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Construction crews continue to work on Avenue H from 10th to 12th Streets in Fort Madison. Crews with Jones Contracting are hoping to get as much done on the stretch of road as possible before winter.

## County may act on EMS facility

**KEOKUK:** County will have some renovations to do on new building

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A move to purchase a new building for the Lee County Ambulance service in Keokuk will be in front of Lee County Supervisors Monday morning.

At Monday's regular meeting of supervisors in Fort Madison, supervisors could be voting on spending up to \$300,000 to buy and renovate a building on Main Street on the north side of Keokuk across from Arby's.

The facilities will include a new bay to hold two ambulances as well as renovations to create living quarters out of office spaces in the residential building on the property. There is

already a two-car garage but that structure isn't large enough to house the ambulances and will have to be taken down in lieu of a larger structure.

County officials looked at at least four different properties in the city after Blessing Health System announced the closure of the Blessing Keokuk Hospital and Emergency Room effective Sept. 30.

Supervisors have also approved the hiring of up to nine additional EMS staff to handle the anticipated increase in emergency calls and transports that is likely to occur with the closure of the ER.

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## DONNELLSON

### OctoberFest event planned for Donnellson October 8

DONNELLSON - The Donnellson Vision group is sponsoring an OctoberFest on Oct. 8 throughout Donnellson.

The day starts with a Friends of the Library Book Sale at 8 a.m. at the city library. A classic car cruise, decorated pumpkin contest, bounce house, sand

art and pick-a-pumpkin all start at 10 a.m.

At 11 a.m., the Donnellson Fire Department will be the site of a community lunch where brats/hamburgers with two sides will be available for \$10.

At noon River City Baggers is holding

a Bags Tournament on Main Street, and Kids Yoga is planned for noon and 1 p.m. sessions. BINGO is also slated for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Face painting and Balloon animals are

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## Health systems need to get behind EMS

Blessing's closure of the hospital in Keokuk is really a matter of life and death.

We can see the dramatics on full display as Lee County grapples with funding an additional full-time ambulance set up in the city of 10,300.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said the county will suffer a million dollar hit before the end of the fiscal year in June.

Supervisor Matt Pflug has said the county is in a crisis situation and the residents of Keokuk "are scared to death".

There's politics involved now as well and emotions are running at a high level.

The county gave Keokuk Area Hospital more than \$200,000 when the hospital was struggling financially over 2013 and 2014. To date, Blessing has declined to put any money on the table to assist the county.

But CEO Maureen Kahn hinted in recent news articles that the the Keokuk Hospital Foundation funds be moved to the EMS system.

That would have amounted to several hundred thousand dollars. Those funds are now in the hands of the Keokuk Community Foundation and no path to obtaining the funds for the ambulance service has been laid out.

County officials keep moving forward with providing additional EMS staff to help Keokuk residents get the emergency care they need - the care they deserve. But they need help.

This isn't an issue of choice for the county. When LeeComm dispatches EMS for an emergency in Keokuk, they have to go. And without an ER, that ambulance staff of EMTs and/or paramedics is going to be gone for a while if a transport is required.

There is a good plan in the works for a

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## WEATHER

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MON 03 Oct..... Sunny and warm, 73° F/ 45° F  
TUE 04 Oct..... Mostly sunny and warm, 75° F/ 50° F  
WED 05 Oct..... Partly sunny and warm, 77° F/ 54° F  
**IOWA LOTTERY**  
LOTTO AMERICA 10/01..... 5 713 16 38, Star Ball: 10 All Star Bonus: 3  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### LAVERNE WESTERCAMP

LaVerne Westercamp, 81, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 2:53 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

He was born on September 11, 1941, at his family home outside of Bonaparte, Iowa, the son of John and Elsie (Triplett) Westercamp. On December 7, 1968, he married Deah Gorman.



WESTERCAMP

He is survived by his wife: Deah; six children: Laura Dean, Ginger (Craig) Cunningham, Dustin (Jill) Westercamp, Missy (Josh Mayes) Snider, Tianna (Dale) Fincher and Jed Westercamp; grandchildren: Terra, Winter, Chelby, Cheyenne, Courtney, Corby, Dalton, Denton, Jolene, Jonny, Justin, Reece, Seth, Konner, Kennedy and Paisley and many great grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers: Rex, Marvin and Dave and two sisters: Velma and Audrey.

