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# EMS levy approved



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Voters register at the Fort Madison Public Library at around 5:15 p.m. to vote on the Lee County Essential Services levy Tuesday in Fort Madison.

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES: All precincts surpass 60% approval for county measure

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County voters resoundingly said EMS ambulance services are essential services in the county.

Tuesday's special election measure asked Lee County voters to make ambulance services in the county essential as allowed by state code, after a law was passed during the 2022 legislative session.

The measure passed with 76.4% of the support of 2,102 voters in voting Tuesday in Lee County.

Every one of the county's ten precincts in the special election approved the measure with more than the state-mandated 60% +1

rule.

Lee County Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said he was humbled by the margin of support and said it validates the county's work over the past two years.

"Very happy with voters' decision. It's going to help with ambulance service for at least the next 10 years," he said. "It's very encouraging that we'll have that stability in purpose and focus for at least the next decade. It is considered an essential service now by the voters."

Fort Madison, which had a single polling place at the Public Library, passed the measure with a 343-77 margin of more than

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## SHOWCHOIR

### FMHS Music Dept. to host UNL Big Red Swingers

FORT MADISON - The FMHS Show Choirs are honored to host and perform alongside the University of Nebraska Lincoln's "Big Red Singers" Thursday.

A free concert, open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the FMHS Gymnasium and will feature: Crimson

and Black, Swingspan, and UNL's "Big Red Singers".

A free will donation will be collected. "Big Red Singers" are under the direction of Iowa Native, Dr. Pete Eklund. Dr. Eklund is a longtime friend of FMHS Vocal Music, clinicing and choreographing FMHS Show Choirs!

Dr. Eklund grew up in Creston, Iowa, attended the University of Iowa, and is most known for his time teaching at Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School.

"Big Red Singers" will be on their way to open for the Heart of America Show Choir Competition in Nashville this Saturday.

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### David Varley: General fund "sucking wind"

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison is staring at a \$200,000 dip in the general fund balance compared to last year, due mostly to a drop in sales tax proceeds.

Fort Madison City Manager David Varley told the Fort Madison City Council that the general fund balance is "sucking wind" with about four months remaining in the fiscal year.

"The balance of our general fund is down about a quarter of a million dollars or 22% and we don't like to see that trending downward," Varley said.

He said the state hasn't provided any information or data as to why the sales tax numbers are trending down substantially for the city.

"I don't know why. I've heard some cities are down. I checked with Mt. Pleasant today and they are right where they expected to be and Burlington is down, so it's a mixed bag," Varley said.



VARLEY

He said that kind of hit will be tough for the city to absorb.

"If that continues through the following year, you're looking at serious repercussions. The state has not been able to shed any light on it. It's certainly not good news, so we're watching every penny we spend carefully because everything adds up."

The city is also seeing a drop of about 5% in the Road Use tax fund or about \$46,000.

A bright spot includes the city's Hotel/Motel tax being up about 4%.

But he said all eyes are on the sales tax.

"The one we are worried most about is sales tax for the month. It was down 30% last month and year-to-date we're down 27% from where it was last year, which is a little over \$300,000."

He said the city has been down the first six of eight months of the fiscal year.

"I don't think we make that up, so it's reasonable to expect we could take a

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WED 08 Mar.....Mostly cloudy, gusty with chance of snow, 45° F/ 34° F  
 THU 09 Mar.....Cloudy, gusty, with rain likely, 42° F/ 32° F  
 FRI 10 Mar.....Mostly cloudy and breezy, 41° F/ 28° F

OpenWeatherMap

## IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 03/06.....217 25 35 50, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 2  
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 03/06.....3 7 24 25 28, Lucky Ball: 4  
 PICK 3 03/06 MIDDAY.....818  
 PICK 3 03/06 EVENING.....3 07  
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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### LARRY C. PAYNE

Larry Charles Payne, 79, of Keokuk, IA died Friday, March 3, 2023 at Sunset Home in Quincy, IL.

He was born December 12, 1943 in Kansas City, MO the son of Floyd and Della Kneale Payne. Larry graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1963.



PAYNE

On February 10, 1962 Larry was united in marriage to Becky Thompson. They later divorced. On July 23, 1983 Larry was united in marriage to Susan Merideth in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on January 8, 2023.

