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Fire strikes near Harvestville



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Firefighters with Donnellson Fire Department battle some hay bales on fire in a machine shed near Harvestville Farms. No one was injured and no Harvestville buildings were damaged. The shed sits on the north side of the family farm.

INVESTIGATION: Officials still looking into cause of fire in Donnellson

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON - A fire broke out on a farm near Donnellson late last night. Donnellson Fire and Rescue responded to the call where hay bales in a machine shed just north of Harvestville Farms caught fire. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Julie Hohl, one of the owners of the property, said no one was injured in the fire that occurred in a shed on the north side of the family farm. No Harvestville buildings were damaged as a result of the fire.

She said the property belongs to the Hentzel and Hohl Family Farm.

Multiple bales of hay were destroyed and firefighters had to pull other bales apart to make sure all evidence of fire had been extinguished.

COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors freeze hiring for 7 months

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Supervisors continue to bang on state legislators against a Senate bill that would “dramatically” impact the county’s ability to meet operational funding.

At Monday’s regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the board approved a hiring freeze from March 1 – Sept. 30 of this year as a first step to help curb increased county spending.

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said he doesn’t want to trigger panic in the discussion or in the public’s perception of the freeze, which was approved 5-0.

“I don’t want to scare people or the headline to read we’re doing layoffs. We’re not doing that – at this time. With the hiring freeze, I don’t want people to feel that way, and I don’t want any employees to be nervous about that,” Seyb said.

“This is just a way for us to start putting conditions in place to start dealing with budget issues, so we don’t have to lay anyone off. That needs to be the message.”

The move comes as the county looks forward to possible legislation that would mandate counties stay under a \$3.50 general levy rate. The county was planning on bumping the levy to help offset the added costs of running an ambulance service and creating an IT department budget, both of which supervisors have said are vital to county operations.

Senate Study Bill 1124 would place a \$3.50 cap on the county’s levy and is moving through a Senate Ways and Means subcommittee. Deliberation on the bill is set for Tuesday.

The Iowa State Association of Counties has four lobbyists registered on the bill as undecided and three lobbyists for the Iowa League of Cities are registered against the bill. The Iowa Association of School Boards has two lobbyists regis-



SCHULZ

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BUSINESS

The Madison rebrands as Birkwood Village as project continues

FORT MADISON - The Madison – a senior care facility– announced they have rebranded to Birkwood Village of Fort Madison.

This change comes as part of an expansion to the campus in the fall of 2023 adding assisted living and assisted living memory support.

In addition, the campus will enhance their current skilled rehabilitation, therapy services, and specialized venti-

lator care. The new assisted living will consist of 24 private senior apartments and 12 memory support suites. An independent living and assisted living lifestyle package will be available. Memory support will be an all-inclusive rate. The Fort Madison campus will have a full continuum of service options to better serve the community.

“We are excited to be expanding our Fort Madison campus and increasing

the level of service we are able to provide the community,” said owner, Mark Holtkamp.

In January of 2022, the Iowa-based ownership group opened Birkwood Village of Tama/Toledo. The rebranding of The Madison is intended to inspire a focus on Friendships, Wellness, and Peace of Mind to residents and their families,

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WEATHER

TUE 14 Feb..... Windy and rainy, 52° F/ 38° F
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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

KIMMIE JO NELSON

Kimmi Jo Nelson, 24, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023 in Burlington.

She was born on August 6, 1998 in Ft. Madison to Joseph and Amanda Sholl Nelson. Kimmi loved artwork, especially coloring and drawing. She had a vibrant and bold personality and always liked to make people feel better.



NELSON

Survivors include her parents, Joseph and Amanda Nelson; her son, Jophiah Snigowski; her sister, Kara Nelson; her brother, Jaden Nelson and her maternal grandfather, Michael Sholl all of Ft. Madison. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandma, Donna Sue Sholl and her paternal grandma, Sharon Rigg.

Cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

RICHARD MEYERS

Richard "Rick" Meyers, 67, of Dyersburg, TN and formerly of Fort Madison passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at West Tennessee Healthcare in Dyersburg.

He was born on December 24, 1955 in Indiana to Donald and Dorothy Ulakey Meyers. Rick worked production for thirty years at Gleasons. He loved working out, gardening, cooking and spending time with his grandchildren.



MEYERS

Survivors include one daughter, Devan (Rusty) Andrews of Ft. Madison; three grandchildren, Lauren, Collin and Jack; three sisters, Michele Meyers of Halifax, VA, Ellen Reilly of Ft. Madison and Kathleen (Brandon) Gassman of Iowa City and one brother, Patrick Reilly of Ft. Madison. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Brandon Laws.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

HAROLD TOWERY

Harold "Peach" Towery, 82, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 1:45 AM at Delmar Gardens South in St. Louis, MO.

He was born on April 10, 1940 in Blairsville, GA to Charles and Lorraine Daniel Towery. Peach moved to Ft. Madison and worked his career at Union Electric, retiring after thirty-seven years of service. On November 1, 1980 he married Ruth Thurman Cowles in Kahoka, MO. Peach served in the US Air Force for four years. He attended First Baptist Church, enjoyed going out to eat and visiting with his friends and family.



TOWERY

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Towery of Ft. Madison; eight children, Rene Towery Leffler, Wane Towery, Denise Towery Taylor, Brad Cowles, Neal Cowles, Julie Babcock, Lynne Cowles and Russ Cowles; fifteen grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; one brother, Glynn Towery and one sister, Phyllis Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Timothy and his daughter in law, Tammy Cowles.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 2 PM at First Baptist Church with Reverend Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 1 PM until the time of the service at 2 PM. Burial will be held at a later date in Elmer Cemetery, Elmer, MO. King-Lynk Funeral Home is assisting the family.

A memorial has been established for St. Jude's Hospital or First Baptist Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/10/23 - 5:03 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 22nd Street and Avenue A.

02/10/23 - 5:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Myah Elizabeth Kruse, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue A, on a charge of driving under suspension.

02/10/23 - 8:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue E.

02/10/23 - 11:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/

theft in the 1800 block of Avenue L.

02/10/23 - 3:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Raul Garcia, 72, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue L, on charges of driving while barred and provide proof financial liability. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/11/23 - 9:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue I.

02/11/23 - 10:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

02/12/23 - 7:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Shaukim Uriah Redd, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/12/23 - 10:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Wayne Joe Davis, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue J, on a charge of 2nd offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/10/23 - 11:04 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sarah Danielle Rose, 27, listed as homeless living in Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/11/23 - 12:12 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Timothy John Smith, 46, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/12/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Shaukim Uriah Redd, 29, of Fort Madison, in Fort Madison, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/12/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Josey May Fink, 21, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear / contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/12/23 - 7:39 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Syllas Bruce Scott, 18, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/12/23 - 7:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cody Dale Kussman, 34, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/10/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls one gas odor complaint.

02/11/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls one false alarm, and one burn complaint

02/12/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls an odor investigation, false alarm, one hazardous material investigation.



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JAMES D. CONAWAY

James D. Conaway, 91 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Friday, February 10, 2023 at the West Point Care Center, West Point, Iowa. He was born April 13, 1931 in Des Moines, Iowa, a son of John R. and Winifred M. (Murray) Conaway. He married



CONAWAY

Norma Jeanne Hyde, they had three children: Diane, Jim and Joy. They later divorced. Jim married Carol Jean (Powell) Burris on August 1, 1973. She preceded him in death on May 17, 2003. On April 20, 2007, he married Joyce (Keller) Burton. She survives.

Jim's father worked for AT&T, so his family lived in many places as he grew up. He graduated from Hamburg High School, Hamburg, Iowa in 1948. He attended Drake University on a football scholarship. Jim worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, starting in 1950, and retired as Road Foreman of Engines in 1986. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, Knights of Columbus, Elks and an endowment member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a pilot and flew float planes in Canada for fishing trips.



