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## More details released in senior vandalism spree

*Board president says board had no hand in discipline*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - More details have come to light regarding the vandalism that currently has approximately 20 seniors banned from walking the stage at

the Fort Madison High School graduation on June 2. On Monday school district officials suspended the students and informed them they wouldn't be allowed to walk the stage at commencement ceremonies, prompting a packed house at Monday night's FMCSO school board meeting.

Several students and parents made statements to the board pleading for the students to be able to participate in the ceremony. The board however has no role in disciplining students but would serve as a

ruling body in any appeal where both sides would be able to present information.

The Fort Madison Police Dept. released a statement on Tuesday just after 3 p.m. outlining the vandalism that was discovered at the school at around 6 a.m. Sunday morning.

According to the release, "school officials arrived at the school and found the front of the school cover-

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## Residents try to derail Amtrak's service plans for Fort Madison depot

*Mayor wants to know that plan won't effect route*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - This was no theater production, but the drama got pretty heavy Tuesday afternoon as about 50 residents and policy makers grilled Amtrak officials about going to an automated ticket kiosk in Fort Madison as opposed to a ticket agent.



RANDOLPH

Ray Lang, the government affairs and corporate communications officer for Amtrak, sat under the bright lights of the Old Fort Players playhouse and took questions from a mostly senior crowd on why local ticket agent Amy Lambert's position was



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Residents filled the Old Fort Players on Tuesday to hear from Amtrak officials about future ticketing services in Fort Madison. Amtrak has eliminated the full-time ticket attendant for the Fort Madison depot.

eliminated last week.

Marc Magliari, another Amtrak spokesman, was also on hand to help field questions.

Elected officials including Mayor Brad Randolph, City Councilman Bob Morawitz, who is also running for the Iowa House, Councilman Chris Greenwald, State Senator Rich Taylor, State Rep. Jerry

Kearns, and Jared Herschberger from U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack's office were all in attendance.

While several of those in attendance applauded Lambert's work as a ticket agent in helping them through difficulties of travel and making sure their itineraries and baggage were handled correctly, the elected officials were also

concerned about how not having someone on staff at the depot would effect numbers of riders.

Randolph, who has been working with Amtrak on behalf of the city in an effort to get the city's depot moved back to Riverview Park, told Lang he had a concern that not having a

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## County moves closer to on-board sheriff computers

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Approving bids for the purchase of in-vehicle computers for the Lee County Sheriff's department was put on hold for at least another two weeks after bids were opened Tuesday morning.

During the county's regular Tuesday's meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, supervisor's tabled voting on the bids because they hadn't been opened yet and a public hearing was required due to the expense being a non-budgeted expense.



WEBER

According to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, the department has budgeted for leasing the equipment over the next three to five years with a minimum \$30,000 in each year's budget.

"We didn't budget for a lump sum at all. We budgeted for a lease and after we got going on it, you guys recommended that we do a public bidding," Weber told the board.

Weber said he generated a specification for the bids for a solid-state hard drive, because it would stand up to the rigors of county sheriff vehicles including gravel roads. Weber said Keltex had submitted a bid for \$133,933.80 to outfit all the county's vehicles with the computers including docking systems, printers and maintenance.

Sheriff's officials have told supervisors that most of the rest of the state already has the on-board computers and they would save time for deputies, staff, and residents. Chief Deputy Will Conlee said tickets would be an issue of a simple scan of a driver's license and registration and the citation would be printed out im-

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# Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

## OBITUARIES

### JOE GLEN HENSON

Joe Glenn Henson, 65, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 2:12 p.m. Sunday, May 20, 2018, at his home in Fort Madison.

Born January 26, 1953 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the son of Euke Ester and Retta Fae (King) Henson.

Survivors include his three brothers: Leroy "Pete" (Patty) Henson of Nauvoo, Illinois, Harold (Vicky) Henson of Hamilton, Illinois and Larry Dean Henson of St. Louis, Missouri. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; two sisters: Mary Evelyn Henson and Geneva Boyer; two brothers: Howard and Lawrence "Pete" Henson and one step-sister: Shirley King Stephens.

Joe attended Nauvoo-Colusa High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as a plumber and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Keokuk National Cemetery with full military rites presented by the Nauvoo American Legion Post #711.

Memorials have been established in his memory to the Nauvoo Veteran's Memorial and can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 201, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354.

Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### RANDY JOE HELMICK

Randy Joe Helmick, 62, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:25 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, IA. He was born on



HELMICK

April 6, 1956 to Wayne & Rose Rhoer Helmick. He married Marlow Blair, she preceded him in death. He enjoyed playing cards, drinking coffee & visiting with people.

Randy is survived by: 1-son: Aaron (Holland) Warner of Cedar Rapids, IA & 4-brothers: Mark Helmick, Mike (Theresa) Helmick, Ron (Donna) Helmick & Kevin (Melanie) Helmick. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Randy's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



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## Obituaries/Scene Around Town

### OBITUARIES

# REGINALD LEE "REGGIE" NERHUS

Reginald Lee "Reggie" Nerhus, 82 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 9:30 am Friday, May 18, 2018 in Fort Madison. He was born May 13, 1936 in Wheatland, Iowa. He was the oldest of three boys born to Lars and Margaret (Raiber) Nerhus.



NERHUS

He married Christine "Chris" (Rowe) Nerhus on June 7, 1963 in Morrison, Illinois. She survives.

He attended school in Calamus and was a professional truck driver and member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for over sixty years. He enjoyed his profession, which allowed him to visit most of the country, quickly making friends with the people he met with his open, friendly, happy-go-lucky attitude. After retiring, he returned to driving trucks for local businesses and landscaping, as his strong work ethic never faded.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald Nerhus, and his son, Roy John Nerhus. Additional survivors include two daughters, Faith Nerhus Vazquez, and Fawn Stephens, and one son, Reginald Nerhus Junior, all of Fort Madison; seven grandchildren: Rena Nerhus Schulte, Brent Nerhus, Ashlee Fuller, David Nerhus, Jessica Nerhus, Joseph Stephens and Autumn Stephens; three great-grandchildren, his brother Harold (wife Norma) Nerhus and their family.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life from 2:00 – 5:00 pm Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Shopton Park Enclosed Shelter House, Fort Madison. Lunch will be provided. Online condolences to the Nerhus family may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).



Photo courtesy of Holy Trinity Catholic Schools

Marvin Menke, 4th Degree Member of the Gallitzin Assembly Knights of Columbus from Fort Madison, presented two checks to Holy Trinity Catholic Schools for use in the Elementary and Jr/Sr High Libraries. Accepting the checks on behalf of Holy Trinity, is John Goetz.



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# Milestones Aging group offers senior residents Farmer's Market vouchers

BY PCC STAFF

DAVENPORT - As part of a national initiative, Milestones Area Agency on Aging will begin distributing vouchers starting June 1 to low and moderate-income seniors for use at approved local farmers markets.

All eligible Iowans must be age 60 on the day vouchers are picked up and meet the income guidelines. Milestones is the distribution agency for seniors living in Appanoose, Clinton, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Muscatine, Scott, Van Buren, Wapello and Wayne counties.

Annual income requirements are \$22,459 or below for a single person and \$30,451 or below for a married couple.

Both spouses may receive checks. Recipients must sign a statement of eligibility that includes their name, address, phone number and the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Recipients are awarded 10-\$3 checks valued at \$30. The checks can be used June through October for fresh, unprepared, locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey at participating farmers market vendors. Checks cannot be used for baked goods, eggs, jelly, meat, etc.

Vouchers can be picked up June 4 and 8 at the Steamboat Senior Center, 501 Jefferson St., Burlington from 1:00 - 3:00; Autumn Heights Nutrition Center, 2830 Winegard Dr., Burlington on June 5, 7, 12 and 14 between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. Distribution will also be available at the Milestones office, 509 Jefferson St., Burlington between 1:00 and 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday starting June 11 and continuing throughout the month until the vouchers are gone.

