9) in Block One Hundred Eight (108) in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (717 Exchange Street)

Lot Thirty (30) in Randall Addition to the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (2255 McKinley Avenue)

Lot Nine (9) in Block Seven (7) in Reeves, Perry and Williams Addition

to the City of Keokuk, Iowa, subject to restrictions and easements of record. Now included in and forming a part of the County of Lee, State of Iowa. (1417 Franklin Street)

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) in Block One Hundred Seventy-Nine (179), excepting a strip of land sixty six (66) feet in width running through Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) in Block One Hundred Seventy-Nine (179), Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (Carroll Street)

Parts of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) Southwest of Right-of-Way of City Sewer in Block One Hundred Seventy-Six (176) in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. (12th & Ridge)

The Southwest One Quarter (1/4) of Out Lot no Four (4) lying NW of Middle Road in the Corporate Limits of the Town of Montrose, Lee County, Iowa. (2.18 acres Montrose)

Lot Five (5), Block Ten Hundred Fifty One (1051) in the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa (1317 Avenue I)

The East Thirty (30) feet of the South Sixty (60) feet of Lot Thirteen (13) and the West Ten (10) feet of the South Sixty (60) feet of Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Twenty (20) in the South West Addition to the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa. (1903 Avenue O)

The East 10 feet of Lot One, Block Three, in Section 20, Township 66 North, Range Six West of the 5th P.M., in the Town of Vincennes, Lee County, Iowa. (Des Moines Township)

The Rear part of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Seventy-eight (78) in the Original City of Keokuk, bounded by a line beginning at the corner of Lot Twelve (12) at the

intersection of the Northwesterly line of Fourth Street and the Southwesterly line of the alley in said block; thence Southwesterly on the line of Lot Twelve (12) and Fourth Street, Sixty-nine and Twelve Hundredths (69.12) feet; thence Northwesterly at right angles Seventy-three and Twelve Hundredths (73.12) feet; thence northerly to a point on the Southwesterly line of alley, Fourteen (14) feet southeasterly from the Northerly corner of Lot Eleven (11); thence Southeasterly on the Southwesterly line of the alley Eighty-six and Seventeen Hundredths (86.17) feet to beginning, in Lee County, Iowa. (418 S. 4th Street)

Three fourths (3/4) of Lot Three (3), being Thirty-seven and one half (37 1/2) feet by One Hundred Fifty (150) feet adjoining Lot Four (4); also all of Lot Twelve (12) except the front One Hundred Twelve and one half (112 1/2) feet of the Westerly

Thirty-seven and one-half (37 1/2) feet thereof, all in Block One Hundred and Seventy-two (172) in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. (316 S. 11th Street)

The Easterly Twenty-five (25) feet of Lot Two (2) and the Westerly Twelve and one-half (12 1/2) feet of Lot Three (3) in Block One Hundred Seventy-two (172), in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (318 S. 11th Street)

The Front 95 Feet of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 54 in Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (725 K Street)

The Westerly Half of Lot Nine (9) in Block Thirteen (13) in Estes Addition to the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. (1517 Blondeau Street)

The Front Forty-six and

Two-thirds (46 2/3) Feet of Lot Ten (10), Block Sixty-one (61), Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (513 High Street)

The Rear Forty-six and Two-thirds (46 2/3) feet of the Front Ninety-three and One-third (93 1/3) feet of Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and the Rear Forty-six and Two-thirds (46 2/3) Feet of the Westerly Half of Lot Ten (10), all in Block Sixty-one (61) in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (304 N 5th Street)

Lots Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32), Randell Addition to the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (2243 McKinley Avenue)

Lot Nine (9), Block Fifty (50) in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (217 Blondeau Street)

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and

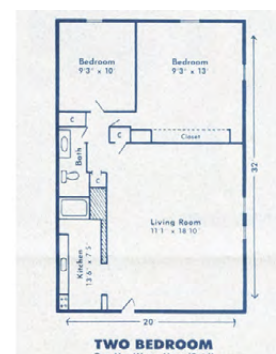
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

the East five (5) Feet of the South Seventy (70) feet of lot five (5), in Block Eleven (11) South West Addition to the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa (1702 Avenue M)