He is survived by his wife, Joyce Burton of Fort Madison; three children: Diane Saar (Danny Lasswell) of Fort Madison, James (Debbie) Conaway of Carolina Beach, North Carolina; Joy Calvert of High Springs, Florida; four step-children: Kenneth Burris of Cold Water, Mississippi, Connie (Russell) Boeding of Waterloo, Iowa; Cindy (Miles) Wellman of West Point, Iowa and Tony Burton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one sister, Virginia Scott of Missouri; eleven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Carol, and one sister Judith Schwery.

The family will meet with friends from 5:00 - 6:30 pm Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, with a Christian Vigil Service to follow at 6:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Friday, February 17, 2023 at Holy Family Parish, Ss. Mary and Joseph Church, Fort Madison, with Father Joseph Phung as Celebrant. Following Mass his body will be cremated. Burial will be at Bucklin Masonic Cemetery, Bucklin, Missouri at a later date.

A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish and Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice, contributions may be left at Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Conaway/Burton family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

PATRICK K. REA

Patricia K. Rea, 80, of Burlington, died Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice in West Burlington.

Born July 30, 1942, in Keokuk, IA, she was the daughter of John and Myrtle Peacock Rea. She was in the first graduating class to complete all 4 years at Notre Dame High School. In 1960 then attended Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas and received her BA with Cum Laude. She continued her education at the University of Iowa, receiving her Master's Degree in English and received her J.D Degree from the University of North Carolina.



REA

From 1978 to 1987, she was the assistant to the President, Affirmative Action Officer at Western Illinois University. From 1987-1995, she was the assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Board of Governors Universities. Then, from 1995-1997, she was the Acting Associate Provost/Program Associate. In 1997 until 1999, she was the Independent

Higher Education Legal Consultant. Patricia was an attorney for the University of Illinois and was the main lawyer who assisted them with their pension plan.

Patricia enjoyed photography, flowers and gardens. She enjoyed painting landscapes and entered many art shows, selling her paintings. She loved to read and was in many book clubs. Patricia loved the Mississippi River and took cooking classes. She always had a cat to keep her company.

Survivors include her nephews, David (Dana) Moraniec of Ankeny, IA, Mark Moraniec of Waterloo, IA, and Dominic "Nick" (Stacy) Moraniec of Gladstone, IL; nieces, Therese (Ted) Spitulski of Moneta, VA, Monica (David) Mundhenke of Waterloo, IA, Maria (Joel) Hoshaw of Johnstown, PA, and Mary (Ken) Henry of Alpharetta, GA, and many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Margaret Moraniec, brother-in-law, Bob Moraniec and nephew, Jimmy Moraniec.

Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Divine Mercy Parish-St. Paul's Catholic Church.

The Funeral Mass of the Resurrection for Ms. Rea will be 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Divine Mercy Parish-St. Paul's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Patricia's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

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Sports

CRUSADER BASKETBALL

Nikes end Crusaders' season with District 7 win

Hellige finishes with 22 points to surpass 400 on the season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – What proved to be the last night of the season for the HTC boys, got out of hand pretty quickly in the second half.

The Crusaders dropped a 68-49 Class 1A, District 7 game with Burlington Notre Dame Monday night bringing the season to a halt with a 9-13 final record.

Head Coach John Hellige thanked senior Nick Fullenkamp, the only senior on the team, for his leadership.

“We lose a great senior captain in Nick,” Hellige said. “It’s hard to replace a kid like that, but we’ll be ready to regroup.”

Hellige said the Crusaders played a very tough schedule this year with New London, WACO, Winfield-Mt. Union, West Burlington, Fort Madison, Mediapolis, Danville and others.

“We’re still very young and who plays in a tougher conference than us,” he said. “Did we get the wins we wanted and hit the goals we set, we didn’t. But I feel like we took a step forward as a program and I wouldn’t trade these kids for anybody in the world.”

