

County wants nod from FM on project

URBAN RENEWAL: Authorization opens funding options for new LCHD building

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County officials are asking the City of Fort Madison to recognize the new Lee County Health Department construction project on the former Iowan Motel property on the city’s west side.

The county submitted a letter outlining a recommendation from the county’s bond counsel Dorsey & Whitney out of Des Moines that the city authorize the project as it would fall within a designated Urban Renewal Area.

The letter also serves as a step in allowing the county to issue general obligation bonds for the remaining costs of the project.

Currently the county has allocated roughly \$3.7 million to the project’s \$5 million to \$5.4 million estimated cost, leaving them about \$1.7 million short.

A Community Development Block Grant is in the works that could provide more than \$500,000 to the project and efforts are underway to set up a trust through Lee County Charitable Trust for donations to the project.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said he hoped the county wouldn’t get to the point where they needed to bond for the project.

“I wouldn’t want to go to directly to bonding if we can come up with some other directions to pay for that,” Seyb said.

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DEPOT RENOVATION

League gives city All-Star award for depot

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison was named a 2022 All-Star Community by the Iowa League of Cities for its Historic Santa Fe Depot Renovation. The city will be recognized at an Awards Banquet at the League’s Annual Conference & Exhibit, held in Waterloo from September 28-30.

The All-Star Community Award is the most prestigious honor given by the League to cities. Entries are judged by a panel of former city officials and others familiar with municipal government. Judges determine winners based on innovative efforts in areas such as urban renewal, development, preservation, collaborative efforts or quality of life improvements. Fort Madison was among three of Iowa’s 940 cities to garner such recognition.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Miller after tobacco for defrauding state on payments

DES MOINES – Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller accuses Philip Morris, USA, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., and 16 other tobacco companies of defrauding Iowa of more than \$133 million, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday.

The lawsuit stems from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement, which requires tobacco manufacturers to pay billions annually to participating states in exchange for the states agreeing not to sue for health-related damages to citizens. The motion, filed in Polk County District Court, alleges that the companies have withheld a portion of their annual payments to Iowa in bad faith and “through a scheme of false claims and feigned ignorance.”

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Secretary of State candidate Joel Miller talks with a couple prior to his formal remarks at the Ivor Fowler center in Montrose Sunday.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Van Lancker, Miller make stop in Lee County Sunday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Democrat voters settled in under the Ivor Fowler shelter in Montrose Sunday afternoon to hear local and state candidates talk about what needs to be done to turn the tables in favor of Democrats heading into November’s general election.

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate

Diedra DeJear was scheduled to be in attendance, but her running mate Eric Van Lancker made the trip in her place in shorts and a brown t-shirt with yellow lettering that read “Fund Public Schools”.

Van Lancker said the Republican-controlled Iowa Legislature has actually reduced funding to state schools by holding them to a 2 to 2.5% growth when districts have been dealing with inflation of more than 4%.

The Cedar Rapids native and current

Clinton County Auditor said Funding Public Schools is fundamental to rural Iowa. He said Reynolds is hand picking candidates to run against incumbents in her own party who are not on board with her private school voucher program.

“It’s a plan to spend \$54 million on 10,000 students. I think they should be spending \$54 million more on the 480,000 public

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WEATHER

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TUE 02 Aug..... Sunny and Hot, 91° F/ 77° F
WED 03 Aug..... Hot with Chance of Thunderstorms, 93° F/ 70° F
THU 04 Aug..... Mostly Sunny and Warm, 88° F/ 65° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

TIMMIE L. WHITE

Timmie Lee White, 53, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022, at his home in Keokuk.

Timmie was born on September 3, 1968, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Raymond “JJ” and Edna Virginia (Talton) White. He graduated from Keokuk High School and worked odd jobs throughout his life. He played the piano and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Timmie is survived by his father Raymond “JJ” White of Keokuk; three brothers: Jerry Anthony Talton of Hannibal, MO; Christopher Ray White of Keokuk and Kenneth D. White of Keokuk; three sisters: Virginia Fortson of Chesapeake, Virginia; Regina L. Yates of Keokuk and Contennia M. (Chris) Tripp of Omaha, Nebraska; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

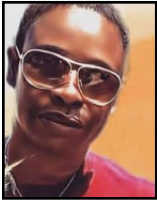
Timmie is preceded in death by his mother Edna and his brother Junior.

