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Hwy 61 Opening today



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City officials confirmed today that Hwy. 61 in Fort Madison from 12th to 15th Street will open on Friday. This will complete the phase from 2nd to 18th Streets converting the highway to a 3-lane stretch.

BROADBAND

SIREPA gets update on broadband project

State will see an additional \$100 million in federal broadband funding

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Construction work on a \$5.4 million broadband expansion in Lee County could get underway in the spring.

Tim Fencl, President of Danville Mutual Telephone Co., told the Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority board Thursday that plans are in the works to begin construction as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

The project will run fiber-to-home service to about 120 rural homes and businesses in the county and will create a redundancy loop for the county and Danville Telecom to minimize down time.

Fencl said the project creates a “future proof” infrastructure because the equipment will be in place and any future demands can be addressed from an electronics perspective



FENCL

and won't require any additional infrastructure improvements.

Danville Telecom's website danvilleteleco.net has a website where residents who are looking for service can fill out a form that will go to the office and staff can review the location to see if it makes sense to build out to them.

“For example, if we get a cluster of homes in cul de sac and we're going right by that cul de sac, we may drop a line and run service to that area,” Fencl said.

“I don't want to get overrun by the entire county saying we were going to do this, but I'm saying we can take a look at it.”

Fencl also talked about The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which has provided \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed Internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment, and adoption programs in all 50 states.

Fencl said the federal government will allocate at a minimum \$100 million to the state of Iowa and the telecommunications companies that have plans and partnerships

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BUSINESS NEWS

Siemens to restart FM blade plant

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - New federal legislation has created a window for Siemens Gamesa to once again reboot the Fort Madison facility.

According to a spokesperson for the corporation, Siemens has begun the process of returning the Fort Madison wind blade facility to production. Its Hutchison, Kan, nacelle facility will follow with a restart later.

“The passing of the Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction acts, combined with the pursuit of new orders, has allowed the company to begin re-hiring in Fort Madison at this time, the spokesperson said.

“Siemens Gamesa is working with local job placement agencies and Iowa Workforce Development to help speed up the process.”

Siemens Gamesa plans to introduce two production lines and have them operational before the end of 2022.

The parking lot at the facility was almost full Monday morning.

Officials didn't elaborate on the number of employees that would be rehired, but said all applicants will be evaluated based on their relevant knowledge, skills, experience, and abilities.

“Workforce levels will continue to be based on business volume and market demand,” the spokesperson said.

The plant announced the layoffs of 171 employees on May 20. Those layoffs came on the heels of a large reduction in force at the Fort Madison facility where more than 30% of staff were laid off in February.

In July however, company officials indicated two letters of intent had been signed with customers that would possibly help restart the plant.

Supply chain issues, patent lawsuits, and a changing political environment all contributed to the plant's closure earlier this year.

Those who may be interested in working (or returning to work) at the facility, should visit the Siemens Gamesa Careers website (www.siemensgamesa.com), as well as the IowaWorks website (www.iowaworks.gov) or visit the IowaWorks office located in Westland Mall in West Burlington, Iowa.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

ALICE M. JOHNSON

Alice Marie (Gilliam) Johnson, 66, of Bowen, passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Aspire Nursing and Rehabilitation of Donnellson, Iowa.

Alice was born on June 18, 1956, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Spriggs) Gilliam. Alice owned and operated Johnson's Grocery in Bowen for several years. She later worked as a cook at the Jiffy Stop in Carthage, and was later employed at Rhodes Market in Augusta, the Post Office, Chem-Gro and Fast Stop throughout her working career.



JOHNSON

Alice loved her family, especially taking her nieces and nephews to the county fair. She enjoyed spending her free time camping and playing cards, and her favorite holiday was always Halloween, going all-out every year. Alice was a friend to everyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand. If you were the underdog, you knew Alice was rooting for you.

Alice is survived by two sisters: Betsy Welty of Palmyra, Missouri, and Faith (Patrick) Thompson of Warsaw; her good friend Teresa Wood of Bowen, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents and her sister Florence Rohrbough.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, November 28, 2022, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 to 5 pm, with family meeting friends from 3 to 5 pm.