The Crusaders trailed early on digging an 0-8 hole before Conner Gehling got HTC going with a bucket inside.

Notre Dame would return fire with a basket by Matthew Booten before Layne Rung fired in a 3-ball off an assist from Maddox Rung to cut the lead to 10-5.

The Nikes would push the lead to seven again at 14-7, but Luke Hellige hit a three from the left wing to make it 14-10. Shay Stephens’ 3-pointer at the other end would finish the quarter with the Nikes up seven.

HTC would outscore Notre Dame 18-17 in the second quarter to cut the lead to six at the half 34-28. Hellige had 12 in the first half for the Crusaders.

John Hellige said he switched the Crusaders to a 2-3 zone midway through the second quarter and that seemed to knock the Nikes off pace a bit.

“At halftime we felt pretty good down by just six, but they came out in a diamond and one facing up Luke. We thought we might be able to get Layne going on the perimeter and then Conner going on the inside.”

Notre Dame’s switch to what amounted to a four-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior Nick Fullenkamp goes up for a shot in the lane in the first half of Monday’s 68-49 loss to Burlington Notre Dame in District 7 Class 1A post-season play.

man zone fronting up Hellige with a single defender to try and stifle the sophomore proved effective

as the Crusaders struggled to get open looks. The visitors went 3 of 9 in the third quarter as Notre Dame pulled out to a 14-point lead 50-36 at the end of three.

Holy Trinity couldn’t get anything going in the fourth quarter either despite being in the bonus with almost six minutes left in the half.

The Nikes went up by as much as 21 at 63-42 in the final period, but Holy Trinity scored five of the next seven to get within 18 and wouldn’t get any closer.

John Hellige said turnovers hurt the Crusaders early. That, coupled with Conner Gehling getting into foul trouble early, cut into HTC’s momentum at the end of the second quarter.

“We just had a few uncharacteristic turnovers we haven’t had the last four games, and then we had some shots that just wouldn’t go down,” he said.

Conner gives us a great game night in and night out. He did some good things offensively. He’ll be there for us.”

Hellige said the hectic pace of the season was hard on the kids, but they learned a lot and played tough competition.

“We had a crazy schedule this year - nine games the first three weeks and then three weeks off at Christmas, and then nine days off after we had a four-game win streak,” Hellige said.

“We’re gonna keep working and I think we’re gonna be a pretty darn hard team to beat next year.”

Layne Rung finished with 11 points for HTC. Conner Gehling had nine points and Adam Sobczak had five. Fullenkamp chipped in with two points.

Carsen Jones led Notre Dame with 18. Liam Delaney had 15 and Booten finished with 14. The Nikes will take on Winfield Mt. Union who downed Wapello Monday. That game will be in Winfield on Thursday beginning at 7 p.m.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

At left, Sophomore Luke Hellige pulls up for a short jumper in the lane in the 2nd quarter as Notre Dame tries to defend Monday night. At right, Conner Gehling tries to drive on Notre Dame’s Carsen Jones in the final quarter. Gehling got into early foul trouble and finished with 9 points as the Crusaders fell 68-49.



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REGULAR MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
 - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
 - b) Fifth Grade Presentation
4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) Set Building Walk-through Date (February

- 27 or February 28 @ 4:30 p.m.)
 - b) Finance Update
 - c) Legislative Update
 - d) March Board Meeting - 3/21/2023 at 7:00 a.m. (One week later due to Spring Break)
 - e) Board Workshop Date - 2/28/2023 at 7:00 a.m. (HS Presentation & FY24 Budget)
 - f) Vacancies

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)
 - a) Approve minutes
 - b) Approve Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
 - c) Approve prepaid bills
 - d) Approve monthly bills
 - e) Approve Overnight Trips:
 - 1) Central Lee Girls'

