

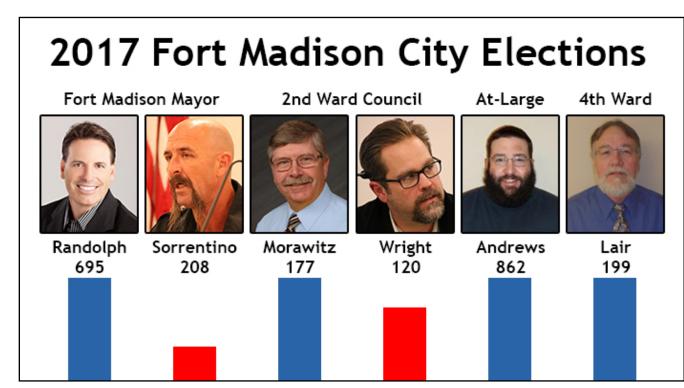
Randolph re-elected, Morawitz in

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -Fort Madison residents overwhelmingly reinstated Mayor Brad Randolph in Tuesday's municipal elections, while 2nd ward residents elected Bob Morawitz to the City Council.

Randolph soundly defeated challenger Chris Sorrentino in every district and in absentee balloting. Sorrentino launched his campaign in late spring campaigning on restoring trust with Fort Madison residents and eliminating wasteful spending.

In total Randolph took an overwhelming 67% of the vote 695-208. Fort Madison's Andy Andrews accepted a late write-in campaign and 128 votes were for write-in candidates.



"I'm flattered and humbled as usual that people got out and for the support I received," Randolph said. "It just kind of reaffirms the progress that we've made and the way we're going about things and our future for the vision of Fort Madison. All in all I'm excited about the win and excited about continuing on as mayor and I look forward to future success with the city."

He said he wasn't surprised at voter turnout but is concerned about voter apathy. "I think for a city election, we always talk about turnout and participation and apathy and how we make that better. Whether people are satisfied or they don't choose to get involved or they don't think their vote matters...I don't know how we interpret the results."

Absentee voting continues to be an accurate barometer of final results as Randolph accumulated 131 absentee ballots to Sorrentino's 41.

The mayor ran unopposed in 2015 and won over Donna Amandus

in 2013, 536 to 360 after being appointed in 2012 following the death of Mayor Steve Ireland. Randolph said he

always appreciates those who get on a ballot.

"I always appreciate people running. That's the democratic process," he said. "When you get somebody, maybe it takes a single issue that starts the ball rolling, but you hope they don't stay a single issue candidate. And there's 300 or so voters out there that think we have some shortcomings, so going forward everybody's opinion counts and we need to roll those decisions into our decision-making process as well."

Phone calls to Sorrentino went unreturned Tuesday before this article was posted.

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Supervisors open to boosting county jail staff

Board to ask DHS if tapping mental health funds is possible

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG



officers at the Lee County Jail, which would add one per shift.

PFLUGThe move would cost
about \$228,000 per year.
Weber said he had part-
time officers that he would
like to promote and then
backfill the part-time positions to help
cover staff vacations and time off requests.
Funds for the hirings could come from
a "Fund 10" in which the county holds
funds for costs associated with mental

using those funds."

"Can we talk about Fund 10 and that money? We know that it has to be tagged mental health, correct? We know that can't come into the general budget. Why couldn't we access that? Have we talked to



can that money be used for. RIck Larkin said the county needed to be careful putting permanent demands on that money without knowing what the

PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - County supervisors almost voted to add four full-time correctional officers for the Lee County Jail, but set up a meeting instead to discuss how to pay for the officers first.

At Tuesday's Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber asked the board to allow him to hire four additional correctional health issues.

Supervisor Matt Pflug asked County Budget Director Cindy Renstrum if she had reached out to the state auditor about the state auditors?"

Renstrom said the conversation would have to take place with the Department of Human Services.

"It's not going to be the state auditor, but a district DHS person. And the state gave us a number for a woman to contact and we would need to reach out to her," Renstrom said.

Pflug asked if they can't associate the jail staff as dealing with mental health, what

WEBER

state is going to do. "My question would be

with this fund are we going to reduce that down and then (the state) changes it and then we have to bring it back up. Any use we have in there that's permanent may be a problem."