He had been employed as a machinist and owned and operated Payne Machine Shop and worked at various shops in the area. He later was the owner and operator of the Red Wagon and Half Time Deli and Sports Bar in Keokuk from 1994-2010.

Larry loved music and was a bassist in several different bands through the years, including Spiritual Aires, Larry, Larry, & Larry, Rubber Band and Ace in the Hole. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan. Larry enjoyed traveling and especially loved to visit his birth town, Kansas City. Larry also enjoyed going out to lunch with his friends from the Class of 1963. He really enjoyed signing karaoke.

He is survived by one son, Sam (Kris) Payne of Keokuk, three grandchildren, Gabe (Lauren) Payne of Moore, OK, Nicholas Payne of Keokuk and Carrie Payne of Hamilton, IL and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Bob (Mary) Payne and Gary (Trish) Payne of Keokuk, two sisters, Peggy Skinner of Keokuk and Vicki (Denis) Pezley of Palmyra, MO, one sister-in-law, Suzan Payne of Keokuk, half-brother, David Payne, and two half-sisters, Melody Krone and Lisa Demond and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his wife, he is also preceded in death by his parents, one son, Larry M. Payne, one grandson, Jeff Coovert, one sister, Patsy Bell, one brother, Ron Payne, one niece, Kayle Payne, one nephew, R.J. Payne, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ellsworth and Marty Merideth and one brother-in-law, Jim Merideth.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Donnie Skinner officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service, Friday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 3-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to KPlay.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLES R. STEELE

Charles Richard "Dick" Steele, 81, of Keokuk, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at his home in Keokuk.

Dick was born May 27, 1941, to Richard John & Rosa Viola (Barthalamew)



STEELE

Steele at the family's home in Keokuk. In April of 1959, Dick was united in marriage to Marla J. Huston. They had four children together and later divorced. On December 5, 2006, Dick was united in marriage to Alice A. Garrison. She survives.

Dick spent his working career all over the United States. He started out as an apprentice plumber in Keokuk and also was a project manager at the Keosippi Mall and project manager superintendent at Dial outside of Fort Madison, Iowa. Dick worked at the Orlando Airport and also the Space Center in Florida. He was in charge of hazardous waste at Midway Island, Hawaii and was involved with a million-dollar trash-to-energy prototype at Brenderson. Before retirement, he worked at the shutdowns of nuclear power plants.

Dick loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals, Iowa Hawkeyes and NASCAR. He enjoyed writing many articles that were published on the opinion pages of both the Daily Gate City and Hawkeye newspapers and he loved to travel.

Left to grieve are his loving wife, Alice; six children: Tammy Jean Steele of Colorado, Kurt Allan (fiancé Maria) Steele of Keokuk, Matthew Richard Steele of Keokuk, Michael Earnest (Bobbi) Page of Keokuk, Mary Lynne Kindhart of Keokuk and Jeffrey S. Page of Mississippi; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many good friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and daughter Michelle Anette Steele.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Friday, March 10, 2023 at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. Memorials may be made out to P.A.W. Animal Shelter.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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



Lunch Specials  
March 3 - 10  
11am - 1pm

Monday, March 6

Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes

Tuesday, March 7

Chicken Fajitas, Brownies

Wednesday, March 8

Mini Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Thursday, March 9

Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, March 10

Fish & Shrimp Dinners

## Sales tax dip hurting city funds

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\$200,000 hit to sales tax, which hits the general fund, which means every single penny we spend we need to watch," Varley said.

"If we end the year \$200,000 less than what we planned, that's a huge hit. That's half our parks' budget right there."

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld asked Varley if the city's franchise tax could have hurt the sales tax proceeds locally.

Varley again said the state has not been able to provide any information or data to explain why the city's revenues are down substantially, and that includes the impact of the franchise tax.

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### DONNA K. LAUBERSHEIMER

Donna Kay Laubersheimer, 71, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.



Donna was born on August 4, 1951, the daughter of Raymond and Forrest Rose (Cottrell) Morgan. On June 7, 1997, she was united in marriage to Wayne Laubersheimer at their home in Keokuk. He survives.

Donna graduated from Clark County High School in 1969, and went on to work at Sheller-Globe for thirty years, retiring in 2007. She enjoyed spending her free time fishing, mushroom hunting, horseback riding, and shopping on QVC. Donna will always be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, and her selfless love for others. She loved to tell stories, and was a giving person, even if it was giving you a hard time.