No services will be held at this time, inurnment at a later date will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to God’s Way Christian Center.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



WHITE

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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DURELL N. NELSON

Durell Noland Nelson, 71, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away suddenly on the morning of July 27, 2022.

He was born on October 23, 1950, in Ogden, Utah, the son of Noland Fred and Katherine Mauer Nelson. He lived all his childhood on the Ogden Bay Waterfowl Refuge in Hooper, Utah, where his father was the manager. He was the oldest of five children. He graduated from Roy High School and continued his education graduating from Weber State University.

He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints in German speaking Switzerland from 1969-1972.

Upon returning home from his mission, his love of plants led Durell to many jobs in the horticulture field, designing and maintaining many parks in the Utah area. In 1977 he was asked to help design a women’s monument garden in Nauvoo, Illinois. Durell eventually became the horticulturist for Nauvoo Restoration Incorporated where he worked until retiring in 2015.

On February 21, 1980, Durell married Kathy Anne Randle in the Ogden, Utah Temple and began their life in Nauvoo. They were blessed with four children; Katy, Nathan, Tacy and Jessie.



NELSON

Durell was a man of many hobbies but could always be found reading or baking. He had countless hours of time devoted to his church, serving as a bishop, stake president and in the Nauvoo temple presidency, as well as countless teaching opportunities.

Second only to his love of church was his love for his community. Durell served with many civic organizations including the Library Board, Nauvoo Betterment Association, The Food Pantry, and The Chamber of Commerce. One of his most recognizable contributions to Nauvoo is the Annual Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk.

Durell is survived by his wife: Kathy Nelson and four children: Kathryn (Daron) Wilson of Queen Creek, Arizona, Nathan Nelson of Nauvoo, Illinois, Tacy (Victor) Anozie of Nauvoo, Illinois, Jessie Nelson of Nauvoo, Illinois; grandchildren: Tyler Price and Olivia Wilson; step-grandchildren: Brittney Good, Hannah Wilson and Bryan Wilson; sisters: Marianne (Mark) Jenkins of Plain City, Utah and Kathleen Strong of Hooper, Utah and his brother: Devon (Karla) Nelson of Roy, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother: Randon Nelson; a brother-in-law: Gerald Strong and granddaughter: Kacy Grace Nelson.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 4, 2022, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nauvoo. Burial will follow in the Nauvoo City Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Nauvoo Community Center. Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at <http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com>.

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JOSHUA W. HEITMAN

Joshua William Heitman, 44, of Keokuk, died Friday, July 29, 2022 at Blessing Health Keokuk.

He was born on June 23, 1978 in Keokuk, the son of Terry and Susan (Amann) Heitman. He graduated from Hamilton High School with the Class of 1997. He received his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Western Illinois University. He then attended Culver Stockton College in Canton, Mo and received his Teaching Degree.



HEITMAN

On December 26, 2006, Joshua was united in marriage to Cindy Graham Pollitt in Keokuk, IA. She survives.

He is also survived by three sons, Jack, Erik and Mark Heitman of Keokuk, his step-son, Joshua Pollitt of Keokuk, his mother, Susan Bolton (Greg) of Hamilton, IL his father, Terry Heitman (Sherry) of Hamilton, IL, one half-sister, Jessica Dowdall (Jeff) of Elvaston, IL, three step-brothers, Jason Runge, Brian Runge and Danny Bolton and many other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Joshua's career as a history teacher began in Canton, MO where he also was the golf coach. He then taught at Keokuk Christian Academy and currently was teaching at Burlington Notre Dame.

He was of the Catholic faith.