Weber also said there's additional space at the complex for more cells but he didn't

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Local News

City looking into Avenue G sidewalk project

Funds could come as part of the Waste Water treatment plant revolving loans

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - As part of the city's renovations of the waste water treatment plant's state revolving funds, the city may be eligible for money to do some renovations on Avenue G sidewalks, according to a project specialist working with the city.

At Monday's Fort Madison City Council meeting, the possibility of the project was brought to light by a project specialist from Cedar Rapids.

The funds for the treatment plant renovations came from a state revolving loan fund and Tim Cutsforth, a project manager with HRGreen of Cedar Rapids, said 10% of the loan funds are eligible for a sponsored project grant, provided that submitted projects are aimed at water and sewer water quality. He said the funds for the project come in the form of a forgivable loan, which makes it a competitive process.

"Only about 25% of applicants received money last year," Cutsforth said. "However, we've been pretty fortunate that 100% of the projects we've submitted, we've been able to get and we've heard quite a bit about downtown sidewalks here. Lots of questions about how we fix them, make them better down there, and how to pay for them."

He said this project may provide a potential opportunity to fix those issues.

The project would look at replacing sidewalks, and possibly curbing, on Avenue G from Sixth to 10th Streets.

The project would put concrete from the building facings out six feet into a 12-foot sidewalk. The outer six feet between the concrete and the curbing would be brick pavers that are gapped to allow water to permeate the brick surfacing down into a stone bedding and then, ultimately, a sub drain below the stone.

Cutsforth said the stones would be under a sublayer that the pavers would sit on and there would be pea gravel in between the pavers to allow the water to seep through.

The larger stones, about 3" stones, would allow the water to slowly spread into the surrounding ground and water from heavy rainfall would go through the rocks and into the subdrain that would take the water into the city sanitary water.

The sponsored project would cost about \$1.55 million of which the city would only be responsible for roughly \$23,000. Councilman Mark Lair



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HRGreen senior project manager Tim Cutsforth outlines a potential project that could help with sidewalks on Avenue G in downtown Fort Madison. The project would put new concrete and semi-permeable pavers along the curbs to help with water conservation and drainage in the area.

asked if the project would include new curbs. Cutsforth said the program would pay to replace anything that is disturbed during the project like sidewalks, lights, benches, etc. but said curbing could be included in the initial application, but he wasn't sure if it would

be approved. He did say, however, that if the curbing is in such disrepair that the pavers would sit against them, they could, possibly, be approved.

City Public Works director Larry Driscoll said he would recommend that the city look at bidding for new curbing if

the city were approved for the sponsored project.

Cutsforth said the application process, which the council approved to purse with a 5-0 vote, would take six months, and the project itself could be completed in a single construction season.









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Fort Madison Police report

11/02/17 - 10:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4500 block of Avenue L 11/02/17 - 11:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Daymeon Jashawn Dometriace Virgil, 17, of Fort Madison, at the Fort Madison Police Department on a charge of 1st-degree robbery. He was taken the Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. 11/02/17 - 3:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of Avenue G. 11/02/17 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue O. 11/02/17 - 10:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue H. 11/03/17 - 8:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 6th Street and Avenue E. 11/03/17 - 3:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 29th Street and Avenue L. 11/03/17 - 4:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue O. 11/03/17 - 4:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident. 11/03/17 - 6 :10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue H. 11/04/17 - 3:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of Ninth Street. 11/04/17 - 3:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2700 block of Avenue K. 11/04/17 - 6:45 p.m - Fort Madison police arrested Kevin Drew Washburne, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 11/04/17 - 9:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 11/04/17 - 10:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Daphine Kay Akers, 38, of Plymouth, III.,, in the 1500

block of Avenue M, on a warrant for a controlled substance violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 11/04/17 - 11:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of Avenue I.. 11/05/17 - 1:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tyler Riley McFadden, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 400 block of Avenue E on a charges of consumption of alcohol under the legal age and interference with official acts. 11/05/17 - 1:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Skylah Christine Beach, 26, of Burlington in the 400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of OWI 1st-offense and possession of marijuana. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/05/17 - 10:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 11/05/17 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Noah Hunter, 33, of Fort Madison at the Fort Madison Police Department for 5th degree theft. He was released. 11/05/17 - 2:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H. 11/05/17 - 6:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Fourth Street. 11/05/17 - 8:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1000 block of Avenue G. 11/06/17 - 6:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Street. 11/06/17 - 12:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L. 11/06/17 - 1:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 2400 block of Avenue A.

