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Central Lee to put \$12.9M bond to vote

Referendum would go to voters Sept. 10

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – The Central Lee school board voted Monday night to put a \$12.9 million bond referendum in front of district voters on Sept. 10, 2019. At the board's regular meeting the

board passed a resolution to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed the \$12.9 million to upgrade and add onto current district facilities.

The district tried to pass a bond referendum in April of last year, but failed to reach the state-mandated supermajority of 60% + one vote. The measure had 701 yes votes to 542 no votes for a 56.4% approval.

Crozier said that referendum would have bumped district taxpayers' school

levy by \$1.80/\$1,000 assessed valuation. He said this year is a different conversation, but there won't be an increase and preliminary figures show the district will be able to ask for the same \$12.19/\$1,000 that they had last year.

"There'll be no property tax increase because of that (passing)," Crozier said.

The \$12.9 million bond will carry a debt impact on tax bills of \$2.70/\$1,000, but he said if the bond fails it wouldn't guarantee a reduction in the tax bill of

\$2.70.

"There are many pieces that we'd have to consider – income surtax, management funds – all those pieces. We can choose not to be conservative over the next few years and it can be constant, but the biggest impact for us compared to when we did this a year ago is our valuations went up 24%," he said.

"In my eight years being a superin-

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The circus is coming back to town

Florida-based Garden Bros. Circus to put on two shows on Rodeo grounds June 19

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The circus is coming to town. Literally.

On June 19th, Garden Bros. Circus will be putting on two shows at the C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena on the Tri State Rodeo Grounds, the first of which will be at 4:30 and the second at 7:30 p.m.

Garden Bros. Circus is owned by Stellar Entertainment out of Sarasota, Fla., and puts on nightly shows throughout the central U.S., California, and Canada.

According to the Garden Bros. release, the 2019 show is packed with breathtaking special effects, concert



style sound and lighting, and three rings bursting with excitement, laughter, and memories for families to cherish.

Performers from more than 22 countries will entertain during the 100-minute performance, that features what is dubbed as the largest elephant on earth. Chinese acrobats, aerial artists, the motorcycle Sphere of Fear, camels, and horses.

Other features include contortionists, clowns, jugglers featured on 'America's Got Talent', and an integrated Kids' Fun Zone where children can ride animals, ride a giant slide and bounce house, and get their face

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City looking to beef up police staff

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Changes are coming fast at the Fort Madison police department.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, serving as interim police chief since June 1, and members of his staff are already looking at new computers in the department and in the vehicles, as well as adding three full-time officers.

Lee County Chief Deputy Will Conlee said today the department held regional testing on Saturday with the hopes of adding three full-time officers to the department before the interim period ends.

"They were slotted for 19 officers and they need to be at 20, but right now they're at 17 so we're going to work to fill those three spots," Conlee said.

The city is currently working with a search firm to find a candidate to fill in for Tim Sittig, who retired from the office on May 31.

The Fort Madison City Council and Lee County Supervisors approved a 28E agreement in May that put Weber in as interim chief. As part of the agreement, the city is paying the county roughly \$50,000 over the six month term. Without having a chief in place, the funds come from the salary that would have gone to Sittig.

City officials are hoping to have a new chief in place sooner than the six month agreement.

Conlee said eighteen people applied for the regional test and 10 showed up.

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

LLOYD WILLIAM SHRIVER

Lloyd William "Bill" Shriver, 77, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend to many, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 17, 2019.

Bill was born in Farmington, Iowa on June 21, 1941, the son of Harold and Jeanette (Hols) Shriver. He graduated from Farmington High School. Bill had a long career in the quality control side of trailer truck manufacturing with the Fruehauf Company in Ft. Madison and later with Trail Mobile in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Bill was a season ticket holder for Iowa Football and was a loyal Iowa Hawkeye fan. He maintained life-long relationships with his Fruehauf co-workers, which he considered family and had an annual golf/tailgate get together which he loved to organize each Fall with these close friends.

Bill is survived by his three sons: Cody (mother: Teresa Baird), Brett and Wade Shriver (mother: Shelia Steinmeyer Shriver); one sister: Jan (Farthing) Shriver; three grandchildren (Wade and Melissa's children): Hannah, Emily and Theodore Shriver; one niece and four nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother and father and his brother: Jim Shriver all originally from Farmington, Iowa.

