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Park board glances at 5-year plan

SIGNAGE: Board may look to new park sign(s) if budget allows in June

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City parks were again on the agenda as city officials look to replace signage in three of the city's parks.

At Wednesday's meeting of the City's Parks, Recreation, and Docks Board, the board's five-year plan, which was put together in 2021 was revisited.

One of the things, that's getting some focus now is replacing the signs in three of the city's parks.

"Ivanhoe, Victory, and Shopton are getting pretty worn and tattered," said Mark Boussetot, the city's Public Works Director.

lic Works Director.

"We've found a company that has signs, and we got some prices for different sizes. I think when they first reached out, the company gave us quote for a 48" x 24" sign. One for each park. We didn't think that sign was big enough and we reached back out and they gave us a quote for a 72" x 36" inch sign."

President Jim Decker asked if there was a discount by getting all three at the same time and Boussetot said there would be a savings of about \$1,000, but he didn't know if the budget would have enough for all three of

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IOWA NEWS

Building group formed to look at county's properties

Officials to look at value of the county's buildings

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Several county officials will get together Wednesday to set up parameters for looking at county buildings and possibly divesting the county of some properties.

A committee was approved at Monday's Lee County Supervisors meeting to review several of the county's properties including both the Newberry and Heritage senior centers, several apartment facilities in Fort Madison and Keokuk, the county attorney building in Fort Madison, as well as the county's two courthouses.

An amendment attached to a property tax bill in front of the Senate, if signed into law, would allow the county to consolidate both courthouses, and moreover, move to one county seat to help save costs.

The first meeting of the committee, according to an agenda released Wednesday, will be to review cost sheets on the building and set tasks and goals for the committee.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise brought the idea of reviewing the county's properties to the board on Monday.

Fraise is on record as saying if the property tax bill is signed into law, which would limit the county's general fund levy at \$3.50/\$1,000 of assessed valuation, the county would be in serious financial trouble.

The county had to absorb the costs of standing up additional EMS service and equipment in Keokuk after Blessing Hospital closed its doors in September. The county also beefed up its IT department to bring security up to standard, as well as equipment and technology

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Construction keeps moving along at the Fort Madison High School and at the Fort Madison Middle School. A DLR sign on the high school's southwest property says the construction should be completed by the beginning of school in 2024. The same sign reflects the middle school work on that property.

CONSERVATION

Lee County Conservation to host bird feeder seminar

LEE COUNTY - All are invited to attend a series of 3 bird-focused workshops throughout the year. The first Building Better Birders workshop will be on March 25th at the Lee County Conservation Center. Spend all or part of your day looking for and learning

about floodplain forest birds, waterfowl, and upland game birds at Heron Bend Conservation Area. Building Better Birders workshops will include both birding hikes and formal presentations with plenty of time for questions.

Here is the detailed itinerary: 7-9

AM: Bird Hike 9-9:30 AM: Break 9:30-11 AM: "Floodplain Forest Birds of Iowa" Presentation 11 AM-Noon: Lunch Break Noon-1:30 PM: "Waterfowl and Upland Gamebirds of Iowa"

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SAT 04 Mar.....	Partly sunny, 48° F/ 29° F
SUN 05 Mar.....	Partly sunny and breezy, 53° F/ 44° F

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

CHARLES R. ADAMS

Charles Richard Adams, 82, of Ft. Madison, IA died Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

He was born April 1, 1940 in Keokuk, IA the son of Nicholas Earl and Florence McKay Adams.



ADAMS

Charles had been employed at Hope Haven in Burlington and later at the Des Moines County Jail.

He was a member of First Christian Church and the Moose Club both in Ft. Madison, IA.

Charles enjoyed visiting Shug's Tiny Town in Ft. Madison to enjoy ice cream and milk shakes, Faeth's Cigar Store and The Parthenon Restaurant until it closed. Charles loved to mow his yard and to spend time with his significant other of twenty-five years, Deniece Self.

He is survived by one sister, Olivia Jane Rogers (Robert) of Keokuk, two nephews, Jason Rogers and David Rogers, one great-niece, Sabrina Rogers, two great-nephews, Logan Rogers and Owen Rogers and his caregiver, Becky Bennett (James Horn) of Montrose, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, Olivia Herold Adams and one brother, William Adams.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, at Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk with Pastor Leslie Dalstra officiating.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., Sunday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

A memorial has been established in memory of Charles and checks may be made out to Becky Bennett.