For more details and other locations call Milestones at 1-855-410-6222 or visit the website at [www.milestonesaaa.org](http://www.milestonesaaa.org).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Board president offers letter on senior prank, processes

Editor

(This is a copy of the letter FMCS D Tim Wondra has been sending to those emailing regarding the banning of students from graduation. We are running this intact as a letter to the editor with his permission)

Let me first say thank you to all for attending the School Board meeting last night and respectfully waiting until the end to address the Board. The Board is faced with many complex and diverse decisions. Board policy and the student handbook states that discipline of the students is handled by the building administration and Superintendent. The Board was not involved in deciding the discipline of the students, we do not have all the details of the incident. This is so, if there is an appeal process of the administration's decision the Board has to be the judge and jury and in an attempt to be neutral to give both sides equal opportunity to present their case. That being said, we have to trust what our administrators thought was an appropriate level of punishment since they have all the information. Given the 2 pieces of information we do know 1) the students were warned ahead of time that if they did a "senior prank" they would not be able to walk at the commencement ceremonies and 2) they gained access to a locked building at 11pm on a Sunday night and vandalized the inside of the building. Accessing any locked building without permission is illegal. The legal definition of vandalism "Deliberate defacing or destruction of property; ignorant defacing of anything beautiful or treasured, such as a work of art, architecture, or a valued building. Ignorance or malice is usually inferred."

We have heard many suggestions about letting the students walk and then making them clean tables, school ground, thing like that over the summer. Only problem with that is when it has been tried in the past the kids show up for 1 or 2 days then never come back and complete it. The school has no recourse. Also, if the students are allowed to walk that sets a precedence for the next time. The next class will think, well last year the kids broke inside the building and did some vandalism and got away with just a slap on the wrist. We will just do the same thing only bigger and then go to the School Board and say we are sorry, now let us walk at the graduation ceremony please. Why do Senior pranks have to be destructive and involve vandalism? Why not choose to do something positive. I saw a picture of a class that, with the permission and assistance from the administration, used empty cups to write out a message of hope and encouragement for the rest of the student body on the gym floor. How about raise funds and with the help of administration have a pizza and ice cream lunch for the rest of the student body. I expected more from our students, especially this Senior class that has done many great things for FMHS. I am truly disappointed that the default setting for this group was to break the law. If this same exact thing happened at your business or your home, would you be OK with just laughing it off as a "Senior Prank?" The students knew what they were doing was wrong. If there is an appeals process then it will have to follow proper policy timeline. We hear your concerns and will take them under advisement as this issue moves forward.

Dr. Tim Wondra D.C.  
FMCS D School Board President

# American Legion post to hold officer elections

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Post 0082 The American Legion will hold it's annual election of officers on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, per regulation. Also at this meeting the Legion will vote on a Post Constitution and By-Laws. By Organization rule, this notification is being sent two weeks before the scheduled monthly meeting. All members are urged to attend this meeting at the Eagles Club, 4821 Avenue O, Fort Madison, IA. at 7P.M. , Tuesday June 5, 2018. For more information, contact Dan Vice, Commander.....1-319-470-7377 or George Shields, Adjutant..1-319-371-5755



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*LCHD to hold children's immunization clinic in FM*

FORT MADISON - Lee County Health Department will hold a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Lee County Health Department's new facility located at 3 John Bennett Dr., Ft. Madison from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. The facility is located on the old Iowa State Penitentiary grounds.

*Party on the Patio Friday at Baxter Sports Complex*

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Partners will be holding another Party on the Patio this Friday at the Baxter Sports Complex from 5 to 7 p.m. sponsored by Scott's Miracle-Gro.

Free live music will be provided by Stewart Beyer sponsored by Connection Bank & insurance. Food and drink specials will be offered with all proceeds going to community beautification efforts. There will also be a drawing for a GTX Bombadier Sea Doo with trailer. Raffle tickets are still available by calling Fort Madison Partners at at 372-5471.

*King-Lynk to hold community Memorial Day Service*

FORT MADISON - The annual community Memorial Day Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2018 at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. The keynote speaker this year will be retired Brigadier General Martin Graber. For further information, please contact Jason Lynk at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory at (319) 372-1952.

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**For the Record**

**Fort Madison Police report**

05/21/18 - 12:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of Avenue G.  
05/21/18 - 10:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue D.  
05/21/18 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 24th Street.

**Lee County Sheriff's report**

05/21/18 - 11:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Eric Smeltser, 53, of Keokuk at the South Lee County Courthouse on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
05/21/18 - 7:07 p.m. Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mersadys Elizabeth Dickens, 221, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
05/21/18 - 9:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Miranda Elizabeth Palm, 22, of Keokuk in the 400 block of Mogan Street in Keokuk on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report**

05/21/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and scrap metal fire at Feinberg Scrap metal.

**Residents say Amtrak losing riders with service changes**

**AMTRAK** - Continued from Page 1

staffed ticket office would hurt the city's efforts.