The East Twenty-two and One-half (22 1/2) Feet of Lot Eight (8) in Block one (1) of South West Addition to the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, IA (1519 Avenue M)

The West One-half (W1/2) of Lot Three Hundred Fifteen (315) in the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, IA (721 Avenue G)

The Rear Half (R 1/2) of Lot Six (6), Block Two Hundred Eight (208) in the Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (711 S 14th Street)

Lots Seventy-five (75) and Seventy-six (76), Block B, Rees' Subdivision to the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa (2200 Missouri Avenue)

Part of Block 15 in Allen's Addition to the City of Fort Madison, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point

180 feet West of the Southeast corner of the North Half of said Block 15; thence West 50 feet; thence North 11°25' West 82 feet to the South line of the C.B. & Q Railroad right-of-way; thence Easterly 50 feet along the South line of said right-of-way; thence South 10°31' East to the place of beginning, Lee County, Iowa. (2318 Avenue N)

Following the issuance and recording of the deeds as herein provided, the Notice of Public Hearing and the Resolution approving the sale shall be recorded in the Lee County Recorder's Office. The Auditor shall provide for the recording of these documents. Quit Claim Deeds will be recorded at the expense of the purchaser.

In accordance with §569.7, all deeds so issued will be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting following the auction. Thereafter, the Auditor shall certify a copy of the resolution proposing the sale, a Notice of Public Hearing and this

Resolution approving the sale by the Recorder's Office and shall provide for the recording of the resolutions.

DATED at Montrose, Iowa, on this the 11th day of February, 2020.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve payment of claims. Motion carried.

Held a discussion with County Treasurer Chris Spann about the First Baptist Church parking lot. The Treasurer's Office has been using it for motorcycle testing. It is also used for parking during a jury trial. Spann would like to see the church compensated in some way. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to

have County Attorney Ross Braden compose a lease agreement with the church and to pay \$1,000 per year for use of the parking lot. Motion carried.

At 9:10 a.m. Fedler opened a Public Hearing for approval of the Argyle Sanitary Sewer District Budget. No comments were received prior to the hearing and no comments were received during the hearing. At 9:11 a.m. a motion was made by Larkin, seconded by Folluo, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Move by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2020-48. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Larkin-aye, Folluo-aye and Fedler-aye.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ARGYLE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION #2020-48**

WHEREAS, annually a Sanitary Sewer District shall prepare and adopt a budget;

WHEREAS, the District Trustees shall certify the necessary tax levy to the County Auditor by March 15;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 11 at 9:10 a.m. at the Lee County Correctional Center

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Argyle Sanitary Sewer District Budget be adopted.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2020

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Public Input: Steve Ruether asked the Board to consider changing the hours in which ATV/Side by Sides can operate according to the County Ordinance. Randy Weisinger asked if they would consider adding in

the Ordinance that people could ride double on an ATV. The Board indicated that they would be revisiting the Ordinance at the end of the year. Al Nelson stated that the Ordinance has cut down on the number of illegal activity in his area. Mary VanPelt asked if golf carts are allowed on the County roads. She also asked if the County was going to go ahead and install safety features at the North Lee Office Building.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve final plans for bridge repair on J72 over Sugar Creek, Project #FM-CO56(104)- -55-56. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve final plans for bridge repair on J50 over Lost Creek, Project #FM-CO56(105)- -55-56. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve final plans for bridge replacement on Henry-Lee Street over Cedar Creek, Project #BROS-SWAP--CO44(87)- -SE-44. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Special Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales, for Harvestville Farm, Donnellson, for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve a Class B Beer Permit with Sunday Sales, for Green Bay Chapter, Izaak Walton League, Fort Madison, for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Appleberry Orchard, Donnellson, for the period February 12, 2020 through February 17, 2020. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales,

for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park, Fort Madison, for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2020-49. Roll call: Folluo-aye, Larkin-aye, Pflug-aye and Fedler-aye.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Charlene Kruse 103 Academy Ave Denmark IA 52624

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of February, 2020.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2020 and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2020.