Donna is survived by her husband Wayne Laubersheimer of Keokuk; her son Shane Harris of Columbia, Missouri; her daughter April (Mike) Girard of Monument, Colorado; two step-children: Kirsten (Mike) Frick and Lindsey Laubersheimer, both of Charleston, South Carolina; five grandchildren: Allison Harris, Emily Harris, Brielle Girard, Hudson Frick and Wilder Frick; two brothers: Jay (Cheryl) Morgan and Dennis Morgan; her sister Judy Bogener; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, her brother-in-law Sam Bogener and her sister-in-law Judy Morgan.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Friday, March 10, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at the Kahoka City Cemetery in Kahoka, Missouri. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1 to 2 pm on Friday directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Keokuk Humane Society.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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

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## OBITUARIES

### VERNA M. COLYER

Verna Mae (Burgdorf-Dains) Colyer, 90, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2023, at Arbor Court in Mount Pleasant.



COLYER

Verna was born near Vieli, Iowa, on September 21, 1932, to Paul and Sophia (Heiser) Burgdorf. She lived near Donnellson all her life. She graduated from the Donnellson High School in 1950. Murel and Verna were married in 1970. Verna was a thirty nine year retiree of the Central Lee Community School District. She was a member of Embury United Methodist Church and the Embury United Women in Faith.

Surviving are three children, Nina Lange (Bernard) of Donnellson, Iowa, Stephanie Reneau (Edward) of Warsaw, Illinois, and William P. Dains (Linda) of Donnellson, Iowa, grandchildren, Justin Reneau, Carlee Ann Jenkins (Chris), Christy Brisley (Aaron), Miranda Miller, Paulette Hayes, Merridith McMurray, Tonya Harvey (Leonard), Seth Dains, Clayton Dains (Mary Ann), one sister in-law Darlene Burgdorf of O'Fallon,

Illinois, thirteen great grandchildren, Samuel (Kaitlyn) and Micheal Lange, Jennifer and Maia Jenkins, Dakota, Tyler and Izaac Miller, Hannah and Erica Brisley, Haley and Ethan Hayes, Emma and Everlee Harvey, one great-great grandchild Sydney Lange, four step children and several step grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Murel, daughter Denise Marie, her parents, two sisters, three brothers and one grandson.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2023, at Embury United Methodist Church near Donnellson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2023, at Embury United Methodist Church with Rev. Kayla Lange-Carney officiating.

Burial will be in Embury Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Embury Cemetery or Embury United Women in Faith.

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

### BERTHA H. COPELAND

Bertha Helen Copeland, 82 years, of Fort Madison died Monday, March 6, 2023 at the OakView Nursing Home, Burlington, Iowa. She was born May



COPELAND

6, 1940 at Fairfield, Iowa, a daughter of Ernest Calvin "Larry" Jr. and Lida Darlene (Berry) Noon. On February 25, 1961, she married Marvin LaVerne Copeland at Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death June 16, 2006.

She was a homemaker and she also worked for the Wishing Well Antique Shop. She enjoyed doing needle work and reading.

She is survived by one daughter, Melissa Copeland, of Fort Madison, Iowa; two brothers: Ernie (Billie)

Noon, of Mission, Texas, Richard (Nancy) Noon, of Fort Madison, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister, Syble Timmerman.

Family will greet friends from 1:00 to 2:00 pm Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Graveside services will be 1:00 pm Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa, with Pastor Les Featheringill officiating. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Copeland Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at City Hall 307 E. Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.**  
**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public - All items with an asterisk(\*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
3. Receive & file communications.
4. Approve agenda.
- \*5. Approve minutes of

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previous meetings.  
 \*6. Approve payment of bills.

\*7. Receive report of Officers including Transfer Resolution approving February transfers.

8. Old Business-  
 a) 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on FRATCO zone change.

b) 1st reading of proposed ordinance on FRA TCO zone change.

c) 2nd reading/adopt proposed ordinance amending Parks & Recreation fees waiving 3rd reading.

\*c) Renewal of a Class F Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Mt. Pleasant Golf & Country Club at 2275 Hickory Avenue.