Memorials may be directed to the Assembly of God church in Warsaw, Compassus Hospice or Aspire Nursing and Rehabilitation of Donnellson.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

KRISTAL L. RYUN

Kristal Lee Ryun, 51, of Keokuk passed away at 4:45 AM Saturday November 20, 2022 at Prestige Health Care Center in Fairfield. In accordance with her wishes her body has been cremated. A visitation with family present from 1 to 4 pm will be on



RYUN

Saturday December 3, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Kristal was born on January 7, 1971, in Keokuk, Iowa, to Jeremy Carl and Andrea Lee Collier Saar. Kristal Spent her entire life in Keokuk, graduated high school and earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in 2009.

Left to cherish her memory are a son, Kody Saar, a daughter, Violet Faith Ryun, a sister, Cassandra Ann Baum, nieces, Heather Baum, Amber Baum-Thomure, Kayla Ann Saar Baum, and her son Joshua Baum, Jessica Baum and her two children Dylan Whitaker and Cambria Mueller and many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry and Andrea Saar.

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

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

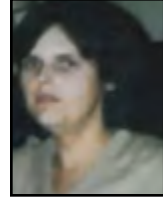
Pen City Current obituary policy

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OBITUARIES

DONNA J. KNOX

Donna Jean Knox, 65, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:52 p.m. on Thursday, November 24, 2022 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. She was born on June 28, 1957 in Fort Madison, IA to Kenneth & Doris Carter Holtkamp. She was a nurse for many years in Fort Madison and the surrounding area. She loved John Wayne,



KNOX

matching games on her cell phone, reading and spending time with her family. She shared a love of Star Wars with her grandson, Kyle. She was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys & Iowa Hawkeye Fan.

Donna is survived by: 3-daughters: Samantha (Paries Peacock) Knox of Jacksonville, IL, Teresa Knox of Fort Madison, IA & Kimberley Knox of Fort Madison, IA; 1-grandson: Kyle White of Jacksonville, IL; 1-brother: Steve (Marlene) Holtkamp of Irving, TX; 3-sisters: Deb (Don) Horton of Fort Madison, IA, Denise Peacock of East Texas, Deanna (Richard) Rankin of East Texas; 1-sister in law: Barbara Holtkamp of the Dallas, Texas metro area; several nieces, nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by: her parents, step father: Lyle Roovaart, 2-brothers: Scott & Stanley Holtkamp, 1-brother-in-law: Moe Peacock, 1-sister in law: Mardema Corns and her mother-in-law: Sarah Knox.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family service will be held at a later date. Online condolences to the Knox family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

JOHN S. FRANKLIN

John Stephen Franklin, 69, of Montrose, Iowa, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at St. Luke's Hospital In Cedar Rapids.

Born on July 25, 1953, in Keosauqua, Iowa the son of Robert Earl and Guida Mae (Brewer) Franklin. In 1976 he married Ila M. Rockhold in Kahoka, Missouri, she preceded him in death on September 29, 2014.



FRANKLIN

Survivors include two brothers: General Grant Franklin of Montrose and Gary Franklin of Keosauqua; Special friend Barb Jacobs and her children and grandchildren; four sisters-in law: Martha (Lafe), Ruthie, Lillie, and Carol; Granddaughter Mandie McKay, whom he considered his daughter; three step-sons: Gary Biggs, Bryan Biggs, and Bruce Biggs. Also surviving are several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by parents; wife: Ila; one grandson; three brothers: Dick, Leo, and Bobby Franklin; one nephew Pearson Franklin; and three sisters-in law.

John was a 1971 graduate of Van Buren Community High School, he retired from Silgan Container after over thirty years. John was a very gifted woodworker and locksmith. He enjoyed racing, WWF wrestling, traveling, and reminiscing about the past, he always put his loved ones first and told them "I love you".

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, with Reverend John Franklin Heath officiating.

Burial will be at Granger Cemetery in Arbela, Missouri.

A memorial has been established in his memory for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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GARY R. ROCKELMAN

Gary Ross Rockelman, 81, of Wayland, MO died Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at his home.

He was born March 30, 1941 in Keokuk, IA the son of Ross Loren and Beverly Gaynell Schard Rockelman. Gary graduated from Keokuk High School.