His body has been deeded to the University of Iowa Hospital Anatomy Department.

A Memorial Service will be held in Bill's honor at a later date this summer.

In lieu of gifts or flowers any donations in Bill's honor may be made to Iowa City Hospice: 1025 Wade Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. The Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

MARIE A. CLARK

Marie A. Clark, 79, of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:43 AM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



CLARK

She was born on October 25, 1939 in Keokuk to Floyd and Roberta Clark Wharton. Marie married Marle Clark and he passed away on January 14, 2009. She was a housekeeper. Marie loved doing crafts and going to yard sales.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Whitney of New Port Ritchie, FL and Angela Woodbury of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren; several great grandchildren; one sister, Delores Bell of Burbon, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son Lee and one sister, Nancy.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and there will be no formal services at this time. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



Photo by Mike Kiloren

The Fort Madison Kiwanis awarded three scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Pictured are LilliAnna Schott of FMHS, Kevin Adams, Fort Madison Kiwanis Treasurer, and Elyse Pothitakis, of Holy Trinity Catholic. Abby Camp, from FMHS was the other winner but is not pictured.

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Lee County News/Weather

Area towns prepped for July RAGBRAI visitors



Photo courtesy of Andrea Rogers/Keokuk

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – With 20,000 bicyclists headed to southeast Iowa six weeks from now, area communities are finalizing plans to entertain riders and showcase this part of the state.

In Keokuk, where the 2019 RAGBRAI ends on July 27, event volunteers have created the Biggest Dam Dip on the Mississippi, with a day of music and entertainment including food and beer vendors.

Residents looking to get involved with Keokuk RAGBRAI can sign up with the hospitality committee this Saturday, June 15 from 3-7 p.m. at Rand Park Pavilion at the Radio Keokuk Local Music Festival.

The group will be signing up volunteers and selling Biggest Dam Dip on the Mississippi tee shirts. The tee shirts are \$15 each and available in four colors, in both adult and youth sizes. Tee shirts are also on sale at the Keokuk Chamber of Commerce office, Keokuk Tourism office, Keokuk Hy-Vee, and the UnityPoint Health-Keokuk gift shop. Other Biggest Dam Dip merchandise (including bottle openers, hats, tumblers, and koozies) is available for purchase at www.keokukragbrai.com.

Entertainment on July 27th will be provided by local Keokuk acoustic favorites, Glitter Salad, who are set to delight the ears of riders and spectators alike with their upbeat renditions of everyone's favorite pop songs.

Main Street Keokuk, Inc will operate the beverage garden which is set to offer a variety of adult beverages including beers, seltzers, and a local craft beer from

V's Brewpub. The beverage garden will also feature the official RAGBRAI beer, Tailwind. The 16oz golden ale is produced by Big Grove Brewery out of Solon and Iowa City and sold in all of the RAGBRAI towns. It is currently available for purchase at the Keokuk Hy-Vee.

The dip site will also host a number of food and beverage vendors. The deadline for vendors has been extended to Saturday, June 15. Any non-profit or for-profit entity interested in vending is encouraged to visit www.keokukragbrai.com for detailed instructions and an application.

In Burlington, where riders will have their last overnight stay, riders and residents are invited down to the Riverfront where a party will be held between Memorial Auditorium and the Port of Burlington on Friday July 26. There is no admission charge and the event is open to everyone.

Live music will begin at 2 p.m. going to 11:30 p.m. While live music is playing, party goers can grab their favorite drinks at the large beverage garden located in the center of the party. The full entertainment schedule is as follows:

- Eric Pettit Lion – 2 PM (Americana)
 - Jera & the Absolut's – 3:30 PM (Classic Rock, Rock, Blues & Reggae)
 - Stumptown – 5 PM (Heavy Country)
 - Headliner – The Spazmatics – 7 PM (New Wave 80's)
 - Catfight – 10:30 PM (Pop & Rock from the 80's to today's top 40)
- For more information about the party and the entertainment visit Burlington-RAGBRAI.com.

Close to 45 riders visited Keokuk this weekend as part of their pre-route inspection ride for the 2019 Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. The riders were met by some of the members of the Keokuk Hospitality Committee. Keokuk will be the last stop on the ride where riders will dip their tires in the Mississippi as part of the Biggest Dam Dip on the Mississippi.