9. New Business-  
 a) Resolution setting date for Public Hearing on City of Mount Pleasant 2023/2024 proposed property tax levy.

b) Approve Police Department computer lease.

c) Salary Resolution for Anthony Blint, Assistant Fire Chief.

d) Salary Resolution for Reserve Volunteer Firefighter.

e) Approve Standard Operating Guidelines -Revision #11 for the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

f) Approve Volunteer Fire Department officer salaries.

g) Award demolition bid for 102 N. Harrison.  
 h) Approve site plan for townhomes at 600 blocks of W. Washington and W. Monroe.

10. Public Forum.

11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MOUNT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 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: Crull, McWilliams, White, Griffith,

Batty  
 Absent: Engberg  
 It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote:

the minutes of the January 25, 2023, City Council meeting;

the payment of bills totaling \$179,750.56;

the Report of officers including the following receipts for January:

\$98,194.96 General Fund; \$91,850.55 Road Use Fund; \$97,573.35 TIF; 6,252.25 Local Option Sales Tax; \$14,880.06 Debt Service; \$52,860.65 Capital Projects; \$185,637.43 Sewer Revenue; \$40,552.18 Solid Waste; \$208.25 Library General Fund; \$198.09 Library Gift Fund;

And the following disbursements for the month of January -

\$231,722.93 General Fund; \$68,450.74 Road Use Tax; \$64,000 TIF; \$133,052.48 Capital Projects; \$1,420 Trust & Agency; \$50,563.72 Sewer Operation & Maint.; (\$21,370.29) ARP/Covid Relief Funds; \$42,107.69 Solid Waste; \$33,614.97 Library; \$1,916.95 Library Gift;

And Transfer Resolution No. 2023-11- including the following transfers for the month of January

-\$29,862 from General Fund to Library Fund 1/12 operating expenses for FYE23; \$92,834 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Sinking for 1/12 SRF Loan disbursements for FYE23; \$75,000 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Operation & Maint.;

the renewal of a Class B Retail Native Wine License for ETC at 120 S. Main Street;

the renewal of a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Dollar General #2010 at 710 Grand Avenue.

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember White seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Crull motioned and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-12:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2022 TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING WITH THE HENRY COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember McWilliams motioned and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-13:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,700,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2023, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF**

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 White that the Council approve the LED lighting proposal for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion approved, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams

and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council approve the purchase of a new Police Vehicle. The purchase price is \$44,040 from Stivers Ford Waukee, Iowa this is the state bid price. The Personnel and Finance Committee approved the purchase. Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Griffith motioned and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-14:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT AND IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES**

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember White motioned and Councilmember McWilliams seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-15:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR DOWNTOWN WEST GATEWAY PLAZA, MOUNT PLEASANT, IA 2023**

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 adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-16:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLATS**

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Crull seconded that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Service Agreement for the Airport Hangar Door Replacement. Motion carried, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-17:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW J. PIERCE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES**

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

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 White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-18:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADAM J. FLAKE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Batty and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-19:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEREK J. DIETRICH TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES

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

McWilliams that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to meet in a regular session on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Steven K Brimhall, Mayor  
ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

#### PUBLIC NOTICE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NEW CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to Bidders  
Iowa Department of  
Natural Resources

Starting July 27th, 2022, the Department of Natural Resources will be accepting sealed construction bids via email.

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50319-0034, or via email at [constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov) until 11:00am, March 23, 2023 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. After the bid opening, bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>. In addition to attending the bid opening in person, interested parties may also call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

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Sealed bids sent via email must be sent to [constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov). All bids, and required documentation, must contain a scanned

original signature. – Electronic signatures are not allowed. When emailing bid documents, the subject line of the email must state the following: Project Number, Project Name, and Bid Letting Date. Please ensure the first page of the emailed attachment, or first of multiple attachments, is the bid proposal. No bids shall be accepted via FAX.

Note: The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources shall not consider bids if they are not received by the Department of Natural Resources mail room or reception staff, by the time and date described in this Notice to Bidders, regardless of whether the bid was mailed or received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or other state government location prior to that time and date.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit [www.beelineandblue.com](http://www.beelineandblue.com) or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information. Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>.