He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Elsie; granddaughter: Summer; three brothers: Hubert, Charles and Max and two sisters: Vivian and Joyce.

LaVerne was a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed working with livestock, hunting and riding his mule with family and friends. He would invite everyone to Funday Sunday every week!

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington with Reverend Mark Caston officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in his memory for Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House or Every Step Hospice.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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## Lee County Health Department 2022 Flu Shot Clinics

These clinics are open to the public

Tuesday, October 4  
Newberry Center  
10:30am-12:00pm

Tuesday, October 11  
Montrose Public Library  
9:00am-11:00am

Tuesday, October 11  
West Point Public Library  
1:00pm-2:30pm

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## OBITUARIES

### RUTH A. SCHIEDEL

Ruth Ann Schiedel, 59, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.

Ruth Ann was born June 28, 1963 in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Bob and Sandra (Olson) Dowell. On December 10, 2011 she married Jeff Schiedel in LaHarpe.

Ruth Ann was a graduate of Dallas City High School. Following high school she received her associates degree from Carl Sandburg College in Carthage, Illinois. She worked as a heavy equipment operator for the last 22 years with the IUOE Local 649 in Peoria.

Ruth Ann enjoyed being outdoors. She loved riding motorcycles, horses, boating, fishing and camping. She also enjoyed attending her children's sporting events.

Survivors include her husband: Jeff; two children: Bronco Oliver and Bobbie Sue (Tanner Icenogle) Oliver all of LaHarpe; her father: Bob Dowell of Dallas City, Illinois; two step-children: Jacob Schiedel and Jessica Johnson both of LaHarpe; two step-grandchildren: Jordan and Austin; one brother: Steve Dowell of LaHarpe; one sister: Kathy Quigley of Biggsville, Illinois and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother: Sandra.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established for OSF Children's Hospital. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Ruth Ann's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### DALE W. PARISH

Dale Willard Parish, 65, of Keosauqua, Iowa, passed away at 12:22 a.m. Thursday, September 29, 2022, in Fort Madison, Iowa, after a short battle with cancer.

He was born on October 6, 1956, in Keosauqua, Iowa, the son of Clell and Madalynne (Steinmeyer) Parish.



PARISH

He is survived by son: Lee Parish; two sisters: Jane Duke of Donnellson, Iowa, Sally (Dennis) Coleman of Belle Plaine, Iowa and brother: Ben (Mary) Parish of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Lynn Ann Parish in infancy.

Dale was a 1975 graduate of Van Buren High School. He worked for Dexter's Foundry in Fairfield, Iowa, the railroad and farmed for the majority of his life. He enjoyed shooting pool, playing fast pitch softball, hunting and fishing. Dale was a social man, he never knew a stranger. He was always straight forward and you knew where you stood.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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## Obituaries/Lee County News

### OBITUARIES

## SHARON K. PATTON

Sharon Kathryn Patton, 72, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. She was born on January 5, 1950 in Fort Madison, IA to Herman & Evelyn Bentler Sanders. She worked at the West Point Meat Locker, Sheaffer Pen Company, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and lastly at Gleasons. She enjoyed candles, bon fires, reading her Kindle and mostly spending time with her grandchildren.

Sharon is survived by: 2-daughters: Diana (Tristan Barnes) Brecount of South Daytona, FL & Lisa Hayes of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: James Grelk of Fort Madison, IA; 7-grandchildren; 13-great grandchildren; 2-brothers: Jerry (Nancy) Sanders of Franklin, IA & Rick (Patty) Sanders of Arkansas; 3-sisters: Mary (Bill) Sutcliffe of Fort Madison, IA, Joyce (Charlie) Collie of Texas & Lori McMillen of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, 1-brother: Robert Sanders, 1-sister: Nancy Sanders and 1-brother-in-law: Bryon McMillen.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The memorial service will immediately follow at 10:00 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Donnellson's OctoberFest features Choppers Axe Throwing contest

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also being offered as youth activities starting at 1 p.m. as part of the Family Activities in the Park.

A Choppers Axe Throwing contest kicks off a 3 p.m. in the Pilot Grove Savings Bank parking lot

and a food truck will be on site from Bun Buseter & Low N Slow beginning at 3 p.m.

The Lee Henry Road Band will perform at Stumble Inn from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and there will be

a Hawkeye Tailgate Party & Trivia at Stumble Inn beginning at 4 p.m.

The evening wraps up at 7:15 with a free showing the Halloween classis Hocus Pocus at the city library.