- State Basketball Tournament: 2/27/2023 - 3/4/2023
- 2) Central Lee Boys' State Basketball Tournament: 3/6/2023 - 3/10/2023
 - 3) American Academy for the Advancement of Science Convention, Washington, D.C.: 2/28/2023 - 3/5/2023
 - 4) Iowa Junior Science & Humanities, Iowa City, Iowa: 3/6/2023 & 3/7/2023
 - 5) State Science Fair, Ames, Iowa: 3/29/2023 - 3/31/2023
 - 6) Iowa Academy of Science Poster Presentation: Date and Location TBA
 - 7) FFA Leadership Conference: 4/16/2023 - 4/18/2023

- Guidance and Counseling Program
- c) 701.05 - Fiscal Management
 - d) 701.05R1 - Financial Metrics
 - e) 705.01 - Purchasing - Bidding
 - f) 705.01 R2 - Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts
 - g) 804.07R1 - Radon Mitigation Regulation
 6. Board Representation for Collective Bargaining w/ Central Lee Education Association
 7. Resignations: (Motion)
 - a) Chuck Banks - Head Football Coach (Effective 1/10/2023)
 - b) Andy Crozier - Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach (End of FY2022-2023)
 - c) Peggy Johnson - Food Service Worker (End of FY2022-2023)
 - d) Janie Shipman - Teacher Associate (End of FY2022-2023)
 8. Volunteer Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 - a) Paul Kropf - High School Golf
 - b) Manny Sandoval - High School Baseball/Softball
 - c) Jerry Simmons - High School Softball
 9. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 - a) Jason Hawk - Head Softball Coach (Effective FY2022-2023)
 - b) Hannah Hardcastle - Middle School Instructor (Effective FY2023-2024)
 10. Board Reports
 11. Adjourn (Motion)
- FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT AN EX-EMPT SESSION WILL BE HELD TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS AS PROVIDED IN IOWA CODE 201. 7.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 2/7/2023

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in regular session with Mayor Mohrfeld in the chair and Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Cangas, Gray, Rink and Roller present. Council Amandus was absent.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 1/17/2023; Liquor License Renewals: Pen City Aerie, effective 1/31/2023, Dollar General #15777, effective 2/10/2023, Buffalo 61 Bar & Grille, effective 2/25/2023, &

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Dollar General #2194, effective 3/1/2023; Claims dated 2/2/2023, January Manuals, Library Claims & Financial Report; & Payroll of 1/27/2023.

Dianna Holmes, Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission, gave the Certified Local Government Report for 2022 for the Commission. Darla Farrell, Downtown Summer Market, gave a report on the 2022 Markets. Following her report, on motion, Council approved waiving event fees for her event.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-07, approving the applications of Donna Bratek, 12 Richards Dr., Daniel/Janice Horn, 1310 - 18th St. & 1225 - 20th St. for 3-Year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemptions. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-08, approving the Mayor's signature on a Federal-Aid Agreement for IDOT TAP grant for PORT Phase IV, 48th Street from Avenue L north to River Valley Road. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-09, approving the Mayor's signature on a Scope Appendix for

Municipal Advisor Services with Baker Tilly US, LLP, to prepare financial information for the City's CSO Projects.

On motion, Council set public hearing for 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, to approve

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 54,448.27
Special Revenue	169,263.78
Road Use	43,228.14
Capital	5,448.40
Water	206,041.93
Sewer	40,746.63
Solid Waste/IWC	16,750.48
SW Utility	5,166.00
	<u>\$541,093.63</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$108,698.48
Special Rv	251,177.93
Road Use	101,735.02
Debt	1,104.52
Capital	251,533.57
Water	283,889.93
Sewer	310,101.54
Sld Waste, IWC	73,175.70
SW Utility	17,750.73
	<u>\$1,399,167.42</u>

CLAIMS - 2/7/2023

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, TRAC NUTS	504.96
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECT	201.95
ABRA REPAIR, PICKUP TRUCK	284.52
ACCESS SYSTEMS, MONTHLY MAINT.	5,694.92
AIR COMPRESSOR SERVICES, OIL FILTER REPLACEMENT	178.69
ALTORFER INC., CATA-	

the Fiscal Year 2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL 1/27/2023	
General	\$209,410.81
Old Fort	2,992.91
Employee Bnfts	7,940.59
Road Use	29,514.76
Water	30,719.03
Sewer	30,592.16
Solid Waste	22,713.36
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,017.48
	<u>\$337,387.64</u>