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials

on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. Scanned copies of the bid security will be accepted for those bidders submitting bids electronically. Additionally, the submission of an electronic bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, the original security must be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 within (5) business days of the bid letting date. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance, within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract, will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

**JOHNSON COUNTY  
PROJECT NO.  
21-06-52-04**

Iowa River Wildlife Unit  
Swan Lake Road Culvert Replacement  
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00  
Completion Date: 07/28/2023

Project Description: This project consists of replacing an existing reinforced concrete box on Swan Lake Road in the Iowa River Wildlife Unit.

**UNION COUNTY  
PROJECT  
NO. 21-04-88-03**

Green Valley State Park  
Spillway Repair  
Proposal Guarantee: \$25,000.00  
Completion Date: 08/15/2023

Project Description: Miscellaneous repair work for dam spillway that includes slab/wall joint & seal, partial depth concrete repair, concrete demolition, structural concrete wall and reinforced concrete slabs.

**HARRISON, MONONA,  
SHELBY AND  
WOODBURY COUNTIES  
PROJECT  
NO. 21-04-43-02**

Missouri River Wildlife Unit  
Flood Damage Repairs  
Proposal Guarantee: \$37,500.00  
Completion Date: September 30, 2023

Project Description: This project consists of FEMA repairs by removing sediment, fixing parking lots, water control structures, pipes and roadways in various locations in Woodbury, Monona, Harrison and Shelby Counties.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON CSD  
WORK SESSION/  
SPECIAL MEETING  
03/06/2023 06:00 PM  
CENTRAL OFFICE  
BOARDROOM  
1930 AVENUE M  
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees  
Voting Members  
Dianne Hope, Director  
Lois DiPrima, Director  
Brad Menke, Director  
Carol Ross, Director  
Mio Santiago, Vice President  
Paul Wilkerson, Director  
Non-Voting Members  
Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent  
Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services  
Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services

I. Call Meeting to order and determination of a quorum  
The meeting was called to order by Vice President Santiago at 6:00 p.m.

II. Consider approval of the agenda  
Motion made by: Lois DiPrima

Motion seconded by: Brad Menke  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved

III. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding between FMCS Board of Directors and FFA Foundation  
Motion made by: Brad Menke  
Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima

Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
IV. Discussion / Update Secondary/Post Secondary Opportunities  
The Board participated in a discussion session regarding Post Secondary and Concurrent educational opportunities for the students of Fort Madison Community School District.

V. Certified Budget FY2023-2024 discussion  
The Board participated in a discussion session regarding the Certified Budget for FY2023-2024.

VI. Announcements  
I. Spring Break: March 13-17, 2023  
II. Regular Board Meeting: March 20, 2023, 6:00 PM at Central Office  
VII. Adjourn  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson  
 Motion seconded by: Carol Ross  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
 MINUTES FOR TH  
 LEE COUNTY  
 CONSERVATION  
 BOARD MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 10, 2022  
 LEE COUNTY  
 CONSERVATION  
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 MONTROSE, IA 52639**

1. Called to Order at 4:00 p.m.  
 Roll Call: Alton x, Pollpeter x, Moore x, Patrick x, VanPelt x  
 Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Risser, Davis  
 Supervisor: Holmes  
 2. Approval of Agenda  
 Motion by Alton to approve the agenda  
 2nd: Moore  
 Motion Carried  
 3. Approval of Minutes from October 11, October 14, and November 3, 2022  
 Motion by VanPelt to approve the minutes  
 2nd: Alton  
 Motion Carried  
 4. Public Input  
 None  
 5. Approval of the Bills  
 VanPelt asked noted a missing price on the Midwest Alarm bill. Veihl stated she would make this correction. Alton asked about the bill from Hall Excavating for digging out the Heron Bend boat ramp. Huebner responded that our staff does not have the equipment to complete this task. Alton asked where tree stumps were removed from. Huebner responded that they were removed from the Pollmiller campground. VanPelt asked if the solar panel seemed to be saving LCC money. Veihl responded that it had been here prior to her arrival and she would have to look into it. Motion by Alton to approve the bills  
 2nd: Moore  
 Motion Carried  
 6. Approval of the Financial Report  
 Motion by VanPelt to approve the financial report  
 2nd: Alton  
 Motion Carried  
 7. Take Possible Action on Denning Wildlife Management Area Plan  
 Huebner stated that the Board needed to take action on the Denning Wildlife Management Area Plan discussed in the previous meeting. Moore asked if there were any changes to the document since the previous meeting. Huebner responded