Discount seats for June 19 Circus on sale now

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painted.

"We've made it a real affordable family event with the cooperation of participating retail outlets," said Niles Garden, the show's producer. "In the words of Walt Disney, 'I want families to have as much fun as they do at the circus.'"

Children's tickets were distributed to area elementary schools, pre-schools, day-care centers, fast food locations, convenience stores, salons, and large employers.

A special discounted ticket option is being made available to the first 100 adults for \$12.50. A VIP family pack with ring side seating is available for \$17.95 per person or \$70 for a family of four (two adults and two children). After the first 100 adult tickets are sold, a limited number will be available for \$18.95. General seating after the limited time discounting will be \$26 for adults and \$10 for children.

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Sports

Lady Hounds sweep Keokuk on the road

Powers, Dennis hurl complete games on road in 4-1, 8-6 wins

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

KEOKUK – Coming into Monday night’s matchup against Lee County and Southeastern conference foe Keokuk, Fort Madison softball sat three games under the five hundred mark at 3-6.

After Monday’s double-header at Joyce Park in Keokuk, Fort Madison is now just one win away from being .500 on the year, sweeping the double header 4-1, 8-6.

“It feels really good because we swept them the first time last year and then they swept us back,” Fort Madison Head Coach Jared Rehm said. “Hopefully we can get all four from them this year.”

GAME ONE

Junior Cassie Powers drew the start for the Bloodhounds in game one and delivered with one of her best pitching performances of the season. What may have helped her confidence throughout the contest was run support.

Olivia Williams dominated from the lead-off spot for the Hounds, going a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate in game one. Williams started the first with a single before Kylee Cashman hit an infield single of her own to put runners on first and third.

Logan Johnson delivered from the No. 3 hole with a sacrifice fly to plate Williams for the 1-0 lead. Powers helped out her own cause the following at bat, hitting an RBI double to bring in Cashman for the 2-0 lead. Neeley Rehm came in to courtesy run for Powers and later came around to score on a wild pitch to move the Fort Madison lead to 3-0.

Through 2 2/3 innings, Powers had allowed just one hit. Then with two outs in the bottom of the third,

Abby Arrowood came through with a double, before getting brought home on another double from Erika Kruse to trim the lead to 3-1.

Powers went on to record three of the next four outs on strikeouts before an error allowed Logan Johnson to score in the top of the fifth inning, giving Fort Madison a 4-1 lead. Powers held Keokuk to just one more hit over her final three innings of work to seal the win.

“This time I was letting Olivia Williams call the pitches,” Rehm said about the battery of Powers and Williams in game one. “It’s just (Cassie) and Olivia. I know what (Cassie) can do and I know what Olivia can do and they just do it themselves.”

Powers tossed 102 pitches over seven innings, allowing five hits and just one earned run while striking out eight. Logan Johnson, Powers and Maycee Featheringill all collected an RBI each for the Bloodhounds in the opener.

GAME TWO

Kruse came on in relief during game one early and also drew the start for game two, With Fort Madison having already seen Kruse for a majority of game one, they now had caught on to her pitching style and speed.

Logan Johnson collected a double in the top of the second, before a Keokuk error helped Ivy Geerdes get on base safely and move Johnson to third in the process. Dalyn Wondra then singled to bring in Johnson for the first run of the game, giving the Hounds the 1-0 lead.

Much like the big inning that helped Fort Madison seal game one, another big inning provided the lift in game two.

Three straight singles to start the third inning coupled with another Chief fielding error scored both Williams and Katelyn Dennis to give the Bloodhounds a 3-0 lead. Powers then doubled to plate courtesy runner Rehm, before a Geerdes single scored Powers for a 5-0 Fort Madison lead.

The big inning continued as Wondra reached safely on another error, followed by a Venessa Golowach single that brought in Geerdes for a 6-0 advantage.

“Up until last Wednesday we weren’t doing that very well,” Rehm said about his team’s ability to collect hits and score runs. “We broke through with that Wapello win and they starting stringing hits together and getting runs.”

It was three-straight singles again that extended the lead to 7-0, as Johnson, Geerdes and Wondra singled to bring in Johnson.