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

DARLENE J. MCVEY

Darlene Joyce McVey, 91, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at her home.

Darlene was born January 16, 1932 in Dallas City, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Clarence and Myrtle (Wilcox) DeFrates. On February 6, 1954 she married Glen F. McVey Sr. in Nauvoo, Illinois. He preceded her in death March 25, 2002.



MCVEY

Darlene enjoyed gardening, flowers, and reading.

Survivors include three children: Debby Osborne of Peoria, Illinois, Glenn McVey of Peoria and Holly Moats of Russell, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren: Tyson, Annabel and Tiffany and nine great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by one son: Darwin J. McVey and six siblings: Emmanuel, Orlando, Viola, Gladys, Herbert and Charles.

A graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City with Pastor Lee Unger officiating.

Banks & Beals Funeral Homes is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Darlene's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Number of signs depends on unspent budget

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them at the same time.

Bousellot said the signs are about \$2,200 each, but the city could get all three for just under \$5,600.

"We're hoping at the end of the fiscal year budget, we'll have a little extra," he said.

"If we can't afford all three of them, we can get them individually. But it would be more cost-effective if we were able to get them all at the same time."

The signs are being solicited from HDPE Signs out of Colorado.

Board member Paul Wilkerson asked if any thought had been given to having the signs produced locally at the high school.

"Have we looked at talking to building and trades at the high school to see if they are willing to put something together for us?" Wilkerson said.

Bouselot said he wasn't sure of time constraints on the building and trades department at FMHS.

The proposed signs are all green and off-white to keep with the current color schemes of the local parks.

"We haven't spent the whole 100% of what we budgeted so we do have a little carry over," Bouselot said.

"But some of the line items experienced overspending due to maintenance. We're going to look at the overall budget come June and make the decision whether to do one sign or all the signs."

Board member Jill Stull asked if any of the city's service organizations would be interested in contributing to the costs of the signs.

Fort Madison Rotary has contributed a lot of funding to maintenance at Central Park which wouldn't need the sign.

"I know Kiwanis does stuff in Ivanhoe. Is that something they would be interested in donating toward," Stull said.

Bouselot said Kiwanis has done some beautification work in the park, but didn't know what their interest level is.

"I don't know what people have for extra funds. Things are pretty tight for everyone right now," he said.

Board member Joshua Leyh said the new disc golf course in the park is a welcomed addition.

"It's pretty nice when you don't have to climb down a hill to find your disc," he said. "That's a nice addition there."

The signs are part of the Park board's 5-year plan that was put together two years ago. Board member Carol Pieper asked if the board needed to revise the plan and the group decided to meet next time at one of the city's parks to start a review of the plan.

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Fort Madison Police Report

03/01/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Wade Lee Shaffer, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a North Lee County warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/01/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Connor James Minton, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 200 block of 2nd Street, on a charge of assault w/bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/01/23 - 12:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

03/01/23 - 5:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue E.

03/01/23 - 9:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of 41st Street.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/01/23 - 9:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Keith Lynn Kellum, 34, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

February 16, 2023 - LEVERTON, STEVE A (60 of Bowen, IL) Bond Revocation

February 16, 2023 - WALKER, WILLIAM L (48 of Wayland, MO) IDOC Sentence

February 17, 2023 - HAYES, ALEXANDRIA N (27 of Donnellson, IA) Expired Registration

February 18, 2023 - COCHRAN, RYAN P (20 of Hamilton, IL) Driving While Under the Influence, Speeding, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol

February 19, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 20, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 21, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 22, 2023 - ZIMMER, VALERIE J (56 of Hamilton, IL) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

February 23, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 24, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 25, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 26, 2023 - NARANJO, LUIS O B (38 of Carthage, IL) Driving While Under the Influence

February 27, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

February 28, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

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

IOWA NEWS

OCIO opens next window for broadband proposals

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES- Today, the Department of Management's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is pleased to announce the application acceptance window for the Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) is open.

The ITQ application process allows communities to propose areas across the State of Iowa that should be prioritized by the OCIO in the next Empower Rural Iowa broadband grant opportunity. Areas identified by communities through the ITQ process will become Broadband Intervention Zones.

"We believe the ITQ application process is a first of its kind in the country and unique to Iowa," said State of Iowa Chief Information Officer Matt Beh-

rens. "The ITQ lets Iowans tell stakeholders and decision makers where they want to see broadband build out occur."