Lee County Sheriff's report 11/03/17 - 4:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 218 and 255th Street. A vehicle driven by Jason Acosta, 38, of Chicago and a vehicle driven by Andrew C Moses, 35, if Parippany, NJ collided. Acosta and a

passenger were transported to FMCH by around units. Another passenger was transported by Air Evac. Acosta was cited for failure to obey a stop sign. 11/03/17 - 8:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ashley Nicole Bowman, 28, of Mt. Pleasant at the Salem Stub in Mt. Pleasant on a charge of fifth-degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance. 11/03/17 - 10:33 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jaci Michelle Renee Elder, 19, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 277th Street and Hwy. 218 on a charge of simple assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond. 11/06/17 - 12:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of Hwy 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jeffrey S Courtois, 35, of Quincy, III., struck the back end of a vehicle driven by Matthew Sean Taylor, 23, of Macomb, in a work zone. Courtois was cited for following to closely. No injuries were reported at the scene. 11/06/17 - 2:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Laramie James Kreiss, 34, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of sex offender verification violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 11/06/17 - 6:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tevin Michael Black, 23, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a judgement entry. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

11/04/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls, one motor-vehicle accident and one burn complaint 11/05/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls 11/06/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lift assist.

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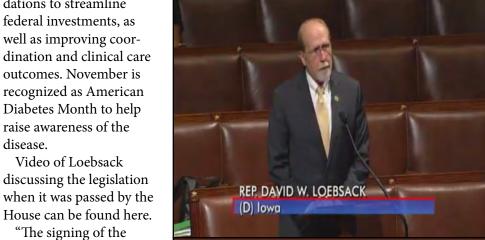
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Health News/Lottery Numbers

Rep. Loebsack bill aimed at diabetes signed into law

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement today after President Trump signed into law S. 920, the National Clinical Care Commission Act. Loebsack and Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX) were the bipartisan cosponsors of the House version of this legislation, which passed by unanimous consent on a voice vote. This legislation will help improve and coordinate a national response to diabetes, and other metabolic and autoimmune diseases, by establishing a private-public Commission charged with making recommen-





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costs \$320 billion each year in health care costs. I thank President Trump for signing this bill into law and look forward to seeing the Commission

get set up and begin its important work." The commission brings together clinical endocrinologists, specialists, health care professionals, patients and representatives from the federal agencies. Specifically, the National Clinical Care

Commission will help



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Keokuk, Missouri men nabbed on meth charges

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man and a Revere, Missouri man on misdemeanor drug charges.



Robert Gene Kay Jr, 52, of 906 Palean Street, Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on October 31st, 2017 at his residence on misdemeanor drug charges. Kay was charged with possession of methamphetamine second or subsequent offense, an aggravated misdemeanor, possession of drug

paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor,

and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Kay faces up to 4 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

Bruce Wayne Key, 30, of Revere, Missouri was arrested on October 31st, 2017 at 906 Palean Street in Keokuk on misdemeanor drug charges. Key was

charged with possession of methamphetamine second or subsequent

offense, an aggravated misdemeanor,

and possession of drug paraphernalia,

Key faces up to 2 years and 30 days in

The arrests of Key and Kay stem

a simple misdemeanor. If convicted,



KAY

from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that they were involved in the use of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

a state correctional facility.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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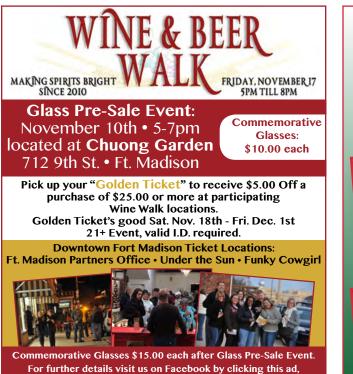
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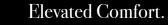


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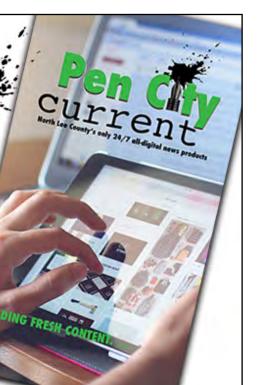
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From the Front

Morawitz downs Wright 177-120

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In the 2nd Ward, Morawitz succeeded in ousting Brian Wright from his council seat. Morawitz won the second ward



election with 177 votes to Wright's 120. Morawitz won the absentee push 42-24.