that no changes had been made. The Board discussed that this plan was the reason for lessening the amount of leased crop land each year and noted that the DNR will be responsible for any of the costs related to preserving the barn. Motion by Alton to approve the Denning Wildlife Management Area Plan from the DNR  
 2nd: Patrick  
 Motion Carried  
 8. Take Possible Action on Turkey Run Farm Leases  
 One bid was received from Troy DeRoos, the previous lease holder, for \$176 per acre. Motion by Alton to accept the bid from DeRoos for \$176 per acre  
 2nd: VanPelt  
 Motion Carried  
 9. Take Possible Action on Denning Farm Lease  
 Due to accepting the new Denning Wildlife Management Area Plan from the DNR, the Board had to reject all bids.  
 Motion by Alton to reject all bids received for the denning Farm Lease  
 2nd: VanPelt  
 Motion Carried  
 10. Discuss and Take Possible Action on New Denning Farm lease  
 Huebner presented the Board with a new Denning Farm Lease Agreement with changes that aligned with the Denning Wildlife Management Area Plan. The new agreement would decrease the amount of leased cropland each year over the next 3 year. Huebner had the County Attorney look over and approve the new agreement.  
 Motion by Alton to accept the new Denning Farm Lease  
 2nd: Patrick  
 Motion Carried  
 Motion by Patrick to go back out to bid with the new agreement with bid being accepted until a special meeting on November 22 at 4pm  
 2nd: Moore  
 Motion Carried  
 11. Take Possible Action on Approving Truck for 23-24 Fiscal Year  
 Huebner stated that due

to manufacturing being backed up nearly a year now is the time to put the order in for the truck replacement budgeted for next fiscal year. She presented the Board with 3 quotes from area dealers for a F350 Supercab Pickup. The lowest quote came from Jim Baier at \$57,270. There might be minor price fluctuations at the actual time of purchase.  
 Motion by Alton to accept the quote from Jim Baier and put an order in for the F350 at \$57,270

2nd: Moore  
 Motion Carried  
 12. Staff & Director Reports  
 Risser gave the education report highlighting the end of field trip season and a busy schedule of in class school programs.  
 Oldfield gave the parks report highlighting high camping numbers for October, a successful Trout Release event, adding concrete around some fire rings, and attending the annual CCPOA.  
 Huebner gave the director report highlighting

a change to the Wilson Lake playground install to staff and having the installation costs refunded, meeting with the engineer and West Point City Administrator on the Pollmiller Trail project, which is on track for spring, a possible bear taxidermy donation to the Conservation Center for display, and a successful Chicken Dinner Fundraiser.  
 13. Board Member Comments  
 Moore gave an update on dirt bike and ATV use at Chatfield Park where

Sheriff's Deputies did not issue tickets. Moore reached out to Sheriff Weber about this and was reassured that tickets would be given out for future activities like such.  
 14. Adjournment  
 Motion by Moore to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m.  
 2nd: Alton  
 Motion Carried  
 Tom Pollpeter, LCCB President  
 Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

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## Sports/From the Front

# Voters approve essential services at close to 80%

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81%.

Keokuk, with three polling locations within city limits, combined to pass the essential services vote with a total vote of 449-105 or 81%. The city has been without an emergency room service locally for the past five months.

Seyb said there was no intentionality to the added Keokuk polling locations, saying the county had taxpayers in mind. He said there is also a precedent of running one polling place in Fort Madison.

“What we were looking at, I know I was, was the cost-savings measure, and not how many precincts were in either city. If we’re going to run all of the polling sites, that’s an additional cost factor. And we’re looking at savings wherever we can for the taxpayers,” he said.

“It’s something we can look at in the future and try to remedy. In hindsight, it’s something, but there was no intentionality there. It was purely a cost-savings measure.”

The measure will allow a county panel to set an EMS essential services levy in place for the next 10 years. Director Mark Long said that will generate about \$1.2 million per year based on current estimates if the panel sets the levy at the maximum 75 cents/\$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The county is projecting expenses at about \$4.5 million for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. Revenues through billing and the state’s Ground Emergency Medical Transport subsidy for public ambulance services are projected at about \$2.4 million.