Providers who apply for Empower Rural Iowa grant funds to construct service within these Broadband Intervention Zones may be eligible to receive enhanced incentives and/or higher prioritization for funding.

Instructions for the ITQ are available here, including videos, guides, and templates to assist communities who wish to submit an application. Community representatives may also e-mail ociogrants@iowa.gov for assistance. To subscribe to email updates, go to <https://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband> and click the "Subscribe to Broadband Grant Updates" button at the top of the page.

Conservation guests to lead workshops

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Presentation 1:30-2 PM: Break 2-5 PM: Bird Hike Auto Tour Along the Mississippi River.

This is a free event open to all interested ages! Come for the whole day or for any single session! Binoculars will be available to borrow. Please register for the event by calling Lee County Conservation at (319) 463-7673 or emailing conservation@leecounty.org.

The workshop will be conducted by Kelly McKay (BioEco Research and Monitoring Center), with assistance from Mark Roberts (Clinton County Conservation), Brian Ritter and James Wiebler (Nahant Marsh Education Center). Funding for the workshop is

provided by the Resource Enhancement and Protection- Conservation Education Program (REAP-CEP).

Mark your calendars for the next Building Better Birders workshops on June 10th and December 8th, 2023.

About Lee County Conservation: Lee County Conservation manages 30 individual parks, wildlife areas, historic sites and water recreation access points - encompassing some 2,796 acres across the county. The mission of the Lee County Conservation Board is to promote conservation of local natural resources and to provide parks and conservation areas, outdoor recreational opportunities, and environmental education for the public.

Respiratory Season is Here!

Complete with Influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19!
The colder temperatures keep us all cozy and warm inside, but this closeness and the decreased indoor air flow only increase the spread of uninvited viruses.



Keep your family safe during Respiratory Season by following these tips:

- Stay home if you are feeling sick.
- Get a vaccination/booster for any viruses circulating. In our region this includes flu and COVID-19.
- Wash hands often, especially after sneezing, coughing, using a bathroom, or blowing your nose. It is always important to wash your hands before touching your face.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth whenever possible.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes or cough into your sleeve.
- Disinfect any surfaces you frequently use, such as doorknobs, faucet handles, children's toys and remote controls.

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Health News/From the Front

SEIRMC to host Continuous Glucose support group

WEST BURLINGTON - Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center's Diabetes Education program is starting a quarterly Continuous Glucose Meter (CGM) Support Group.

This support group is designed for anyone who currently wears a CGM device or is interested in getting one. What once was a unique device is now becoming more common for insulin dependent patients.

The first meeting will be held on Friday, March 17, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the West Burlington campus in the Family Medicine Mercy Plaza, Healthy Living Classroom, Suite 159, located at 1225 S. Gear Avenue in West Burlington, Iowa. Supportive family and friends are also welcome to attend.

The CGM Support Group will



provide support and education for participants along with discussion of the latest news regarding CGMs. It is an opportunity to engage with other members of the group with a diagnosis of diabetes, and to share day to day concerns of living with the condition.

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center is prepared and committed to caring for you and your loved ones.

Our current safety precautions require that facemasks be worn by all patients and visitors in clinical areas.

For more information, please call 319-768-4165 or email tyakle@great-riverhealth.org.

Griffin joins Women's Clinic

WEST BURLINGTON - Kenzie Griffin, Physician Assistant, has joined the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center



GRIFFIN

Women's Health Clinic in West Burlington, Iowa. Kenzie received her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from St. Ambrose University and her undergraduate degree in Biology from Coe College.

Kenzie grew up in Win-

field, Iowa, and knew she wanted to go into medicine at a young age when a family member was hospitalized. She chose women's health to be able to provide care and education on issues unique to female patients.

Kenzie believes all women deserve access to quality health care, "as a woman it is important to know your body and how it works. I want to partner with young women to help them learn to listen to their bodies and the value of preventative care."

She and her husband,

Mark, plan to reside in Mediapolis, where he teaches and coaches wrestling and football. Outside of work, they enjoy spending time with family and friends, attending sporting events, especially Iowa Hawkeye Football, and hiking with their dog.

Kenzie will begin seeing patients in the clinic on March 1, 2023. You can find out more information or schedule an appointment with Kenzie on the Great River Health website, www.greatriver-health.org.

County continues to look for savings

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upgrades.

Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said with the added costs of the EMS department, the county would need to go closer to \$6/\$1,000 of assessed valuation to take the strain off the general fund.