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is what really did it for me," Morawitz said after the results were

posted. "I'm at a loss for words. I anticipat-



ed winning but I guess I wasn't prepared for it." The 61-year-old electrician had tried four years ago to take Wright's seat but lost 70-60. He said Wright served the city well.

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"I really appreciate the service he has provided the city. He's done a good job over the years. It's a tough job to do and campaigning is a tough job and he's worked hard at it. I hope I can continue to do good work for the city," Morawitz said.

One of the first chores Morawitz said he wants to undertake is bridging the communication gap between the city council and its residents.

"One thing I was really campaigning on was better communication between the city and citizens. There is so much I still need to learn about the council and those insights and I want to try and improve on

that and let people know things before they happen," he said. "I want people to hear what the council is considering and then people can talk to their councilman and get input on their feelings. That's been an issue with a lot of people."

Morawitz will officially take the council seat with the first meeting in January.

Wright said he felt Mark Lair and Rusty Andrews running unopposed put somewhat of a spotlight on the 2nd ward.

"I think the difference was possibly a little lower voter turnout, maybe Bob Morawitz had more of a name recognition this second time around," Wright said Tuesday night "But I think the issue was that I was opposed, and maybe that was a factor with voters who felt the city council wasn't going in the direction they wanted it to. The other two ran unopposed."

Wright said he went into Tuesday night thinking that, win or lose, he had done his job and served the residents of the 2nd ward admirably.

"I'm happy with what I did going door-to-door and not taking anything for granted and sticking to the issues," he said. "I do feel like a weight's been lifted off my shoulders. We had an election watch party at the Hillside Inn and I congratulated Bob on his victory. In general I've done my job well. I know the city will progress no matter who's on the council."

In the unopposed ballots, James "Rusty" Andrews received 862 votes to 58 writeins and Mark Lair received 199 votes to 11 write-ins.

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want to approach that issue this year. He said it wouldn't require a bond to make that space usable for inmates.

Supervisor Gary Folluo suggested the space could be used for inmates with mental health issues and maybe the Fund 10 money could be used to expand the facility to address those specific needs at the jail.

Folluo also said that money to pay for the added correctional officers could come from attrition as deputies retire, possibly not replacing them.

Pflug said maybe he shouldn't have brought up using the fund, but he's concerned about staffing levels and having issues like they had recently at the jail ..

"I see an immediate need for COs after what we saw the other day," Pflug said referring to an altercation between an inmate and an officer.

A correctional officer working an overnight shift alone had an altercation with a newly arrived offender from Fort Madison

and the two fought for over three minutes in a cell before the officer got the situation under control.

Staffing decision could come next week

Weber said on the midnight shift there is one correctional officer on duty and the other three shifts run with two officers. He asked the supervisors to add four full-time officers which would put one additional officer on each shift.

He said on Nov. 1, the Lee County Jail had 106 inmates and that number fluctuates but it's far greater than the 70 average being used to calculate budgets. In past meetings Weber said Lee County has been helping other counties out by taking in their overflow and those counties pay for that service and that's helping offset the food budget, but the large number of offenders is taking its toll on the staff.

Pflug asked Weber if he had people ready to hire to fill the positions and Weber said he would first look to the part-time officers who could step into fulltime positions,.

"They've paid their dues and I'd like to give them a chance to become fulltime." Weber said. "We could fill the positions."

He said after the meeting that he would backfill the part-time positions so there wouldn't be any savings.

"Our staff has been staying around and they are starting to accrue vacation time. And these jobs are tough and if these folks need to get away they should be able to do that," Weber said.

Supervisor Don Hunold also saw the video and said it was disturbing to him.

"I wouldn't have wanted to be in that situation and I'm a pretty big guy," Hunold said.

Larkin recommended that Pflug and Hunold meet with Renstrom and other county officials on Wednesday to formulate a plan on paying for additional officers and bring it back to the supervisors' meeting next Tuesday. He put that recommendation into a motion which then passed 5-0.



"I'm still stunned. I went out and worked for it and I think talking to people