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## CANDIDATES



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# Denmark's God's Portion Day set for next weekend

PCC Staff

DENMARK - The 7th Annual God's Portion day will take place next Sunday Oct. 8 in Denmark.

Memory Walk displays will be open all days with vendor booths opening at 10 a.m. The annual GDP parade steps off at 10:30 a.m. and all largest pumpkin and corn entires are due to the men's booth by 10:30 a.m.

All parade entries will proceed to the west end of town by 10 a.m. Entries are asked to check in with parade leaders and the parade will move west along Hwy. 16. No entry forms are necessary.

Parade prizes will be available from the clerk at the auction at noon. Winner's must pick up prizes. Cash donations may be sent to the church in care of the God's Portion Day Committee.

After the parade the Fort Madison Middle School band will perform in the park, and from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. a maidrite or chicken noodle lunch will be served as a walkup or drive thru at the church. Sawyer Circle is providing free coffee all day.

### THE 75th ANNUAL GOD'S PORTION DAY

October 8, 2022  
Denmark, IA



The largest pumpkin and corn contest winners will be announced at 11:55 a.m.. There will be a flag raising, prayer, and live action at the park shelter house.

Goods to be auctioned my be marked for the group you wish to receive the money - red for Plymouth Circule, yellow for Jolly 20 and blue for Sawyer Circle.

There will be a cash raffle with tickets at \$50 each. Only 300 will be sold and seven \$500 cash prizes will be awarded. Drawings will be held every half hour during the live auction and you do not need to be present to win.

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## Lee County News/From the Front

# Effort to save lives could be easier with help

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rapid-response vehicle that would carry a paramedic who could make decisions on the level of care necessitated by the call. The paramedic could then get in the ambulance and provide advanced care or decide B level care with EMTs is sufficient for the transport and become mobile again.

But the health systems in place in the county and those groups that can help with these unanticipated costs will hopefully see the county is doing whatever needs done to take care of the people of Keokuk. And jump in.

"We have plans to be the best transport ambulance in the state and we're going to do whatever we have to do to get it done," Pflug said.

That's their commitment, but there has to be a commitment from the others in the area that are charged with the healthcare of the county's 34,000 people.

County supervisors recently approved hiring and paying for the training of nine new EMS staff as well as purchasing the rapid-response vehicle. All told that will cost close to \$800,000. More than \$700,000 of that is annual payroll.

An emergency services levy could be on the ballot in the spring to offset some of those ongoing costs, but the language of the ballot measure has to be worked out, and the most the county could collect is .75/\$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The money to front the unplanned increase in staffing and equipment caused by the Blessing closure will in all likelihood come from the county's ARPA funds. Those remaining funds have been fully allocated to the county's new Health Department/EMS building and would have to be replaced to continue with that critical health project.

It would seem to be in everyone's best interest that Blessing, Great River Health, local, state, and even federal resources come to bear to make sure that the people of Keokuk can get timely healthcare on a regular basis.

State Rep. Martin Graber of Fort Madison said he thinks Blessing has "pulled up anchor and is sailing away".

Let's hope that's not the case and they do what Kathy Hull, chief of rural hospitals said when they closed, that Blessing was interested in being part of the solution.

If the county can't support two hospitals, which the past 10 to 12 years seems to bear out, then we have no choice but to become the most efficient transport system we can be.

People's lives are literally on the line. And that just can't be Beside the Point.

*Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of the Pen City Current and in full disclosure is the county's grant writer and ARPA Fund administrator.*

# DeJear to visit Keokuk

KEOKUK - Deidre DeJear, candidate for Governor of Iowa will make a visit to Lee County on Friday, October 7th at 6:00 pm. She will be at the Keokuk Labor Temple, 301 Blondeau Street, Keokuk.

Deidre was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and as a child moved with her family to Oklahoma. At eight years old, Deidre's mother passed away shortly after giving birth to Deidre's younger sister. Overcoming this adversity at such a young age and seeing her dad be present for her and her siblings shaped who Deidre is today. Having her life turned upside down taught her to value life, people and relationships.

Deidre moved to Iowa to attend Drake University, where she majored in Broadcast News and politics. She fell in love with the state and chose Iowa as her home. While still a college student, Deidre co-founded the nonprofit Back to School Iowa to support youth to continue in their educational endeavors. They have since given away school supplies to thousands of Des Moines students. During her time serving as a competitive coach for the East High girls basketball team, Deidre traveled the state and helped to shape the lives of the girls on her team.