LYST/PARTS	8,276.68
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, HOLSTERS/PAPER PRODUCTS	206.68
AMSOIL, INC, OIL SAMPLER KITS	113.40
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS	1,590.71
B&B PROPANE, HEAT	1,161.81
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC, BOLTS/WASHERS	133.86
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE,	

TIRE REPAIR	25.00
BLACKBURN MFG CO, WIRE FLAGS	246.28
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., MANHOLE FRAMES/LIDS/PIPES	4,726.00
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE	170.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATES, PROF FEE	5,409.40
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE (E&W)	2,232.66
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY PEST CONTROL	159.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, JOB POSTINGS/PUBLICATIONS	567.60
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, CARDSTOCK	244.50
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE	7,616.93
DREW WEISINGER, REIMB FOR ON JOB INJURY	898.71
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO., ROOT CUTTER	2,832.00
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, WEEKLY SLUDGE TEST	308.16
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, CLOTHING ALLOW	84.25
FASTENAL COMPANY, GRADE C LOCK	14.32
FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, TRASH PICK-UP	1,103.50
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER @ RV/ AIRPORT	44.35
HACH COMPANY, ALKALINITY TESTS	65.49
HALL'S EXCAVATING & SEPTIC, CLEAN UP DEMO	1,960.00
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, VALVES/SEAL KITS	1,095.07
HOTOP FABRICATION, REPLACE SEAL	233.47
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE	1,534.00
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, DISC/PADS/	

BRUSH	589.50
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, CHARGING MANUALS	300.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., STORMWATER DISCHARGE 5-YR	700.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, MAPS	49.25
IOWA OSHA, PENALTY FEE	2,331.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, ACEDEMY UNIFORM	460.00
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY, 1/2 OF PRISON TOURS	3,007.50
JASON HOEVELMANN, TRAINING	2,000.00
JETCO, SCADA SOFTWARE	28,609.00
JIM'S LOCK & SAFE, INC., REKEY LOCK	149.00
JOHN POWELL - HYDROTREX, INDUSTRIAL OIL KITS	270.00
KAYLEB KERN, EYE EXAM	193.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, RENTAL/SHIPPING/PARTS	1,608.57
KIMBALL MIDWEST, TERMINAL/CAP SCREWS/WASHER	169.31
KIMREY ELECTRIC COMPANY, PAY EST #5	12,308.43
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., PROF FEE	731.00
MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO., AWOS PROJECT	9,808.50
MCCROMETER INC., SERVICED ALL METERS	1,772.00
MCDANIELS MARKETING, MAPS FOR TOURISM	5,000.00
MCFARLAND, DISH SOAP	45.98
MCMaster CARR SUPPLY CO, DRILL SAFETY SAFETY GUARD	138.40
MENARD, BALL VALVES/CONNECTORS/MISC	253.57
MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, DAILY SAMPLE TESTINGS	407.00
MID-STATE ORGANIZED	