Joshua enjoyed weight lifting, riding his bike and watching football, especially the Chicago Bears. He also enjoyed taking his dog, Izzy, to the park to run and spending time with his best friend, Chad. Most of all Joshua loved his family. His boys were the apple of his eye and one of his favorite things to do was to pull his kids in a wagon all over town.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 2 pm – 4 pm on Friday (Aug 5) at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time.

Private family burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to P.A.W. Animal Shelter or Burlington Notre Dame School.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

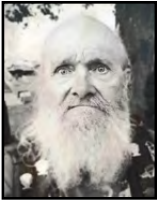
OBITUARIES

TERRY L. ALLEN

Terry "TA" Lee Allen, 65, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the Montrose Health Center in Montrose, IA.

He was born November 20, 1956 in Keokuk, IA the son of Norman Dean and Maxine Bird Allen. Terry graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1975.

Terry was first united in marriage to Becky Nixon in 1977. To this union, two children, Jackie and David were born. They later divorced. On October 17, 2010 Terry was united in marriage to Tammy Gibson. She survives.



ALLEN

Other survivors include one daughter, Jackie Allen of Iowa City, IA, one son, David Allen of Keokuk, one grandson, Darren Blickhan of Keokuk, one step-son, Eric Shearer (Ashley) of Keokuk, and one step-daughter, Tia Christy (Allen Harrison) of West Point, IL and several step-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Larry Allen of Quincy, IL and Rick Allen (Theresa) of Keokuk and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Terry had been employed by Roquette in Keokuk for thirty-seven years, until his retirement.

In his younger years, he attended the Emmanuel Methodist Church in Keokuk.

Terry was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed hunting dove, deer, ducks and rabbits. He also enjoyed fishing, especially at his favorite spot, Bennett Springs. Terry was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and New Orleans Saints and liked watching Motocross races. Terry never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone. He loved to attend bike rallies and enjoyed nothing more than a good, cold Budweiser beer.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Rick Kent officiating. Following the service there will be a memorial bike ride to the Southside Boat Club.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Animal Shelter.

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Wednesday,
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West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLE-
GIANCE
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF AGEN-
DA
CONSENT AGENDA
All items on the Con-
sent Agenda are Action
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Any Councilmember may
request an Agenda Item
be pulled for discussion
and held for a separate
vote. Items included on
the Consent Agenda
are non-controversial or
routine Items that are dis-
cussed at every meeting,
or items that have been
previously discussed at
length where there is
group consensus.
A. Approve Minutes
from the Regular City
Council meeting on July
20, 2022
B. Approve a Three-
Year Full Tax Abatement
for the construction of a
commercial building at
1818 W. Mt. Pleasant St.
C. Approve payment to
Southeast Iowa Regional
Planning Commission

for Grant Administration
Services - \$10,000
D. Approve payment to
Tyler Technologies Inc.
for InCode 10 Purchasing
Software \$11,636.75
E. Approve payments
of Claims as listed on the
August 3, 2022 Expense
Approval Report for
\$759,571.40
COUNCIL & STAFF
REPORTS
COMMUNITY RE-
PORTS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
1. Consider the final
reading of an Ordinance
establishing the July,
2022 Tax Increment
Financing District for the
West Burlington Urban
Renewal Area
2. Consider a Res-
olution approving the
distribution of the Fire
Departments Stipend for
FY 22-23
3. Consider disposing
of a vehicle by selling it
on Govdeals.com
4. Consider approving
Change Order #6 from
Boomerang for the Water
Tower and Booster Sta-
tion Project
5. Consider approving a
quote from ProLine Strip-
ing for roadway striping
services
6. Consider approving
a quote from Red Equip-
ment for repairs to the
Sewer Jet Truck
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
FUTURE WORK
SESSION OR AGENDA
ITEMS
CLOSED SESSION