Committee Reports: Folluo reported on a Keokuk Economic Development Board meeting, a Hwy 61 Coalition meeting and an Active Attacker training.

At 9:40 a.m., a motion was made by Pflug, and seconded by Larkin, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Correctional Center.



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## From the Front

# New stimulus could help with some of project's costs

**PAIRS** - Continued from Page 1

very optimistic to bid this is in May and if we did, as we found out earlier, the bids would be high."

Cutsforth then recommended pushing the bid back to August where the city may be able to take advantage of some additional stimulus that may come out as part of the nation's recovery from the coronavirus.

He said his company is hearing rumors that the next stimulus could focus on city and state governments and could including transportation projects and city-type work.

"What we're hearing is that bill could come out at the end of this month or beginning of next month. We don't know what that will look like, but it could be similar to (President Barack) Obama's plan back in 2008 looking for shovel-ready projects," he said.

"Provided that the easements could be acquired fairly quickly and depending on the dates and contingencies in that bill, it's something we should look at to see if we don't want to utilize that for this project."

The plans include changing all the one-ways to two-way, three-lane traffic with a shared turning lane around the "square" that is defined by Avenues H and L from

18th Street to 20th Street. Right now 18th Street runs one-way north and 20th Street runs one-way south, carrying all Bus. 61 traffic through Fort Madison.

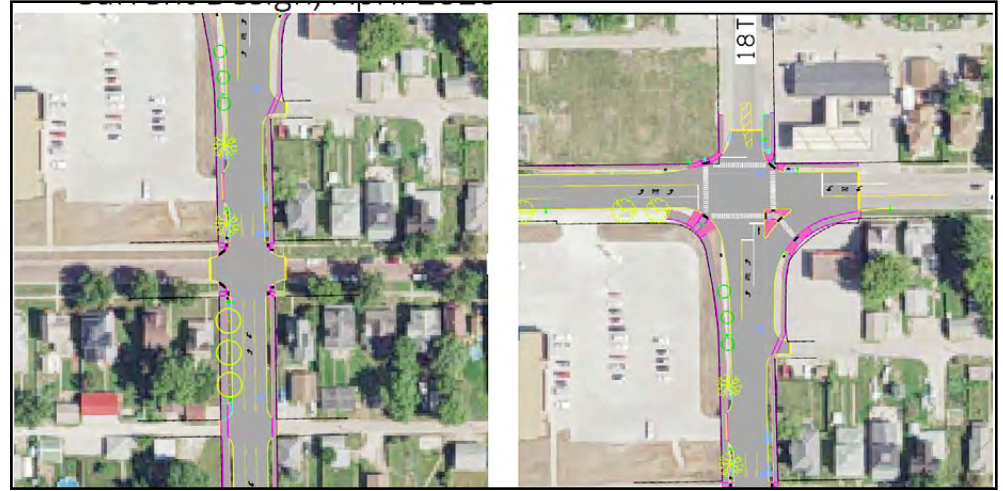
Originally the plans created in 2016 called for reducing the offset at the intersection of 20th and Avenue L for north and southbound traffic. However, Cutsforth indicated that acquiring property on the northeast corner was proving difficult so new plans don't reduce the offset as much.

The plan also calls for closing off 18th Street from Avenue L south to the alley. That intersection will also include a slight bend to the north on Avenue L on the east side of the intersection to allow it to "T" with the main roadway.

Original plans also included trees on both sides of the roadways, but current plans only have trees on the inside of the square, where an 8-foot recreation path is being planned as part of the city's recreational trails.

He said if the construction in those rights of way gets too tight, the trees can be omitted from the project.

Cutsforth said if bids are secured in August, preliminary work could begin on the project by Thanksgiving.



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