CRIME, 2023 MEMBERSHIP	150.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT	8,618.29
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., TESTING SUPPLIES	109.76
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, FIX CAN LIGHT @ DEPOT	169.78
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., METER BOX	450.36
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC., OIL/FILTERS/WIPER BLADES	843.13
PANTHER UNIFORMS, INC., UNIFORM	562.20
PITNEY BOWES, METER RENTAL	171.00
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROF FEE	933.23
POHLPETER, BILLY, SAFETY BOOTS	152.46
POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, WATER BILLS/PAST DUE POSTAGE	1,822.51
PROCESS SOLUTIONS, CHEMICALS	8,564.08
QUAD CITY TESTING, LABORATORY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION	395.00
QUALITY TRAFFIC CONTROL, ARROWBOARD POWER BOX	367.00
QUILL LLC	152.92
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL/DEF	2,991.75
RED LION RENEWABLES, ELECTRIC	1,396.53
REID'S LANDSCAPES INC., LANDSCAPING SERVICE	12,500.00
RIVER CITY MOTORS PLUS, REPLACE BATTERY/FUSE BLOCK	1,073.79
RIVERVIEW DESIGNS, RESALE ITEMS FOR OLD FORT	352.25
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C., FLOW TESTING	1,222.00
SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING COMM, SEIBUS (OCT - DEC 2022)	2,125.00
SELECTIVE INS. CO, FLOOD INS	3,234.00
SERVICEMASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE	1,250.96
SOLAR TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, 12 VOLT BATTERIES	212.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, FLUORIDE TEST	20.00
STERLING CODIFIERS, CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES	2,510.00
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, OIL	110.00
TRUCK REPAIR INC., CLAMP	233.49
UPS, SHIPPING	34.47
USA BLUE BOOK, SPECTROPHOTOMETER	4,294.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE	6,241.50
VULCAN INDUSTRIES INC., SPARE PARTS	1,323.00
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ING, SHELF MATERIAL
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MATERIAL..... 37.50
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PORT..... 190.00
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 905.10
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KET, FOOD..... 160.00
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ZOOBEAN, INC., READ-
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001 GENERAL FUND		26,778.09
016 OLD FORT OPERATION		653.58
110 ROAD USE		23,653.23
135 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX		8,237.50
170 FRIENDS OF PORT		13,433.23
348 HWY 61 IMPROVEMENTS		39
351 2020 SWAP BRIDGES		5,409.40
600 WATER OPERATING FUND		165,440.83
610 WASTEWATER OPERATING FUND		21,538.97
617 WASTEWATER CAPITAL PROJEC		1,356.00
670 SOLID WASTE		3,016.23
720 AIRPORT		23,092.01
740 STORM WATER UTILITY		5,166.00
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ACCESS LEASING SYS-
TEM, PRINTER LEASE
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ALLIANT ENERGY,
ELECTRIC..... 54,311.85
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GREAT RIVER REGION-
AL WASTE, INTEGRAT-
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HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RE-
CEIVABLE, MEDICINE
 16.92
IOWA DEPT. OF REV-
ENUE, SALES TAX &
WATER EXCISE TAX
 14,713.56
LIBERTY UTILITIES MID-
STATE, HEAT 1,163.57
MERCHANT SERVICES,
DEC CREDIT CARD
FEES 4,532.31
MIDWEST GROUP
BENEFITS, ANN COM-
PLIANCE FEE & MONTH
ADM..... 11,391.72
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SERVICES, MONITOR-
ING SERVICE 252.06
POSTMASTER, FORT
MADISON, TRASH
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SURVEY..... 1,905.52
UNITED RENTALS,
SCISSOR LIFT RENTAL
 273
WELLMARK BC/BS,
HEALTH INS PREMIUMS
- FEB 2023 107,653.08
WEX BANK, FUEL
 15,598.04
TOTAL 224,078.80
GENERAL 19,570.03
SPECIAL REVENUES
 112,339.33
ROAD USE..... 19,574.91
WATER..... 40601.1
WASTEWATER
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AIRPORT..... 407.52
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Education News/ From the Front

Proposal could mandate cap on county levy at \$3.50

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tered against the bill. Farm Bureau has three lobbyists in favor of the property tax cap.

Seyb said this is a way of contracting Home Rule designation.

“This body is the one to set those rates, and it shouldn’t be artificially controlled by the state. At that point you’re taking away the power of local control and local people to affect the government directly,” he said.

“The last time the levies were below \$3.50 was approximately 40 years ago. Just think about that - the services we’re providing today and the cost of things. Our general fund is our operating budget and if you think about your family and your family’s budget and what it’s done over the past 40 years, it’s done nothing but go up.