1. Council will hold
a Closed Session in
accordance with Iowa
Code Chapter 21.5.1(i) to
evaluate the professional
competency of an individ-
ual whose appointment,
hiring, performance, or
discharge is being consid-
ered when necessary
to prevent needless and
irreparable injury to that
individual's reputation and
that individual requests a
closed session.
2. Council held a
Closed Session in accor-
dance with Iowa Code
Chapter 21.5.1 (j) at
7:01 p.m. "To discuss the
purchase of particular real
estate only where pre-
mature disclosure could
be reasonably expected
to increase the price
the governmental body
would have to pay for that
property."
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ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the
City of Keokuk met in reg-
ular session on July 21,
2022 at 501 Main Street.
Mayor Kathie Mahoney
called the meeting to
order at 5:30 p.m. There
were seven council mem-
bers present, two absent.
Roslyn Garcia, Dan Winn,
John Helenthal, Steve
Andrews, Linda Mars-
den, Roger Bryant, and
Michael Greenwald were
present. Carissa Cren-
shaw and Linda Altheide
were absent. Staff in
attendance: City Admin-

istrator Cole O'Donnell,
City Clerk Celeste El
Anfaoui, Public Works
Director Robert Helenthal,
Community Development
Director Pam Broomhall,
Sewer Department Man-
ager Michael Clark, Water
Treatment Plant Manager
Tom Wills, Fire Chief
Gabe Rose, and Hous-
ing Enforcement Casey
Barnes.
MAYOR'S CORRE-
SPONDENCE: Informed
of upcoming events in
Keokuk.
CITIZEN'S REQUEST:
Jennifer Sellers discussed
concerns regarding
homeless shelter ordi-
nance.
Motion made by Helen-
thal, second by Marsden
to approve the agenda,
including the consent
agenda. (7) AYES, (0)
NAYS. Motion carried.
• Minutes of the Coun-
cil Workshop & Regular
City Council meeting of
July 7, 2022;
• Minutes of the Safety
Committee meeting of
July 14, 2022;
• Cash Receipts &
Treasurer's Report for
June 2022;
• RESOLUTION NO.
104-2022: Approving a
5-day Liquor License
for Rollin' On The River,
Mississippi Drive (Victory
Park), August 18-22, 2022
– Class C Liquor License
(pending dram);
• RESOLUTION NO.
105-2022: Approving a
5-day Liquor License for
Lake Cooper Foundation
(Big Dam Street Festi-
val) 8 North Water Street
(Victory Park), August 24-
28, 2022 – Class B Beer
Permit;
• Motion to pay bills
and transfers listed in
Register No.'s 5283-5285;
Mayor Mahoney
opened the public hearing
at 6:06 p.m. on the status
of funded activities for the
City of Keokuk, CDBG,
housing sustainability
rehabilitation program.
A public hearing notice
was published in the Daily
Gate City on Friday, July
8, 2022.

COMMENTS: Sara
Hecox from SEIRPC
gave update on Keokuk
Housing Sustainability
Grant and how it is being
utilized around Keokuk.
No further comments
were received, Mayor Ma-
honey closed the public
hearing at 6:16 p.m.
Motion by Greenwald,
second by Garcia to ap-
prove the second reading
of an Ordinance amend-
ment to zoning ordinance
adding homeless shelter
to special uses. Motion
by Greenwald, second by
Garcia to amend ordi-
nance removing zone R3.
Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES
– Garcia, Winn, Helen-
thal, Andrews, Marsden,
Bryant, and Greenwald,
(2) ABSENT – Crenshaw
and Altheide, (0) NAYS.
Motion carried.
Motion made by Winn,
second by Greenwald
to approve the initial
reading of an Ordinance
amending Chapter 9.90
regarding operation of off-
road utility vehicles and
golf carts eliminating the
registration fees.
Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES
– Garcia, Winn, Helen-
thal, Andrews, Marsden,
Bryant, and Greenwald,
(2) ABSENT – Crenshaw
and Altheide, (0) NAYS.
Motion carried.
Motion made by Green-
wald, second by Andrews
to waive the second and
third reading of an Ordi-
nance amending Chapter
9.90 regarding operation
of off-road utility vehicles
and golf carts eliminating
the registration fees.
Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES
– Garcia, Winn, Helen-
thal, Andrews, Marsden,
Bryant, and Greenwald,
(2) ABSENT – Crenshaw
and Altheide, (0) NAYS.
Motion carried.
Motion made by Helen-
thal, second by Winn
to adopt and give final
approval of ORDINANCE
NO. 2030 amending
Chapter 9.90 regarding
operation of off-road utility
vehicles and golf carts
eliminating the registra-
tion fees. (7) AYES, (0)

NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Gar-
cia, second by Winn to
approve the following
proposed RESOLUTION
NO. 106-2022: "A RES-
OLUTION APPROVING
CONTRACT FOR SER-
VICES FOR THE RIVER
FRONT TRAILS WITH
SHOEMAKER & HAA-
LAND." (7) AYES, (0)
NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by
Helenthal, second by
Greenwald to approve the
resignation of Linda Mars-
den from the City Council
5th Ward. (7) AYES, (0)
NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Helen-
thal, second by Bryant
to fill vacancy in the 5th
Ward City Council. (6)
AYES, (0) NAYS, (1) AB-
STAIN - Marsden. Motion
carried.
BOARDS & COMMIS-
SIONS: Second notifica-
tion for Tom Odegaard to
the Veterans Memorial
Commission, 5-year term
to expire 6/1/2027. First
notification to reappoint
Risa Langedal to Keokuk
Housing Authority, 2-year
term to expire 9/5/2024.
STAFF REPORTS:
C. Barnes informed of
special assessments
received the past year;
Helenthal updated on
public works department;
O'Donnell reported on
status of ADM consent
order, assistance funded
by ARPA to Southeast
Iowa Community Action,
airport fuel sales, and
AmJet project.
Motion made by Helen-
thal, second by Garcia to
adjourn the meeting at
6:35 p.m.

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From the Front

Democrats contend GOP not working for rural Iowa

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school students in this state, That's our answer," he said to applause.

He said the public shouldn't be fooled by what Republicans are putting on social media pages.

"The last ten years the Republicans have been only funding public schools at 2% growth every year, Van Lancker said.

"We know inflation the last two years has been 4 and 6 percent and that's what they've been asking for - a chance to keep up with inflation."

Van Lancker said privatization of Medicaid is not working in the state and isn't just hurting Iowa's most vulnerable citizens, it's hurting rural hospitals, too. He said the out-of-state MCOs are rejecting claims at a 900% higher rate than when the state ran the program.

"I can't think of anything more unIowan, than just automatically turning down these claims and putting our most vulnerable in danger, just so they can have a better balance sheet."

He said DeJear will also be there for women's rights to choose on health care.

"Gov. Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Gregg have already started the process to penalize a woman and her doctor's choice to have a very private and difficult decision for a needed and safe

procedure when it has to be done," he said. "They're going to criminalize it and Diedre won't allow that to happen."

Joel Miller, the current auditor for the Linn County, said the state needs to "fire" current Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate for dereliction of duties. He said Pate acted too late in getting out absentee ballot requests during the last election and is now focusing on human trafficking which is far removed from the the Secretary of State's job description of securing elections in the state.

Miller is on the ballot for the post on the Democratic side and he said the message he received during the 2020 election was to get out to the rural areas.

"The party is in change," he said. "But you don't give up on it. Competition is good."

He said he's already done things differently in Linn County. He said for a city school election last fall, he printed absentee ballot request forms in a countywide newspaper that went to 80,000 homes in the county.

Miller, who bested Van Lancker in the Democratic primary for Secretary of State by more than 48% of the vote, made news by being sued by Donald Trump's campaign for mailing out absentee ballot request forms with voter information mostly filled in.

He said more than 20% of the request forms in the fall election were returned.

Miller has now set his sights on Pate and the reduction of access to polls for voters.

He said in Linn County they were open all 20 days and they had 23 people vote on Memorial Day.

He said he would also lobby for automatic voter registration beginning at 17 from the Iowa DOT offices, rather than having to request the registration.

"Registration is the key to participation. That's the first step. You gotta be registered and if you're registered you're going to have less hassle if and when you decide to go vote."

Democrats enjoying ice cream also heard from Christina Bohannon who's challenging Mariannette Miller-Meeks for Iowa's new 1st Congressional District. She said Miller-Meeks has not done what she said she would do to represent rural Iowans.