Seyb said the large margin of victory in the measure shows the voters have spoken.

“I believe this gives the board its marching orders regarding the EMS to citizens of Lee County. I hear you,” he said.

“I’ve got to be honest with you, this helps validate what the board’s been doing for the past two years. The focus it took when we saw the financial collapse of an EMS service that provided service for 25 years and did so very well.

“But it’s a sign of the times. (The county) cannot rely on a private service to provide EMS service that county voters said is essential. This is an inspiring validation and a mandate of what it must do going forward.”

## Central Lee’s Hohl completes training

DONNELLSON, IOWA — Central Lee High School Senior Jacob Hohl recently completed a robust online training that will prepare him to tackle complex cybersecurity challenges.

Hohl, a member of the Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC), completed the training from Fortinet through the Iowa Communications Network (ICN).

This school year, several students in the SYBAC have worked on completing Fortinet’s Network Security Expert (NSE) 1 certificate. Through the training, students develop a foundational understanding of the ever-increasing threat landscape and common network security concepts. The certificate is valid for two years from the date completed.

“We are incredibly proud of Jacob and his fellow SYBAC members for completing this valuable training, which will serve them for years to come as they explore potential careers in technology-focused fields,” said Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent of the Central Lee Community School District. “Cybersecurity is a rapidly growing field, and we are thankful to ICN for providing this important learning opportunity for students in Central Lee and across Iowa.”

As members of the SYBAC, high school students have the opportunity to research and discuss broadband and internet topics, learn about Iowa technology companies, and complete cybersecurity certification training.

Learn more about Fortinet’s self-paced NSE Training Institute courses at <https://www.fortinet.com/blog/business-and-technology/fortinet-offers-free-cybersecurity-training-courses>.

# FMHS’ Kruse named to IGCA 3rd-team All-State

FORT MADISON - Camille Kruse added an all-state honor to go with her post-season awards on Tuesday.

The Fort Madison High School senior was named a third-team Class 3A all-state selection by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association.

Kruse, who shared the Southeast Conference player of the year honors and was an all-district selection by the IGCA, finished as the only Bloodhound girls basketball player to top the 1,000-point career milestone.

She started all 23 games this season, averaging 17.7 points. She led Fort Madison with 102 assists and 102 steals, and was second on the team with 133 rebounds.

Kruse was the only area player named to the all-state list by the IGCA.

SEI Superconference players honored were WACO’s Ellah Kissell (Class 1A first team), Winfield-Mount Union’s Bradie Buffington (Class 1A second team), West Burlington’s Abbey Bence (Class 2A second team), and Mediapolis’ Peyton Bush (Class 2A third team).

Buffington was a first-team Class 1A selection by the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association, which released its all-state teams on Tuesday.

Kissell was a second-team pick. Bush was a 2A third-team selection.

## AG Bird joins consumer protection lawsuit against China’s TikTok

DES MOINES— Attorney General Bird joined 46 states in an amicus brief Monday, requesting that TikTok, Inc. fully comply with a multistate investigation into whether the China-owned company violated consumer protection laws.

The bipartisan coalition of states is seeking internal TikTok communications to determine if the company has been engaging in unlawful conduct that impacts youth mental health. Research studies have shown that social media platforms, including TikTok, contribute to youth mental health problems and even suicidal thoughts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) found that almost one-third of teenage girls seriously considered suicide in 2021, a nearly 60% increase from a decade prior.

Attorneys General have a duty to protect children from dangerous and illegal business practices run by foreign powers. Despite requests for TikTok’s internal communications, the Chinese company repeatedly and knowingly failed to preserve relevant information by allowing employees to continue sending auto-deleting chats through the chat-app Lark. The little they did provide was in an almost impossible-to-read format. Due to social media’s significant role in the ongoing youth mental health crisis, it is critical that TikTok provide all relevant internal communications so that the investigation can continue and develop an understanding of whether the company violated any laws.

“We need to hold social media companies such as TikTok accountable and address our growing youth mental-health crisis,” Attorney General Bird said. “Millions of minors across America use these social media platforms daily. TikTok has grown China’s global presence and given them direct influence over our children. We must evaluate TikTok’s business practices to determine whether it has broken laws and engaged in conduct that hurts youth mental health.”

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