"In addition to the loss of a job, we're getting ready to spend a rather large amount of money and the concern going forward is some sort of conditions could change that would eliminate this stop," Randolph said.

He asked Lang to share his thoughts on the future of the Southwest Chief, which runs east and west through Fort Madison.

"I'm just worried if you're not going to have the customer service side of it, people would forego Amtrak on this route and the numbers start to speak for themselves and that's a justification for changing this route," Randolph said.

Lang said he didn't foresee the changes as precursors to any changes in routes. He said the Southwest Chief is the fastest train from Chicago to the west coast.

"I don't see a time in the future where we would not be servicing Fort Madison," he said. "The two best sections of the Southwest Chief are between Chicago and Kansas City, and between Albuquerque and LA. They have really great ridership and I am confident there will always be service in this corridor."

Lang said they are under a mandate to eliminate

food service losses and operating losses on long distance trains.

Kearns said Amtrak's problems are economics.

"I would assume you wouldn't be laying these people off if it wasn't for the money. I think you should take back to your leadership the fact of what's the value of these agents. Would you be better off keeping them and increasing the value of the ridership and the customer base. I think that's a good question for you to take to the leadership," Kearns said.

Lang said it would be in the state's interest to become a partner with Amtrak on corridor service. He said Amtrak has a very good relationship with Burlington Northern Santa Fe to help develop those networks and corridors.

"It's really how you build growth. I think it would be a great corridor for short distances," Lang said.

Taylor told the group that he would try to work on that type of an agreement when the next legislative session begins.

Susan Chaney of rural Donnellson said Amtrak didn't need to develop more routes, but needed to hold onto their customer service.

"We need to be able to use the service that's

*"I'm still hung up on the dang luggage. When I get to LA and I want to come back here do I have to carry it with me for four hours while I sit in the station."*

-Susan Chaney  
Amtrak Rider

suppose to already be here through federal subsidies," she said.

Chaney complained that without someone checking her bags or helping her with her bags it makes it difficult for her to travel.

"I'm still hung up on the dang luggage. When I get to LA and I want to get on the train to come back here do I have to carry it with me for four hours while I sit in the station," Chaney said.

Morawitz said the city is trying to become a destination and is hoping the new depot would be part of the process. He said not having the service for the riders has an impact on the city and not just the

railroad.

Lambert said the money for her position was included in the federal subsidy based on the budget prepared which included the ticket agents.

"Every year Amtrak goes to the government with the amount of money they're asking for in a subsidy. What percent of money did Amtrak get?" she asked Lang.

Lang said they got the full amount.

"That money has already been allocated under the pretense that this is what it's being used for," Lambert said. "And now these agents aren't in those positions, because that money is being hoarded for the prodigal child on the northeast corner."

Lang said the two funding accounts, one for Northeast and one for the system, are separate accounts and can't be shared.

After the meeting, Magliari said the turnout of the meeting was very good and there are clearly some things Amtrak can do to try and help make things better in Fort Madison such as implementing a train-side baggage check.

"We need to look at that sooner than later. Even if it's not perfect, if there's something we can do to help here we should try that."

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6. Applications for this program will be available on May 1st at 8:00 A.M. and will be accepted through June 22nd at 4:30 P.M. Each proposal will be evaluated and you will be notified by July 2nd. The City will fund projects as funding is available. The replacement work cannot take place before July 1st and must be approved by the City prior to the commencement of the work.

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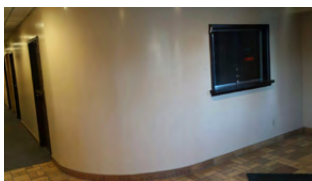
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**From the Front/Sports**

**County attorney may offer deferment agreement**

**SENIORS** - Continued from Page 1

ered in toilet paper, as well as the trees. Upon closer review they noticed posters that were 'glued' using Vaseline to the inside front of doors as well as balloons, some filled with water, strewn about the front foyer. The front doors were also tied shut from the inside using tow rope. The investigation also revealed drinks spilled on the gym floor that were covered with toilet paper. School officials were concerned that may have damaged the gym floor, but it was able to be cleaned and no permanent damage was done.

"Once inside, administrators found the mess left behind by 19 seniors who have all been identified through video surveillance. It was immediately evident that students had somehow gained access to the building. Upon closer review, it appears that there was a door that may have been rigged to stay open or the lock was disabled on Friday."