"We have representatives now that would rather tell lies and spread misinformation than solve real problems. They would rather create culture wars to distract us from not doing anything to make ordinary people's lives better," Bohannon said.

"I'm sorry to say that nowhere is that more true than in our 1st district with Mariannette Miller-Meeks. She ran as a moderate, but she has not been voting that way. She's been telling Iowans one thing and doing something completely opposite in Washington."

She said her opponent has worked against reducing inflation, creating good jobs in Iowa, and helping people get affordable health care.

"Iowa, we can do better, we can absolutely do better," Bohannon said.

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Iowa has received \$1.4B over 24 years

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The tobacco companies demand that Iowa must go to arbitration to recover each year’s withheld payment. It has taken years to litigate each dispute, creating a long backlog and a growing amount of withheld payments. Iowa has prevailed in every dispute, most recently in September 2021, but the companies still refused to pay the amount they withheld from Iowa.

“We have fought, and won, these legal battles for years, and there is no end to these disputes in sight,” Miller said. “We now must escalate the matter and force the tobacco companies to pay what they owe the state of Iowa.”

The lawsuit seeks to recover actual and punitive damages, plus attorneys’ fees and other costs. Under Iowa’s False Claims Act, the state seeks three times the amount of actual damages.

MSA brings in millions each year

In the last 24 years, Iowa has received \$1.41 billion in payments under the Master Settlement Agreement. The agreement obligates each participating company to make a payment each year, subject to certain adjustments. Under Iowa law, tobacco companies selling in Iowa either must join the MSA or deposit a certain

dollar amount per unit sold in an escrow account.

The continuing dispute is over the Non-Participating Manufacturer Adjustment, which allows tobacco companies participating in the Master Settlement Agreement to reduce their annual payments under certain circumstances. Those circumstances include having experienced a loss of market share to non-participating competitors, and showing that a state failed to “diligently enforce” state laws against tobacco companies that did not sign the MSA.

The defendants have repeatedly, and without evidence, alleged that Iowa has not diligently enforced its law. In September 2021, an arbitration panel ruled unanimously that Iowa had indeed “diligently enforced” its state laws.

Iowa has prevailed in arbitration over the withheld amounts for 2003 and 2004, but the victories took years. The 2003 dispute was arbitrated for seven years, and Iowa finally received the withheld portion that payment in 2014. The 2004 dispute was resolved in September 2021 but Iowa has not received the payment of approximately \$7 million.

Each time, the arbitration cost the state approximately \$3-4 million. The state is currently in arbitration for years 2005-2007.

Depot project went up against larger cities

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The Depot Project was up against projects from other communities with 10,000 and over population. Other categories are for cities with populations less than 3,000, and populations from 3,000-9,999 This year’s winners for these categories are Northwood and Washington.

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- Clinton – Main Avenue Green Infrastructure
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Supervisors to put funding options on agenda

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“We’ve got some people working on donations through a non-profit and there is a Community Development Block Grant that we’re working on,” Seyb said.

Board Chairman Matt Pflug said the county has to get moving on the issue and will be putting a discussion on possibly borrowing for the remaining costs on the agenda next week.

“We have different opinions on the grants and that and you don’t always get grants you apply for and we’ve seen how that works,” Pflug said.

“We’re about \$1.7 million short right now roughly.”

Because the property is in a city Urban Renewal Area, the county could potentially borrow the remaining funds without putting the issue in front of voters, in what’s called a reverse referendum.

However, a public hearing on the matter would be required, and residents could petition to force the county to put the issue on a ballot. That petition would require 10% of the number of people who voted in the last general election, or about 1,660 signatures.

The letter doesn’t allow the county to do the reverse referendum, but does open the door to a public hearing that would then require a vote to issue the bonds.

In an unrelated issue, the board approved a resolution to pay \$20,000 per year for the next five years to the Southeast Iowa Aquatic Restoration Group for the benefit of the Fort Madiosn Riverfront Redevelopment program and the new Marina in the park.

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