ROCKELMAN

Gary was first united in marriage to Donna Sue Kamps. To this union, were born three children, Todd, Sean and Cindy. They divorced in 1973. Gary later had one son, Shane with Lois Horter.

Gary had been employed by Midwest Carbide and later owned and operated R&R Electric. He was also a union electrician.

Gary enjoyed watching sports and was an avid Chicago Cubs baseball fan. He loved spending time with his four-legged companion, Diamond, who was his protector and cuddle bug.

Gary is survived by four children, Cindy Buntin (Danny) of Wayland, MO, Todd Rockelman of Alexandria, MO, Sean Rockelman, Shane Rockelman and Kirsty Teeters all of Keokuk, nine grandchildren, Tiffanie West Bennett (Ralph), Johnathan West (Siera Mitchell), James West (Briana Crosson), Courtney Rockelman, Kelsee Rockelman-Dobler (Jake), Trent Rockelman (Chloe), Seth Wise-Rockelman, Alliyah Current and Rikki Happs and sixteen great-grandchildren, Brooke, Gerrick, Dawn, Gracie, Aidan, Patrick, Jaedyn, Callie, Grayson, Bexley, Rosie, Enzlee, Ryker, Olivia, Kayson and Kendrick. He is also survived by one sister, Peggy Jones of Keokuk and two nephews, Donnie Jones (Angie) and Jeff Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, Valerie Williams, one great-grandson, Ross Rockelman, one daughter-in-law, Mary Rockelman and close friend, Pam Grimsley.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka is assisting the family with arrangements.

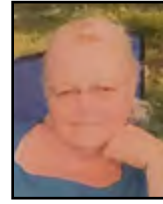
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

DEBORAH HORTON

Deborah Horton, 66, of Ft. Madison passed away at 6:50 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at her home.

She was born on July 10, 1956 in Ft. Madison to Kenneth and Doris Carter Holtkamp. On April 15, 1975 she married Don Horton in Burlington. She worked at the Daily Democrat and Armour Dial. Her greatest job and love was being a wife, mother, grandma and great grandma. Deb loved birds, especially cardinals. She enjoyed crafting, listening to older country music and watching old black and white movies.



HORTON

Survivors include her husband, Don Horton of Ft. Madison; two daughters, Sasha Horton and Tenile(Ernest) Aldridge both of Ft. Madison; two sons, Don Horton III and Joshua Horton both of Ft. Madison; ten grandchildren; Chantal Clifford, Sabrina Wilson, Damien Pope, Chance Horton, Alexis Huston, Selena Clanton, Bailee Horton, Julien Pope, Kylee Howren and Gavin Horton; eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Steve (Marlene) Holtkamp of Irving, TX; two sisters, Denise Peacock and Deanna (Richard) Rankin both of Quitman, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Rebecca and Donna; two brothers, Scott and Stan and a great grandson, Munson.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
AIRPORT COMMISSION
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2022
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Place: Municipal Airport
50 Airport Road
Fort Madison, IA 52627**

AGENDA

- ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- BUSINESS:
 1. Grant Funding for dirt work west of runway (terraces)
 2. Dirt work west of runway (terraces)
 3. AWOS Grant Application
 4. Painting
 5. Baxter Hangar Rent
 6. FY July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Budget

7. Other Business
**AIRPORT MANAGERS
REPORT
ADJOURNMENT**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
City Council
October 26, 2022**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers- Present: Engberg, Crull, Batty, McWilliams, Griffith Absent: White It was moved by

Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote: the minutes of the October 12, 2022, City Council meeting; the payment of bills totaling \$94,110.49; the Report of officers; Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed. The Council accepted the FYE 2022 audit. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried. Councilmember McWilliams moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council read for the third time and adopt the following

proposed ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, SECTION 1-8.1 ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS" TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT CHARGED FOR CURFEW VIOLATIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 7.1, ENTITLED "CURFEWS FOR MINORS", TO CHANGE VIOLATIONS FROM MISDEMEANORS TO MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS AND TO CHANGE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried. Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council read for the second time the following proposed ordinance with amendment for large property owners:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, APPENDIX D, AND THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT IOWA, CHAPTERS 4 AND 1, TO PERMIT AND REGULATE THE NUMBER OF TRAVEL TRAILERS (HABITABLE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES) KEPT ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried. Councilmember Engberg moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-90: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF AIRPORT FARM GROUND Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by