Renstrom said the county should have pushed the levy when it purchased the ambulance service from the Young family in 2021 after subsidizing the service for many years, including a \$900,000 subsidy in 2020.

The committee is comprised of Fraise, Renstrom, county maintenance staff, and board members. The committee will make recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors on what changes would make the most sense for the county.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input-Supervisor Schulz made mention of Martin Luther King on this Martin Luther King Holiday.

The Board held a discussion on possibly using some of the \$237,278 of opioid funds the County has received, to offset the cost of nine extra ambulance employees that the County hired due to the closing of Blessing Hospital in Keokuk. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to transfer \$200,000 out of the opioid funds account into this year's General Fund, to be used to offset the cost of the extra ambulance employees. Holmes then amended his motion, changing the amount to \$230,000. Pflug seconded the amended motion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-29.

Roll call: Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION
2023 - 29**

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY

ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2022-2023 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is \$2,723,219.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on January 16, 2023 is as follows:

Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund \$680,804.75.

Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 16th day of January, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member;

/s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion about possibly combining polling sites for the special election in March. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to combine the polling sites down to 10 sites. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to renew a contract for Contract Negotiation Services with Lynch Dallas of Cedar Rapids, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to renew a contract for Human Resource Services with Lynch Dallas of Cedar Rapids, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Mt Hamill Tap, for the period January 16, 2023 through January 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve two tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION #2023-30

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Kody and Kali Kern 1940 315th

Avenue Fort Madison IA 52627

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of January 2023.

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

RESOLUTION #2023-31

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Richard/ Shawn Markell 2199 Danford Lane Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of January 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member

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and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Monday, January 9, 2023 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes,

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seconded by Pflug, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve a promotion for Emily Biddenstadt, from CH Program Manager \$32.31/hr. to CH Program Director \$37.54/hr., effective 2/1/23, a position change for Matt Pflug, from Board Chairman \$31,682.92/annual to Board Member \$29,815.92/annual, effective 1/3/23, a position change for Garry Seyb, from Board Member \$29,815.92/annual to Board Chairman \$31,682.92/annual, effective 1/3/23 and a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Kyle Skelley, Deputy, \$25.25/hr., effective 1/23/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of December 2022.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting and attended the IUB Hearing on the Navigator Pipeline. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Board meeting, a RUSS Board meeting and also attended the IUB Hearing. Pflug reported on a 911 Board meeting and met with some landowners that had concerns about the Alliant Solar Project. Seyb reported on a Lee County Firefighters Association meeting, a meeting with the architect of the Health/EMS Building and attended the IUB Hearing. Seyb read an update from Health Administrator Michele

Ross on Covid and other respiratory illnesses.

Amanda Rogers with The Best You Coalition gave the Board an update on things they have accomplished.

At 11:00 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid January 16, 2023

Ace Hardware, splys	21.96
AgriLand FS, fuel	7439.36
Airgas USA, equip	178.38
All Ssns Music, svcs	75.00
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	10948.35
Altorfer, splys	1403.04
AMI Pipe, splys	15.00
E Andries, exps	72.00
Argyle Mem, svcs	57.50
Artistic Clnrs, unif	20.00
AssuredPrtnrs, costs	3546.00
Axon Entrps, equip	4467.45
Bates Sntatn, svcs	240.00
Benco Dntl, splys	36.49
E Biddenstadt, exps	33.00
Blessing Hlth, svcs	45.00
J Booth, exps	448.50
Bnd Tree Med, splys	4018.32
R Bradley, svcs	260.00
CH McGuiness, svcs	267.63
CDW Gov, equip	272.55
A Cook, exps	175.50
M Cook, exps	262.50
Cullen Pest, svcs	614.00
Culligan, wtr	108.20
DM Co Hlth Dpt, svcs	4246.94
Dmnd Mwrs, parts	845.57
Dodd Prtg, splys	164.50
DnnlSn Nursing, rfrnd	878.00
Donnellson Tire, svcs	141.95
Drake Hdwr, svcs	316.25
EMLSRC, edu	120.00
B Fader, exps	98.00
Farm/Home, splys	247.26
Federal Engin, svcs	6731.71
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	60.00
FM Chmbr, dues	185.00
Gamer FdMart, fuel	878.93
GRRWA, svcs	13411.10
J Hall, exps	355.50
A Hayes, exps	94.00
Headco, svcs	140.00
Health Sol, svcs	1228.45
hibu, publ	143.00