All are welcome at this event. Call Mary Jo Riesberg at 319-526-3160 with any questions about the event.

# County may waive LCEDG building taxes

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A rapid-reponse vehicle was also approved to be purchased last week to allow paramedics to be more mobile for higher level emergency and trauma calls. That vehicle is anticipated to cost about \$58,000.

The current facility under consideration has a \$200,000 price tag and proposed renovations and the new two-bay garage will cost at least an additional \$100,000.

Funding to pay for the additional staff, equipment and facilities is still being investigated, but could come from the county's remaining ARPA funding, or from private, local, state or even federal resources.

Also on the agenda is a request to waive property taxes on the Lee County Career Advancement Center housed in the Lee County Economic Development Group building in Montrose.

Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority applied for the tax abatement in January, but has been paying the taxes in 2021 and 2022 from considerations from the seller in August of 2021.

The board will also consider purchasing four new trucks for the Lee County Engineer's Department at about \$185,000 combined.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**October 3, 2022**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**(CDT)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**933 Avenue H**  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input  
 Domestic Violence  
 Awareness Month Proclamation

Discussion and Possible Action on Purchasing Building for EMS Base in Keokuk

Consider Approval of Resolution Awarding Bid for Replacement of Bridge # 126 on 140th Ave in Harrison Township and Authorize County Engineer to Execute Contract  
 Consider Approval to purchase 2 Chevy 1500 4x4 pickups from Deery Brothers.

Consider Approval to purchase 2 Chevy 2500 4x4 pickups from Deery Brothers

Consider Approval of Resolution Abating Taxes

on Career Center Building Owned by Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority  
 Consider Approval to Increase Credit Card Limit for Nancy Booten  
 Consider Approval to Amend FY23 County Budget and Set Public Hearing

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Caldwell Wedding Catered by HyVee

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Destruction of General 2020 Election Records

Consider Approval of Tax Suspension Notice for Property at 1520 Avenue F

Consider Approval to Replace Correctional Officer

Consider Approval of Monday, September 26, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Personnel Actions:  
 A. Step Increase-Conservation  
 B. New Hire(Replacement)-Health Department  
 C. Step Increases (2)-EMS

Reports:  
 A. Manure Management Annual Update for Tony Mertens in Cedar Township  
 Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**CITIZENS WELCOME**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF**  
**WEST BURLINGTON**  
**Regular City Council**  
**Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 5,**

**2022 - 6:00 PM**  
**West Burlington**  
**City Hall**  
**122 Broadway Street**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL  
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on September 21, 2022

2. Approve payment to Municipal Supply - \$5,250.16

3. Approve payment to French-Reneker-Associates for engineering services related to the Mt. Pleasant Street Resurfacing Project - \$4,856.22

4. Approve Pay Request #1 for the Mt. Pleasant Resurfacing Project - Phase II - \$149,838.32

5. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for August 2022

6. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the October 5, 2022 Expense Approval Report - \$39,770.20

**COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS**

• ADMINISTRATOR:  
 • PUBLIC WORKS:  
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• COUNCIL REPORTS:

• COMMUNITY REPORTS:

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Mayor Teater will open the floor for Citizen Inquiries related to items that are listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Professional Services Agreement with Shive-Hattery Engineering to conduct a Force Main Study

2. Consider the second reading of an Ordinance amending the City Code related to Snow Removal and Snow Emergencies

3. Discuss changes to Water Rates

OLD BUSINESS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

Mayor Teater will open the floor for Citizen Inquiries related to items that are not listed on the agenda.

ADJOURN

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**West Burlington**  
**Regular City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday,**  
**September 21, 2022**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, IT Administrator Brad Newberry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Melanie Young participated in the meeting electronically via Zoom.