Councilmember Batty that the Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to submit a grant application to the Enhance Henry County Foundation for the development of the Central Business District west pocket park, which is located at the N.E corner of S. Jackson and West Washington. Roll call vote 5-0. Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-91:

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR ZONING CHANGE FOR FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LOCATED AT 910 E MAPLELEAF DR Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:37 p.m. to meet in regular session, Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Steven K Brimhall, Mayor ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:37 p.m. to meet in regular session, Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Steven K Brimhall, Mayor ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

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BURLINGTON, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL
Meeting No. 21
November 7, 2022**

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Washington Street, with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser,

Graham-Murray, Maupin and Rinker present.

**BURLINGTON CITY
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PROCLAMATION:
Project Purple Heart - Jeff
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COMMENTS FROM
AUDIENCE: None
CONSENT AGENDA:
To the Public:**

All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

Introduced By: Critser Seconded By: Maupin MOTION: To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Billups reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Mayor Pro-Tem Graham-Murray announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions and boards. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk. (VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

**CARRIED
HEARINGS:**

1. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2022 Flora Street Sanitary Main Replacement Project COMMENTS: The Assistant City Manager for Public Works stated that the 2022 Flora Street Sanitary Main Replacement Project included replacement of 100 feet of sewer main line.

He stated that the sanitary main under Flora Street is in poor condition and is in danger of failing soon. All present had opportunity to speak and



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nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Critser
Seconded By: Rinker
Motion to Close CARRIED

Introduced By: Critser
Seconded By: Rinker
Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the 2022 Flora Street Sanitary Main Replacement Project

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")
ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.14 and 4.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington, Iowa Concerning Criminal Citations

COMMENTS: The City Manager stated that the recommendation is to add language to section 1.14 "shall be guilty of a civil municipal infraction in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 4.01 and 4.04 of this Code." He stated that changes would include removing "shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days. However, any award of imprisonment under this section shall be imposed only upon the express request of the City's prosecutorial representative." He further stated that Section 4.06 Criminal Penalties is deleted in its entirety - "This chapter does not preclude a peace officer from issuing a criminal citation for a violation of this Code of Ordinances or regulation if criminal penalties are also provided for the violation. Nor does it preclude or limit the authority of the City to enforce the provisions of this Code of Ordinances by criminal sanctions or other lawful means." All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Rinker
Seconded By: Critser
Motion to Close CARRIED

Introduced By: Rinker
Seconded By: Critser
Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.14 and 4.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington, Iowa Concerning Criminal Citations

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")
CARRIED

3. Statement: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the Burlington, Iowa Code of Ordinances Concerning Animal Hearing Board

COMMENTS: The City Manager stated that the minor language adjustments include changing the response time for notices from 10 days to seven days and defines the detailed written findings of fact. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Maupin
Seconded By: Rinker
Motion to Close CARRIED

Introduced By: Maupin
Seconded By: Critser
Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the Burlington, Iowa Code of Ordinances Concerning Animal Hearing Board

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")
CARRIED

ORDINANCE:

Introduced By: Maupin
Seconded By: Rinker

1. Motion for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 81 - All-Terrain Vehicles, Utility Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that there were no further comments from the second reading. He stated that the ordinance will become effective upon publication in the newspaper. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

CARRIED

RESOLUTION:

Introduced By: Graham-Murray
Seconded By: Maupin

1. Resolution Approving Application for Funds from the Destination Iowa Program
DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the resolution approves an application for funds from the Destination Iowa Program through the State of Iowa. He stated that the three elements of the application include the development of an Aldo Leopold living history museum in the Port of Burlington, improvements to the Aldo Leopold childhood enrichment areas and a series of statues throughout the community and primarily at the riverfront. He stated that the grant application total project is \$5.2 million and \$1.2 million is being asked from the Destination Iowa Program. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

Adjournment: 6:09 p.m.
Approved: November 21,

2022

Katie Music, CMC Jon D. Billups

City Clerk Mayor
(See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

ITEM I.