Hm Thrpy Sol, svcs	2046.10
T Hurlley, svcs	225.96
IHS Pharmacy, svcs	103.92
IA Dpt Pblc Sfty, splys	2760.00
IA Sec/St, svcs	3025.02
IA St Pen, meals	22021.00
ISAC, reg	420.00
S Jeffries, exps	245.50
Know Ink Innv, svcs	480.00
P Knustrom, exps	382.00
Khlmrgrn Hlg, svcs	245.00
KONE Inc, svcs	11550.24
B KrmrRsbgr, exps	33.00
V Krebill, rfrnd	115.00
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LeeCo Hlth, svcs	257.80
LeeCo Treas, fees	280492.38
LeeCo Treas, costs	44005.61
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McFarlands, splys	1866.97
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MidAmer Enrgy, gas	3572.98
Olive Miller, exps	463.50
Municipal One, svcs	5796.00
NALBOH, dues	250.00
NAPA Auto, parts	373.92
Ntnl Shrrf Assc, publ	142.00
O'Reilly Auto, parts	170.94
OMG MW, svcs	18908.11
Onmedia, adv	840.00
P Orth, svcs	87.50
RPttrsnRhn, exps	114.50
PCC Amblnce, svcs	3924.74
M Pflug, exps	40.00
V Potter, exps	600.00
Powerphone, edu	729.00
Prairie Farms, splys	505.60
Qdnt Finance, pstg	4098.24
Rainbo Oil, oil	5044.57
RicohUSA, splys	188.34
RSM US, svcs	7.15
J Saunders, exps	233.00
Schneider Corp, svcs	5094.00
T Schroeder, exps	9.00
Garry Seyb, exps	84.00
SIADSA, svcs	3680.00
SE IA Reg Med, svcs	150.00
R Swainey, exps	108.00
Trinity Msctne, svcs	13741.71
P Tripp, exps	361.50
Truck Repair, parts	1368.62
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PUBLIC NOTICE CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DONNELLSON, IOWA 52625 (EDUCATIONAL CENTER)

The Central Lee Community School District and the CLEA will hold an open public meeting for the purpose of negotiating the 2023-2024 contract at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, March 6th, 2023. The CLEA will present their proposal to the District. The meeting will be held at the Central Lee Educational Center at 2642 Highway 218, Donnellson, Iowa, 52625.

The Central Lee Community School District and the CLEA will hold an open public meeting for the purpose of negotiating the 2023-2024 contract at 3:50 p.m. on Monday, March 6th, 2023. The District will present their proposal to the CLEA. The meeting will be held at the Central Lee Educational Center at 2642 Highway 218, Donnellson, Iowa, 52625.

PUBLIC NOTICE CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DONNELLSON, IOWA 52625 LOCATION: DISTRICT OFFICE TENTATIVE AGENDA MARCH 22, 2023 4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

1. Building & Grounds Tour/Discussion

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 16, 2023 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on February 16, 2023 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, John Helenthal,

Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Linda Altheide, Steve Andrews were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, and Bridge, Park, Cemetery, and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Reported on meeting with Insight, the organization intending to open emergency services/hospital in Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Amanda Rogers of The Best You Coalition gave an update on the organization and upcoming projects.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve the agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of February 2, 2023;

- Minutes of the Council Budget Workshop of February 4, 2023;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for January 2023;

- RESOLUTION NO. 187-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Lucky's Irish Pub and Grub, 529 Blondeau Street, effective March 3, 2023 – Class C Retail Alcohol License (pending dram);

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5324-5325;

Motion made by Garcia, second by Bryant to approve initial reading an Ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Iowa amending Chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles and golf carts.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. NAYS – None. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. NAYS – None. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Oltmans to

adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2037: Amending Chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles and golf carts (adding safety belts for required equipment for golf carts and remove sunset clause).

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. NAYS – None. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 188-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR FIREWORK DISPLAY WITH J&M DISPLAYS."

(7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 189-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY."