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA

• Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on September 7, 2022

• Minutes from Special Council Meeting on September 14, 2022

• Accepted DeLlanos and Cavazos resignation from the Fire Department

• Payment to City of Burlington for ambulance services for 2022 - \$20,776

• Pay Request #16

from Boomerang Corp for work completed on the Mt. Pleasant Water Tower Project - \$303,592.94

• Purchase of 9 BWC 4000 Body Cameras from Kelttek Inc. for the Police Department - \$19,680.35

• Payment of claims as listed on the September 21, 2022, Expense Approval Report - \$530,843.15

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

No inquiries.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution adding Denver Wyatt to the Fire Department

Fire Chief Ryan asked Council to approve adding Denver Wyatt to the rolls of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Newberry, to approve a Resolution adding Denver Wyatt to the Fire Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Approve Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Council reviewed the

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State of Iowa Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Finance Manager Moore explained that the ending fund balance is higher than budgeted due to the Intergovernmental revenue source being over budgeted due to an amendment for the Mt Pleasant Street Project funding that wasn't received in FY 21-22, and the Other Financing Sources were over budget due to Water Tower Project Reimbursements being off schedule. The Capital Project expenditure is under budget due to the Mt Pleasant Street Project not being started in FY 21-22.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve the State of Iowa Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Crouner asked Finance Manager Moore to verify that there were no delinquent property taxes. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider an application for a Three-Year Right-of-Way Permit from LISCO. LISCO has submitted an application to install 170' of fiber along the west side of Broadway Street to serve their customer at 914 Broadway. Public Works Director Brissey has reviewed the applications and recommends approval. This permit will expire on December 31, 2025.

Moved by Crouner, seconded by Lees, to approve a Three-Year Right-of-Way Permit for LISCO as requested. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry,

Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 79.12.000 of the City Code related to Snow Removal and Snow Emergencies

Council reviewed a proposed Ordinance amending the City's code related to Snow Removal and Snow Emergencies. The proposed Ordinance has been amended to remove designated snow emergency routes and have Snow Emergencies affect all streets in town. Public Works Director Brissey explained that calling a snow emergency would allow crews to make fewer passes through town and clear the streets from curb to curb more efficiently and in less time.

Crouner expressed concern with off-street parking for downtown businesses that do not have off-street parking. He asked that staff look at ways to address businesses that currently use city streets for parking.

The proposed code was also amended to allow the City Administrator, Public Works Director, or their designee, to declare a Snow Emergency rather than designating a City Council member.

The code section related to issuing citations for violations was removed and replaced with a new section to allow the Police Department to issue fines for those violating the snow emergency regulations.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 79.12.000 of the City Code related to

Snow Removal and Snow Emergencies. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
**CITIZEN INQUIRIES**  
**ADJOURN**

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crouner, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young  
**WORK SESSION**

Council held a joint Work Session with the West Burlington School Board to discuss each entity's goals and ways they can cooperate in the future. There was no official action taken during the Work Session.

Review City Goals and Work Focuses

- Presentation
- Q&A/Discussion of presentation

West Burlington School District Goals and Work Focuses

- Presentation
- Q&A/Discussion of presentation

Discussion of Future Collaboration and Cooperation

- Identify potential opportunities
- Identify steps to move forward

Approved  
 Ron Teator, Mayor  
 Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**GREEN BAY LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 25, 2022**  
 The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met

at the regular meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-Op, Wever. Present were trustees Mike Walker, Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Trustee Rick Kuntz was absent. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 28, 2022. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the August Pump Master report. River stage in August was 8.7. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the anhydrous pipeline major permit application. There is nothing new to report.

Walker gave an update regarding the IFC LOC request. The district sent a letter requesting their account stay where it is currently. After speaking with a representative from IFC, the account will stay at the current location.

Discussion was had regarding the relief well update. Pumping is completed and the results have been sent to St. Louis. Walker should receive the results Friday or Monday and then will send to the Corp.

A representative from World Insurance was present to explain to the district about insurance. Because the Corp gave an unacceptable pump status, insurance is not available at this time. Once there is an updated

report or process letter from the Corp stating the pumps are acceptable, insurance coverage could be available.

Discussion was had regarding baling. The prospective bailer is interested but has not had time to look. As there is not much to bail this year, it will begin next year.

There is nothing new to report regarding the sand movement project.

Discussion was had regarding the main ditch project. The district has received a payment of 75% of the total payment and will wait for the other 25%.

Walker gave an update on the USACE 408 permit. There is nothing new to report. A new representative will be handling the permit.

Kenny Lair was present to bring a minor permit to pump water for fowl hunting. Any person who wants to pump the ditch must have a permit. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar to grant permission and approve the permit per request. Motion carried.

Moved by Bonar, seconded by Walker to approve the Clerk's Report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$337,056.88 in the Operating Fund and \$12,844.07 in the Bond Fund.