Consent Agenda
FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS
Minutes of Previous Meetings

Payroll and City Claims
BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES
REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties

2. Resolution Approving \$38,000.00 of Financial Support for the Courts Project

3. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance, Final Payment and Release of Retention Monies for the 2021 Sealcoat Streets Resurfacing Project

4. Resolution Approving Pre-Ordering Four Replacement Vehicles for the Burlington Police Department

5. Resolution Approving Purchase of a New 2022 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-Up for the Public Works, Streets and Sewer Division

6. Resolution Approving an Agreement with HR Green, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa for Professional Services for the Burlington, Iowa Wastewater Treatment Facility's Plant Influent Line Redundancy and Capacity Improvements - Phases 2, 3 & 4

7. Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Marfran Subdivision

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: November 21, 2022

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Properties Locally Known as 600 and 800 South Main Street from M-2 Heavy Industrial to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District

2. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 904 South 10th Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

3. Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 109 South 7th Street, City of Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

APPOINTMENTS:

Riverfront Advisory Committee: Doug Smith, Sally Parrott, Marlis Roberts, Jonathan Hazell and Michael Kahn

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES OF THE
BURLINGTON, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL
WORK SESSION
November 14, 2022**

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Member Rinker present.

Council Member Maupin was absent. Council Member Critser and Graham-Murray participated via electronic communications. Council Member Critser arrived at 4:43 p.m. Council Member Rinker left at 6:20 p.m.

A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Burlington Riverfront Entertainment for the Purchase of an Ice Rink and Equipment for the Operation Thereof will be added to the regular agenda for the November 21, 2022 City Council meeting.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 6:35 p.m.
Approved: November 21, 2022

Chad Bird, City Manager
Jon D. Billups, Mayor

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 3, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin, Chuck Holmes.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to table purchasing a building for an ambulance base in Keokuk until an inspection can be done. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2022-91. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-91

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter

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**DESIRED MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS**

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2. Valid Iowa driver's license
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referred to as "the Board", believes the replacement of Harrison Bridge 126 (FHWA # 219290), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Lee County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as the replacement of the current bridge with a 70'-0 x 24'-6 Continuous Concrete Slab bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board

**HELP
WANTED**

**Water Treatment Plant
Full Time
Laboratory
Technician/
Operator**

Performs routine laboratory work analyzing wastewater and sludge samples. Maintains the quality control program, inventory of chemicals, and monitors industrial waste for billing purposes.

**DESIRED MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS**

Education and Experience:
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2. Valid Iowa driver's license
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finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Lee County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Taylor Construction Inc. in the amount of \$426,853.50 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Benjamin J. Hull, the County Engineer for Lee County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Lee, Iowa, this 3rd day of October, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt

Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve purchasing 2 Chevy 1500 4 x 4 pickups at a cost of \$89,740 and 2 Chevy 2500 4x4 pickups at a cost of \$95,120 from Deery Brothers, West Burlington. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2022-92. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-92

LEE COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, Lee County is a duly organized municipality in the State of Iowa in accordance with relevant authorizing statutes; and

WHEREAS, Lee County jointly formed the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority (SIREPA) by resolution with Fort Madison and Keokuk in 2006 authorized under Iowa Code, Chapter 28J; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA is a municipality of the State of Iowa under its formation and authorization under Iowa Code, 28J and therefore is a tax-exempt entity; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA exists to further the economic development of Lee County, Fort Madison, and Keokuk by applying its abilities as a specially formed unit of government; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA is owner of the Lee County Career Advantage Center at 2495 280th St, Montrose, since August, 2021, and is an economic development and workforce training project which is a private/public project involving Lee County public school districts, Lee County Economic Development, and private industry; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA has paid taxes in September, 2021 and March, 2022, from pro-rates taxes received from seller at closing in August, 2021; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA has applied for tax-exempt assessment status in January, 2022, but said status doesn't take effect until September 2023; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA requests September, 2022 and March, 2023, taxes and all penalties be waived or until such time

the SIREPA-owned Lee County Career Advantage Center is assessed as tax-exempt; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd Day of October, 2022

Pursuant to Its authority under Iowa Code Sections 427.1(34), 28J.19, and 445.63, the Lee County Board of Supervisors waives and abates the property taxes and penalties due in September, 2022 and March, 2023, and otherwise until the SIREPA-owned property at 2495 280th St, Montrose, is assessed as tax-exempt.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-90. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2022-90