Keokuk responded with a three-run inning in the bottom of the fourth and added another run in the top of the sixth, but still trailed 7-4. After a sacrifice fly from Featheringill brought in Jasmine Bass for an 8-4 lead, the game was all but sealed, at least that’s what Fort Madison thought.

A single and a triple with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning put pressure on the Hounds, as Keokuk was now within three. The triple was followed by a Fort Madison error, allowing the Chiefs to score another run and close the gap to 8-6. Kruse singled after the error, bringing the winning run to the plate for Keokuk with just one out.

Thankfully for Fort Madison, Katelyn Dennis regrouped the Hound defense and forced the final two batters into back-to-back ground outs for the 8-6 win.

“I was a little bit (nervous), but I knew we could win and come through,” Powers said. “I thought (Dennis) did a really good job and when things got tough, she didn’t give up and she fought through.”

Dennis picked up the win, throwing 112 pitches over seven innings, allowing seven hits and three earned runs while striking out five. Williams, Powers, Johnson, Geerdes and Wondra each collected two-hit games in game two. Featheringill and Wondra paced Fort Madison with two RBIs each.

Fort Madison is competing in a tournament tomorrow (Tuesday) where they will play three games at Davenport.

Holy Trinity girls sweep Van Buren at home

WEST POINT – The Holy Trinity girls junior varsity softball team has moved to 6-1 on the season after scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on Thursday for a comeback 7-6 win over Van Buren.

The Crusader’s Halie Cain scored the winning run in the bottom of the 8th on a Mary Hellige game-winning single. Mary Hellige was the winning pitcher working all eight innings allowing three earned runs and striking out five hitters.

Cain had two singles, and two runs scored. Anna Sobczak a triple, two doubles and two runs scored. Brooke Mueller two singles and two runs scored. Kayla Box contributed with two singles and two runs scored, and Kelli Meierotto had a couple singles and 3 RBI.

In the junior high game, Mueller cracked a double in the in the HTC half of the final inning that scored

Hellige for another come-from-behind win, 11-10.

Rachel Menke was the winning pitcher going four innings, allowing four hits and fanning two. Cain also pitched two innings for the Crusaders.

Mary Hellige led HTC at the plate with a couple doubles and a triple and scored two runs including the game winner in the bottom of the sixth.

Cain also had two singles and two runs scored. Breanna Peterson had two singles and two runs scored. Mueller had a single to go with her walk-off double and scored a run of her own.

Kayla Box had a single, Laura Mehmert had a single, Teagan Snaadt had 2 singles and a run scored, Jenna Hellman had a single and a run scored and Clara Blint had a run scored. The junior high girls are 5-2 overall.

Baseball Card Shows

<p>June 10 - Keokuk Vintage Sports Card Show Hampton Inn 3201 Main street Show Hours 3 pm - 8 pm</p> 
<p>June 11 - Burlington Vintage Sports Card Show Comfort Suites 1780 Stonegate Center Dr. Show Hours 3 pm - 8 pm</p> 
<p>June 12 - Ft. Madison Vintage Sports Card Show Quality Inn & Suites 6169 Reve Court Show Hours 3 pm - 8 pm</p> 

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Jack Morris Memorial Golf Outing

The annual Fort Madison Partner's golf outing is set for June 14 and there is room for five more teams only. Sponsorships are available by contacting the Partner's office at 319-372-5471.

Special Needs Prom

A Special Needs Prom has been set for June 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at First Christian Church 3476 Main Street in Keokuk. The evening will include a promenade, dinner and dancing with events sponsored by area businesses.

Downtown Summer Market

Fort Madison businesses will be hosting a Downtown Summer Market from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 13, July 11, and Aug. 15 along Avenue G. For more information contact Darla at 319-371-8385 or by email at darlarae71@yahoo.com.

Weekend at the Bees

Lee County Weekend at Community Field in Burlington will be held on Friday through Sunday June 21-23. Pre-ordered tickets are just \$4 each when buying 10-plus tickets. Pre-order must be done by June 14. Sponsors can become a fireworks sponsor for \$400 and get 50 tickets to the game and ad in the program.

Farmer's Market

Farmer's Markets at the Fort Madison Depot will start Monday June 3 and run every Monday through Sept. 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Old Santa Fe Depot. Every second Monday is Kid's Day at the Market.

Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course

Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course will be offering junior and women's beginning clinics on Thursdays during the Month of June with the junior golf from 10 to 12 p.m. and the women's class from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$50 entry fee for both clinics. Contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 for additional details or email at rmcmillan@sheaffergolf.com.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

Riverfest 2019

Fort Madison's annual summer music festival and carnival hits the Fort Madison riverfront Aug. 1-4 with national rock music acts, family-friendly events and shows, carnivals, vendors, games, food and non-profit charitable events all weekend along.

Old Settler's Concerts

The Old Settler's Park "Music in the Park" kicks off on June 21 with "Amarillo" and the Pen City Cruiser's Car Show. The Fort Madison Lion's Club will be serving dinner.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

LCHD to hold immunization clinic

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. No appointment is necessary. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult.

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
June 11, 2019
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,

Montrose, IA
AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Moment of Silence Com-
 memorating 75th Anniver-
 sary of D-Day-Honoring
 All Soldiers That Died or
 Survived
 Approve Tuesday, June 4,

2019 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of
 Claims
 Public Input
 Discussion of Proposal
 from Solutions Software for
 Disaster Recovery Testing
 Consider Approval of
 Annual Agreement with
 Solutions Software
 Safety Update
 Consider Approval of Ser-
 vice Agreement with ISAC
 for HIP AA Program
 Consider Approval of
 Resolution Determining
 Pipeline Construction Com-
 pletion

Consider First Reading of
 Ragbrai Ordinance
 Consider Approval of
 Class B Beer Permit for
 Backpack Brewing, Don-
 nellson
 Consider Approval of
 Class C Liquor License for
 East-West Hideout, Argyle
 Consider Approval of
 Cigarette Permits for Gamer
 One Stop, Montrose; Wever
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 lar General, Montrose
 Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increase-Health
 Department

Reports:
 A. Recorder's Report of
 Fees Collected
 B. Treasurer's Report of
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 C. Auditor's Report of
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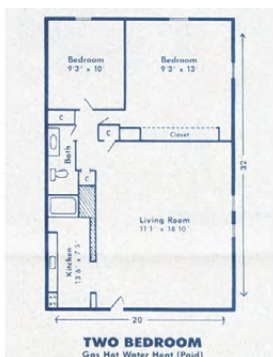
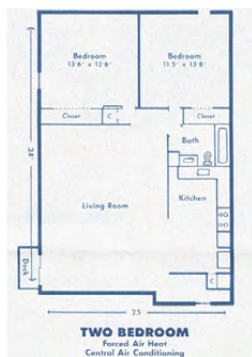
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
MEETING**

**PRE-BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND
GREAT PRAIRIE AREA
EDUCATION AGENCY
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019
4:30 p.m.
Southeastern
Community College
1500 West Agency Street
Private Dining Room
West Burlington, Iowa**

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
AEA Board Secretary Jennifer Woodley will call the meeting to order
2. Members Present
AEA Board Secretary and SCC Board Secretary will record Board Member attendance
3. Report from Great Prai-

rie Area Education Agency and Southeastern Community College
GPAEA Chief Administrator Dr. Cindy Yelick and SCC President Dr. Michael Ash will report
4. Adjournment
This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 21, Code of Iowa.
Darcy Adams, Board Secretary

**Board Meeting Agenda
Great Prairie Area
Education Agency
June 11, 2019
4:30 PM - Joint Board
Meeting with
Southeastern
Community College Board
of Trustees and
Regular Board Meeting -
Private Dining Room
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I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT
II. OPEN FORUM
III. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA
IV. BOARD APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
V. BOARD APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVOICES PAYABLE
VI. BOARD ACTION ON NEW EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS
a. Shaunda Campbell, School Social Worker, MA+15, Step 1, 194 days, \$46,537
b. Dawn Williams, Special Education Consultant, MA, Step 20, 194 days, \$69,291
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the new employee contracts as presented.
VII. BOARD ACTION