At 7:42 p.m. Bonar made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, September 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

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# Hounds move to 6-0 with sluggish win at Clinton

## CLOSE ONE:

Missed PAT by River Kings was difference in ballgame

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC Editor



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Tanner Settles dives at the feet of Clinton quarterback Addison Binnie in the second quarter of Friday night's win in Clinton.

FORT MADISON - The game of football is played in yards, but sometimes it comes down to inches.

An extra point that came up just inches short of bouncing over the cross bar with 2:42 left in the first half ended up being the difference in a 14-13 Fort Madison win over Clinton in Class 4A, District 3 football Friday night at Coan Field.

The Bloodhounds move to 6-0 on the year, but not before trailing in the 1st quarter for the fourth time in six games so far this season.

Clinton punched the Hounds first when the River Kings returned the opening kickoff to the Fort Madison 40-yard line. Senior quarterback Addison Binnie rushed for 15 yards on first down and then two plays later rushed in from eight yards out for a quick 7-0 lead.

Fort Madison would go four and out on its first possession and then the defense held on a 7-play drive that ended up in a Clinton punt that was downed at the Fort Madison 1-yard line.

With the Hounds against their own goal line, junior tailback Teague Smith got two yards on first down and then Aidan Boyer went off on a read to the right for 15 yards for a first down.

After Smith got four more yards on 1st and 10, Boyer found Kane

Williams down the right sideline for a 26-yard catch. Williams was falling down backward on the catch and landed near the sideline, but after a conference officials ruled the catch good.

Three plays later the two would hook up again on a catch-and-run again to the right side, where Williams shook off a couple tackles and ran through a third before slipping into the endzone to tie things up at 7.

Clinton would put together another 8-play drive with Binnie and

Ajai Russell pounding the Hounds front line, but a sack by Hayden Segoviano on 2nd and 15 put the River Kings in a tough spot. A small run by Binnie forced a punt to the Hounds 48.

Boyer and Williams would hook up again on 3rd and 9 to keep the next drive alive and then Boyer would slip through the front of the River Kings defense and race to the left for 28 yards.

A couple more runs and then Teague Smith bulled in from four yards out, backing over

the goal line pulling two Clinton defenders with him. Leif Boeding's PAT would prove to be the game-winner.

Clinton would score on its next possession with Binnie and JhiKeith McGraw hooking up on several high lofted passes into the Hounds' secondary. The two connected three times on the drive with the third good for 28 yards to the Bloodhounds six.

Binnie couldn't find any receivers on the next snap and scrambled to his left. After turning toward the goal line and finding no running room, Binnie extended the play to the left again and sneaked inside the left pylon for a 14-13 game.

BJ Cooley's PAT attempt came up soft and high and struck the front crossbar and caromed back and into the endzone just short of going over with 2:42 left in the first half.

Neither team would put up any points in the second half, most of which was played between the 30 yard lines of both sides

Officials threw 14 penalty flags in the final two quarters and both quarterbacks threw interceptions in a sloppy session.

With 2:42 left in the game, Boyer took a snap and under quick pressure had the ball stripped. Clinton recovered the fumble, but the Hounds defense stepped up and on 2nd and 18 following a River Kings illegal procedure penalty, Marcus Guzman picked off a deep pass from Binnie to McGraw that came up well short of the target.

Fort Madison was able to almost run the clock out, but left Clinton two plays, but an incomplete pass and then a sack by Daniel Sokolik ended

the game.

Head Coach Derek Doherty was less than impressed with the effort and said the Hounds have some work to do this week in practice.

"A lot of guts and hearts from our kids, but not a lot of execution," Doherty said.

"Really proud of their guts and their digging deep. It's nice to know they have that in 'em. But every one knows that we didn't execute well and we've got some reflecting to do if want to go where we say we want to go."

He said the sloppy play isn't what the Hounds need going into a tougher part of the schedule.

"Find a way. That was big. But we gave up some stuff and I think there were 500 balls - like old school playground calling 500 and throwing them up - and they were coming down with them so credit to them," he said.

"Our guys seemed to be playing on roller-skates. If felt all week we were lethargic and that's a me problem and I've got to fix that."

Hayden Segoviano and Tanner Settles led the Hounds with 17 combined tackles, seven for losses and four sacks. Teague Smith had 7.5 tackles. He also had 76 yards on 16 carries.

Boyers line on the night was 10 of 23 for 110 yards a touchdown and an interception, just his second of the year. Williams had five catches for 76 yards and the score.

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