(7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 190-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH LYNCH DALLAS, PC." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 191-2023: "A RESOLUTION AWARDAING A CONTRACT FOR RAND PARK POND RESTORATION." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Citizen Dorothy Cackley expressed concern and asked council to reconsider project/alternatives.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 192-2023: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,995,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT



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AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA AND THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF \$3,160,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2023B, OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made Greenwald, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 194-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA AND THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF \$1,383,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2023C, AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES: APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE." (7)

AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Tillman, second by Oltmans to approve evaluation by an engineer for 629 Main Street paid for by ARPA funds. (6) AYES, (1) ABSTAIN – Crenshaw, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Second notification for Angela Gates to the Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling 3-year term to expire 9/1/2025.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Tillman to approve the Mayoral Appointment for Katherine Marion to the Keokuk Public Library Board fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 7/1/2025. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Garcia reported for Oakland Cemetery Initiative and plan for a 5k in July.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall updated on receipt of neighborhood planning grant; Wills reported on digester cleaning and potential revenue stream; Carroll updated on 18th street and various public works projects; Baum advised on status of testing for the department.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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Local News/Scene Around Town

Pate pushes National Change of Address process

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announces the annual National Change of Address process to maintain the accuracy of Iowa’s voter registration records is underway. Notices are being mailed to 90,948 registered voters in Iowa who have filed a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service during the past 12 months.

Voters that receive these cards should follow the instructions on the return postcard to verify or correct their voting address and return it to their county auditor’s office as soon as possible. Postage is prepaid.

“We want Iowa’s voters rolls to be as up-to-date and accurate as possible. Tens of thousands of Iowans move within the state each year. This is an important yearly procedure to ensure those moves are reflected accurately in the voter registration database,” Secretary Pate said.

The mailing is being conducted at the direction of Secretary Pate to ensure full compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which requires periodic contact with voters to ensure the most accurate information is on file.

Data indicates 38,804 registered voters moved within their county during the past year. 52,144 moved outside their county, but still within the State of Iowa.

For additional information, contact your County Auditor’s Office.



Courtesy Image

On Thursday, the new Fort Madison High School Ag Teacher, Mr. David Vance, hosted the first FFA Night for all high school students and 8th graders. Students participated in multiple fun activities and even had some winners at the end that received a prize! Pictured here is; (Left-Right) Allie Cline, Eva Genck, Alexis Whaley, Hadley Johnson, Cale Blanchard, Karson Dixon, Gavin Hasenclever, Grant Hasenclever, and Kaden Durbin holding their prizes of FFA shirts and hats.



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FMAAA welcomes Gunn to Gallery

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA Art Center welcomes accomplished artist and Bonaparte, Iowa native Carol Gunn to the Main Gallery for a month-long exhibition entitled Captured Impressions featuring pastel and new explorations in mixed media work. Please join Carol for the Opening Reception of her exhibit from 5pm to 7pm on March 3, 2023. The Art Center is located at 825 Avenue G and will have light snacks and beverages available. If you missed the fabulous February watercolors exhibit at the Art Center, you can still view it in March at Addington Place of Fort Madison located at 5025 River Valley Road. Addington place sponsored the exhibit at the Art Center in February and continues the tradition of hosting the traveling show in the second month it is available for viewing in our town. Both exhibitions will be on display from March 3rd until Friday March 31st in their respective locations.

Carol Gunn is a member of Iowa Artist and Iowa Pastel Society and is currently investigating color and a variety of techniques used to work with her favorite medium of pastels. Gunn states, “My subject matter tends to vary. I am influenced by color, texture, and reflected light. If an image attracts my attention, I want to draw it. It’s my way of capturing a moment of joy I’ve had while viewing an image. Some of the art I create has a story that goes with it. In other cases, I was mesmerized by something I felt when I saw it.” Carol’s work tends to be detail-oriented and realistic, her compositional skills honed by her many years employing the medium. It will be exciting to see her recognizable and skillful pastel work paired with the new mixed media direction she is exploring.

Carol Gunn attended IHCC in Centerville, Iowa, and was greatly influenced by her instructor Richard Dutton. She graduated with an AA Degree from IHCC then attended Northeast Missouri State University (NMSU), now known as Truman State University, in Kirksville, Missouri. After graduating from NEMU, Carol taught art at Fox Valley Schools for seven years. When her daughter, Erica, was born, she began teaching in the Harmony School District, where she taught 28 years before retiring. Carol says she, “was blessed with the joy of teaching many students and sharing the wonder of creating art.” Many of her students went on to successful careers in art. Carol is now happily retired and has time to devote to her own studio work and art practice. She loves gardening, and it’s not a surprise that one of her favorite subjects is floral. She also enjoys doing landscapes and still-life objects. She resides just a few miles outside of Bonaparte with her husband Allen. Captured Impressions is sponsored this month by Bartlett Instruments. Next month the Art Center will be hosting the annual High School Art Competition.

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