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors have contracted with Commerce Bank to establish a county-wide credit card program,

WHEREAS, the Lee County Recorder has requested to participate in this program, increasing the County's revenue share,

WHEREAS, the County's Credit Card Policy states that an amount over \$1,000 has to have the Board of Supervisor's approval,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors approve the following credit limit:

Nancy Booten from \$1,500 to \$2,000
Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa this the 3rd day of October, 2022.
Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to amend the FY23 County Budget and set Public Hearing for Monday, October 17, 2022 at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building in Fort Madison. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Liquor License for the Caldwell

Wedding catered by HyVee for October 6, 2022 through October 10, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2022-88. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Seyb-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION NUMBER #2022-88

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DESTRUCTION OF ELECTION RECORDS IN THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Section 331.323(2)(d) of the Code of Iowa states the Board of Supervisors may authorize a county officer to destroy records that are not required to be kept as permanent records; and WHEREAS, the County Auditor's Office has identified records appropriately for destruction and has inventoried said records as follows:

- 2020 General Election

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor be authorized to destroy said records in an appropriate and secure manner.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Tax Suspension for property at 1520 Avenue F, Fort Madison. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to replace a Correctional Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Monday, September 26, 2022 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a step increase for Jack Davis, Park Ranger, from \$24.05/hr. to \$24.76/hr., effective 10/12/22; a new hire for the Health Department, Nicole Hirte, Family Support Worker/Administrative Assistant, \$17.00/hr., effective 10/17/22, a step increase for Samuel Boyer, EMT, from \$17.40/hr. to \$18.55/hr., effective 9/25/22 and a step increase for Coleman Ertzinger,

Paramedic, from \$22.18/hr. to \$23.62/hr., effective 10/12/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Tony Mertens in Cedar Township.

Committee Reports: Larkin reported on a presentation of a check from Iowa Fertilizer Company to the Career Center. He also reported on a Public Hearing held regarding a proposed solar field. Holmes reported on a meeting with the Corps of Engineers regarding the islands owned by the Conservation Department. Seyb reported on an event at Appleberry Orchard with Lee County Economic Development, the check presentation and a Childcare Strategic Plan Committee meeting. Fedler attended the solar field hearing. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting and also attended the solar field hearing. Michele Ross, Lee County Health Department Administrator gave the Board on update on vaccinations offered.

At 11:10 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid October 3, 2022

ABC Fire, svcs..... 163.25
Access Svcs, svcs 197.87
Accrt Cntrls, svcs.. 4207.21
Addington Place, rfnd 60.00
Advd Crctnl Hlth, svcs 8667.16
Agriland FS, Fuels1811.04
Agrineed, splys 60.00
Airgas USA, splys 137.77
Alliant Enrgy, svcs 3660.25
Animal House, mtrls 7.75
Aspire Nursing, rfnd 216.91
Barr Mem Chpl, svcs 1456.00
B & C Salvage, svcs 234.00
B Bonar, svcs 200.00
N Booten, exps..... 209.00
Bnd Tree Med, splys 1908.28
R Bradley/Sons, svcs 130.00
CenturyLink, svcs 10.03
City/Dnllsn, svcs... 126.70
Comm Action, svcs 861.00
Democrat Co, publ.. 34.99
Deery Brothers, veh 26175.00
Discount Tire, svcs... 47.95

Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys 194.00
Donnellson Tire, tires1100.00
Drake Hdwr, equip 3863.75
Elect Engrg, parts 1753.80
Enderle Htg, svcs ... 246.50
Faeth Whsle, splys 162.50
Farm/Home, splys 196.38
R Fedler, exps 40.00
Floyds EZ Way, svcs 75.00
FM Hsng Auth, remt 298.00
GB Auto Svcs, svcs.... 96.13
GEHA, rfnd 900.49
GlaxoSmithKline, splys 2630.85
N Granaman, svcs 1399.32
Grt Prairie AEA, svcs 1519.03
H & L truck sales, svcs 154.13
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IA DOT, svcs..... 743.25
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P Kaltefleiter, exps.. 87.00
Kempkers, splys 43.10
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McFarlands, splys... 49.99
L Merschman, rent 300.00
MidAm Enrgy, gas .. 26.74
MW Perf Power, svcs 66.99
Mikes Chscake, rfnd 50.00
Optum Rx, splys 2079.80
P Patrick, svcs..... 425.00
Patterson Dntl, splys 34.63
Phoenix Sply, splys 42.95
H Pieper, svcs 6275.55
Prairie Farms, splys 729.60
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J Raj, svcs 450.00
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From the Front/Sports