The information from the police department also indicated students burned toilet paper rolls creating a fire hazard due to the building being covered in toilet paper and a smoke bomb was set off outside the building, according to student interviews.

The release said the county attorney's office was contacted for advice as to how the criminal aspect of the vandalism would be handled. The School Resource Officer has explained to the students that there is a possibility of criminal mischief charges as well as

“*It was a prank that was taken too far. It will be up to them as to whether they would like to comply with the proposed terms of a deferred prosecution agreement, which I intend to offer without formal charges, or potentially face a formal charge.*”

-Ross Braden,  
Lee County Attorney

possible citations for trespassing, restitution for clean-up, and possible community service.

County Attorney Ross Braden said he's working on a deferred agreement for each of the students.

"I'm working toward a satisfactory resolution to hold these students accountable for their conduct without potentially having a criminal charge on their record as a result of their participation," Braden wrote in an email on Tuesday afternoon.

"It was a prank that was taken too far. It will be up to them as to whether they would like to comply with the proposed terms of a deferred prosecution agreement, which I intend to offer without formal charges, or potentially face a formal charge."

Fort Madison Community School District President Tim Wondra reiterated in a letter to the editor, after receiving many calls and statements from district residents, that the board is not involved in disciplining the students and has to stay neutral in the event a timely appeal is filed. In that case the board would act as "the judge and jury in an attempt to be neutral to give both sides equal opportunity to present their case."

Wondra, did however say in the letter that he was disappointed in a class that has accomplished so much.

"I am truly disappointed that the default setting for this group was to break the law."

He said students were given a warning by administration that a senior prank would be result in the students not walking the stage at graduation. The students also gained access to a locked building at 11 p.m. on Sunday night.

"The students knew what they were doing was wrong. If there's an appeal process then it will have to follow the proper policy timeline," he said.

**HTC girls down Chiefs Monday night**

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Holy Trinity girls soccer team is ending the season on an uptick winning four of their last five including a 6-2 win over Keokuk Monday night.

Elle Rashid and Taylor Boeding had two goals on the night, with senior Maya Rashid adding a goal and Taylor Crabtree finding the back of the net. Claire and Elyse Pothitakis each had two assists and Maya Rashid and Emily Box each had an assist.

Head Coach Michael Sheerin said Boeding had a great game running at Keokuk's backline and creating all sorts of problems for the Chiefs, while the attacks of Box and Madison Mohrfeld kept Keokuk busy.

"Emily Box and 'Malibu' Mohrfeld led some great attacks out of the back to keep Keokuk pinned in for most of the match with their keeper recording 25 saves on the night," Sheerin said.

Elle Rashid and Sam Pothitakis were named HTC's players of the game.

The Crusaders go to Mid Prairie on Thursday and end regular play with districts at South Park against Columbus Junction on Tuesday.

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## From the Front/Weather

# County amends budget with \$391K additional expenses

**COMPUTERS** - Continued from Page 1

diately. The citation or accident report would also go directly into the county system which would save staff time entering the records into the system.

“There seems to be a lot of questions on this bid, If you have questions or concerns get them answered before the next meeting,” said Supervisor Rick Larkin, “I think we should try to have most of the questions answered before we come back so we can make that decision easier.”

After reviewing the bids, supervisors made a motion accepting both bids not

to exceed the \$133,933.80 and then tabled approving one or the other bid until the public hearing in two weeks. The supervisors will not meet next Tuesday as it's the fifth Tuesday of the month.

“Once we figure out how much it's going to be then we need to give the public time to review that and decide if they think that's worth it,” said Supervisor Gary Folluo.

In other action, the board:

- held a public hearing and voted to

amend the 2017-18 fiscal year budget by \$515,545 which will take another \$391,404 out of the county's fund balance. Budget Director Cindy Renstrum said jail medical and meals had gone over budget, but she said the department is also had \$110,000 in additional revenues from other counties for handling inmates from out of the county. She said mental health, conservation and supervisors and maintenance budget all had items over the original budget.

- discussed moving forward with a

plan to integrate graded shingles from Great River Regional Waste Authority with county rock as a surface treatment to be tested on county intersection and roads.

- approved hiring a part time employee for the conservation for summer help, that was contracted last year. The city's human resources consultant told the Lee County Conservation District that it would be preferable to put an employee on the payroll to help control when that person would be on duty.

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