ON EMPLOYEE RESIGNATIONS
a. Ellie Hamilton
b. Dr. Lonna Anderson
VIII. BOARD ACTION ON BOARD POLICY 213.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS AND SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES 401.3R1 SUMMER HOURS REGULATION & 406.11R LICENSED EMPLOYEE PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS-ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the second reading of Board Policies as presented.
IX. REPORTS TO THE BOARD
X. BOARD WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT THE EVALUATION OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR PER IOWA CODE 21.5(i)
XI. BOARD ACTION ON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION
XII. ADJOURNMENT
**Board Meeting Agenda
Great Prairie Area
Education Agency
ADDENDUM
June 11, 2019 • 4:30 PM**
IX. BOARD ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY AND HEARTLAND AREA EDUCATION AGENCY
All other items renumbered accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County
Conservation Board
Meeting Agenda
June 11, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Highway 61
Montrose, IA 52639**

1. Call to order

2. Approval of minutes from May 14, 2019.
3. Public Input
This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.
4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Financial Report
6. Discussion—Pool 19 Conservation Project
7. Approve Waiving Beach Fees for the Pollmiller Family Fun Night Event
8. Staff Reports
9. Board Member Comments
10. Adjournment

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From the Front

Central Lee bond wouldn't raise property tax level from 2019

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tendent, I've never had valuations increase more than 4% until this year and it's 24%. It's almost like living in Waukee for a change. It's unbelievable. So some things have worked in our favor."

He said another piece taxpayers have to consider is the district won't be using state SAVE funds to guarantee the bonds. General obligation bonds are paid for from the debt levy on property taxes, but Central Lee uses the SAVE funds to reduce property taxes.

Crozier said he feels more confident in the issue this time around because there is no increase in property taxes and people in the district see the need.

"This is a much different conversation when you're talking about \$1.80 vs. a no property tax increase. I think that's helpful," he said.

"I think the people of this district see the need's here and see that we have a great opportunity to improve our facilities for the next several years. We were so close asking for \$1.80 and we worked hard to get to a no property increase on this vote."

Crozier said the top priority is improving the safety and security of the students. He said new office spaces would be created at the front of the buildings causing every visitor to go through a double door system that forces people to go through the office before being allowed into the school itself.

Central Lee had a school resource officer on-site during school hours. The officer was Tom Obermann of the Lee County Sheriff's Department and said, despite the increased security, the district would keep the SRO on the premises.

"Heck yeah I would. We didn't have any crisis issues, but we had a few issues were we got Tommy down to the office and if it was at the high school he was meeting them at the door. That question has come up a couple times."

The district is in a three-year 28E agreement with the sheriff's department for the SRO.

The funds will also allow for some additional renovations and common space for easier flow of students through the hallways, a new competition/performance gymnasium, two new rooms for fine arts, renovations of the K-8 building for a new early childhood center, and improved parking and traffic flow on the campus.

He said the gymnasium can be polarizing, but the current gym doesn't meet the needs of the district.

"We just know we need a bigger space. I know not everyone likes the idea because it's expensive because it's a big square footage, but this give us what we need, hopefully, for the next hundred years."

The district has already committed to renovating family consumer science space and the ag room, outside of the bond funds.

"Those will be done by the district and are not being paid for out of the 12.9 million but are a part of our total master facility plan," Crozier said.

The district has also budgeted for another traffic lane from the high school to the K-8.

"That's another one where we're putting our money where our mouth is. We know it's an issue and we can afford to do it right now with our current revenue so we're just taking that off the referendum and doing it ourselves," Crozier said.

Computers, software also on the list for PD

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"They started with the physical agility test and we lost half because they couldn't meet the physical standards. The five that did pass that portion were taken back to the sheriff's office and they were given the standard written test that all law enforcement officers take," Conlee said.

The written tests were sent off to a company to be independently scored and those that pass will be part of future civil service interviews.

Conlee said, due to the sheriff's department overseeing police operations currently, the interviews will be conducted this time with city and county civil service commission members. Typically one or the other does the interviews to keep the mandated list of 10 candidates on file.

At Tuesday's regular city council meeting, Weber told the council they need to extend the police department to 20 officers and with that staff they had structure in place that would put three officers on the street for each shift, including two full-time investigators.

He also told the council that computer systems in the department were outdated and needed to be replaced as well as providing all vehicles with onboard computers.

The sheriff's department outfitted their vehicles with onboard computers last fall and Weber said the efficiencies created with the new systems allowed more time for deputies on the streets instead of doing paperwork.

Authorization of the new computers could be in front of the city council by its next scheduled meeting on June 18.



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