BEADs funding could lead to more local work

SIREPA - Continued from Page 1

like the one in place between Lee County, SIREPA, and Danville Telecom will be better positioned to take advantage of that funding.

He said prior to the latest round of broadband funding, resources were channeled to areas that were unserved or underserved based on census blocks.

But those blocks have been shown to be inaccurate and now the Federal Communications Commission has gone to geocode locations. So each home, business, or address is logged and submitted based on their actual level of service.

“That map is already in production. We, as providers, have had to submit this data over the last year to the FCC and the NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration). They are looking at that map and it is being pushed out for a challenge process,” Fencil said.

The Iowa Chief Information Officer has a map on their website at <https://ocio.iowa.gov/> that shows what service levels are available across the state. There is also a link to challenge the findings.

“This is much closer than we had using census blocks. Once that map is complete the federal government will allocate at a minimum \$100 million to the state of Iowa. It could be more than that based on the number of locations we have,” he said.

Once the state has the money allocation, they will submit a plan to NTIA on how they will distribute that money. When the state sends out an Intent to Qualify, the partnerships in Lee County can work together to get a plan in front of the state.

“This planning process needs to be started now and continue into the next couple months and years so every time a funding option comes to our doorstep we’re ready,” he said.

“Just the fact that we’re already doing this project together gives us a leg up on any other application because of the partnership that’s formed. We can show them this is what we’ve already done with money allocated to us previously.”

Fencil said the \$42.5 billion will not fix the country’s problem. He said the latest estimate he heard was \$800 billion to get high speed Internet to every home.

“The estimate for the state of Iowa a year ago was just short of \$900 million. So when we’re talking about another hundred or two hundred million, it’s not going to fix everything.”

Crusaders Basketball

Lady Crusaders come up short against Danville

PCC Staff

DANVILLE - The Bears converted four free throws in the final seconds to eek out a win over HTC 40-38 Tuesday night in Danville.

Teagan Snaadt had 18 to lead the Crusaders, nine in each half. Kayla Box and Presley Meyers each had seven for HTC.

The Crusaders trailed 7 to 3 in the first quarter, but had almost pulled even at 17-16 with less than a minute to go in the half, but the Bears’ Alexa Dietsch buried a three-ball before the buzzer to give Danville a 20-16 halftime lead.

Snaadt would put in seven in the third quarter to help Holy Trinity wipe out the four-point deficit and take a 2 -point lead at 28-26 going into the final period.

HTC would go up by four at 30-26 and 35-31 with less than three minutes left. Danville cut it to three at 37-34 with two minutes left. HTC would convert a free throw in the final minute, but Danville would get to the line a few more times to seal the home win.

Mary Hellige had five points in the win and Jenna DiPrima chipped in with one.

Holy Trinity falls to 1-1 on the year and will host West Burlington (0-1) on Friday night.

HTC boys rally but come up short in upset bid of Danville

PCC Staff

DANVILLE - The Holy Trinity boys shook off a sluggish first half shooting and made a late run at Danville in boys’ SEI Superconference basketball action Tuesday night.

The Crusaders rallied from 15 points down to start the 4th quarter, but came up just short in a 57-54 loss to fall to 0-2 in hoop play.

Luke Hellige led the Crusaders with 15 points including 5-of-7 free throw shooting in the final period to help HTC get close. Connor Gehling had 14 for HTC.

The Crusaders trailed 45-30 heading into the final period and cut the lead to three at 45-42 after a 12-0 run to start the period. Danville would get on the board with about four minutes left to extend the lead to five again.

With one minute remaining, Danville was up by five at 54-49. The Crusaders cut the lead to three but couldn’t get over the hump before time expired.

Holy Trinity stands at 0-2 on the year and takes on West Burlington at home Friday night.

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