“I’ve seen this higher than \$3.50, but never seen it below \$3.50. For the legislators to now cap counties at \$3.50 with all the other expenses we have - I think that’s kind of a big deal.”

Renstrom said if the levy were to ever have gone below \$3.50 for the basic levy, they would not be able to levy for general supplemental which pays employee benefits including IPERS.

Matt Pflug said he spent about 30 minutes on the phone with the Iowa State Association of Counties and they are undecided on the proposed legislation. Pflug said there are a lot of other things tied to the legislation.

Supervisor Tom Schulz said it all seems to be bad.

“I don’t see a lot tied to it that’s positive, though,” he said. “There is a lot tied to it and most of it’s bad.”

Schulz said the bill is so detrimental to the county that State Sen. Jeff Reichman, State Rep. Martin Graber, and State Rep. Matt Rinker all should be in front of the bill trying to stop it due to the damage it could cause the county.

Seyb said he’s spoken with Reichman and Graber and he said they are still investigating and listening to all options.

“They definitely hear our concerns. They know where we stand.”

Pflug said this could be disastrous for the county.

“It will be disastrous,” said Supervisor Ron Fedler.

Schulz said the larger, more wealthy counties like Polk are seeing surges in their economies, but may be making bad management decisions. Those decisions are driving the legislation, he said, and smaller and more rural counties will suffer the consequences.

“What are we, like, 90th in per capita income out of 99 counties, and in similar position on property values. This will affect the smaller counties much more dramatically and it will affect the poorer counties more dramatically because we just don’t have that base,” Schulz said.

“They’re not fixing a problem, they’re fixing a perceived problem,” Schulz said before doubling down on the issue.

“I have suggested if they don’t get behind us, that they consider moving.”

Schulz said holding to the same EMS functionality will be tough if the new legislation is passed.

“I think it would be safe to say that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain an effective EMS service if the bill passes in its current form,” he said.

Seyb said it was incumbent upon the county and other counties around the state in similar financial situations to keep communicating with legislators on the issue. He said there are about 30 counties in the state that are currently over the \$3.50 limit.

SCC inks deal with WGU

WEST BURLINGTON - Western Governors University (WGU) and Southeastern Community College (SCC) today announced a new articulation agreement that will provide SCC graduates an affordable pathway to earning their bachelor’s degree through WGU. Under the terms of the agreement, students graduating with their SCC associate degree will be able to seamlessly transfer their credits to WGU. The agreement expands higher education opportunities for SCC graduates in the hopes of building a future-ready workforce in Iowa.

“This is an excellent option for residents from across the region who pursue their degree online after SCC,” said Dr. Derreck Calkins, Director of Assessment Curriculum, and Learning Resources “Not all online programs are equal. WGU has a history of providing a quality education across a wide variety of programs.”

SCC graduates who enroll in any of WGU’s programs will be able to apply for the Community College Partner Scholarship, which is valued at up to \$2,500 each and will be applied to WGU’s already-low, flat-rate tuition of about \$3,800 per six-month term.

SCC students transitioning to WGU will be also able to take advantage of the university’s online-competency-based education model, which will allow them to use prior education and work-based experience to move through courses at their own pace and graduate quicker. Students study, complete coursework and take tests on schedules that fit their lives, advancing as soon as they demonstrate they have mastered the subject matter. Like all students at WGU, Southeastern Community College graduates who enroll will also be paired with a program mentor who has expertise in their chosen degree

program and supports students in learning and navigating their educational journeys from enrollment through graduation.

“We are thrilled to provide continuing education options to graduating students and staff of Southeastern Community College,” said Dr. Terrance Hopson, Regional Vice President of Western Governors University. “WGU values the important role community colleges play in upskilling the workforce and is pleased to offer an affordable and flexible pathway for thousands of Iowans who need postsecondary education and training to advance their careers and, in turn, improve their lives.”

For more information on the partnership between WGU and Southeastern Community College, visit wgu.edu/iacc.

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