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## Marina coming along "nicely"



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The gate to Dock E shows the modern style of the city's new marina project. Several docks have been completed and more are underway down on the Fort Madison riverfront.

### PROGRESS: Construction moving along; hospitality center on hold for permitting

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld gave a brief update Tuesday night on the city's ongoing marina project.

Plans for the self-proclaimed 5-star marina are moving forward, but there has been a hitch in the progress of the privately-funded hospitality center.

Mohrfeld said progress there is hung up in bureaucracy.

"The hospitality center is at a stalemate with FEMA on permitting," Mohrfeld said. "It's not through any fault of their own, but the bureaucratic slow down of touching water."

"That is coming along, and we will be getting a zoom update on that at the end of the week."

Mohrfeld also clarified the road along the river has been replaced with a 10-foot recreational path along the river.

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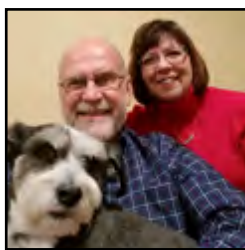
### OPINION

## Thunderstorm 'stocks' Empty Nest farmstead

It was hot and muggy, with temperatures in the low nineties in Missouri (making it misery) and high eighties in Iowa—unusually hot for early May. Ginnie and I had been in Liberty, Missouri for a surprise 70th birthday party for her sister. Pulling into our driveway we noticed the garbage can blown over and one of my sculptures, Mr. Olson (made out of Folgers coffee cans), with his arm

### EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



broken off. There had been wind.

As we unloaded the car, we noticed storm clouds, with a greenish tint, brewing all around us. Uh, oh. We

were in for it.

We turned on the tv to watch Sixty Minutes. However, there was a Weather Alert. A harried weather person was standing in front of a brightly colored weather map, pointing out areas of hail, high wind, and tornado cells, just north of us, heading east. "Take shelter" she was advising.

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### WEST POINT NEWS

## Summer read program starts June 5 at WP library

BY DARA SANDERS  
WP Public Library Director

WEST POINT - West Point Public Library urges families to go to the library and sign up for Find Your Voice!

The West Point Public Library launches its Find Your Voice! summer reading program on Monday, June 5. To kick off our Summer Reading Program we are hosting a Family STEAM Night on June 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. There will be a variety of hands-on STEAM activities for all ages, plus free balloon animals and even a special story time

During the next two months, the library will host a range of free activities for children through adults to encourage and support a love of reading.

Youth participants will receive a chain necklace and earn brag tags by returning weekly reading logs as well as earn tickets to enter into one of three grand prize drawings. Adults can get in on the action too by earning raffle tickets for themed baskets. All children (ages 2-12) who return at least one reading log will receive a free book at the end of the summer! Registration begins May 30 and can be done online or in person.

"We've planned a wonderful program for kids to make the library a great place to read, learn, and discover what's available for their enjoyment," said Dara Sanders, library director. Similar to last year, the majority of the youth programs will be held outside this summer in the shelter house on the square across from the library. This includes our Preschool Story Time on Mondays from 10:00-10:45 am and our Wednesday Afternoon Summer Programs/ Performers. The library is excited to welcome Absolute Science's Mega Foam Blaster Cannon and the Fantastic Foam and More Show, Sheltered Reality, Ma-

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### WEATHER

THU 18 May.....	Mostly sunny and warm, 81° F/ 60° F
FRI 19 May.....	Chance of showers and thunderstorms, 71° F/ 47° F
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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### ELSIE M. POULTER

Elsie Mae Poulter, 89, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at The Kensington in Fort Madison.

Elsie was born August 30, 1933 near Colusa, Illinois, the daughter of Alfred Kenton and Osa Mabel (Knisley) Lowman. On June 8, 1951 she married Richard "Dick" Poulter in Dallas City. He preceded her in death November 21, 2020.



POULTER

Elsie attended school in Dallas City, Illinois. She enjoyed baking, cooking, traveling, playing cards and painting, especially ceramic painting. She was a member of the former King's Daughters and the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Fort Madison.

Survivors include two sons: Randy (Cindy) Poulter of Montrose, Iowa and Kendall (Ann) Poulter of Leesburg, Virginia; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren and three sisters-in-law: Bonnie Kershner, Shirley Poulter and Ellen Poulter.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City, with Pastor Leslie Dalstra officiating. For those interested, the family plans to gather at The Pink following the graveside.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Dallas City is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Elsie's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

## Cozy Kids Crochet Club aimed at area youth

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gician Makayla Oz, Lee County Conservation, and Lee County Extension to our library this summer. For kids wanting to learn how to crochet, we are offering the Cozy Crochet Club. This is geared towards kids entering 3rd - 6th grade and will meet on Thursdays beginning on June 8. For our adult patrons, we are excited to have our Geri-Fit program continuing on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00-1:45 pm. Geri-Fit is a video-led strength training exercise class for older adults. On Fridays, Mahjong is played starting at 1:30 pm. All skills levels are welcome and we are happy to teach anyone wanting to learn.

In addition to our regular programs, we are also offering three special adult events. The first being "Remembering the Apron" on June 22 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm featuring presenter Sheila Craig and 100 of her 400-apron collection. Next is a Painting Party on June 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm (registration required). Finally, there is the Glass Plate Project Open House on July 20 at 6:00 pm where the Library's Glass Plate Negative Collection featuring 300 plus local

portraits from the 1930's will be on display.

There's also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents summer reading loss. "Studies also indicate students who read recreationally outperformed those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests," Sanders, added. "Our library is committed to supporting lifelong learning and educational enrichment for all families."

Throughout the summer, when you stop by our library, you will be able to go on a Library Treasure Hunt, help us complete our sticker mosaic, take a StoryWalk™ around town, and check out the Putnam Museum Pass! Don't forget about our book sale on June 8 - 10 during our normal operating hours. There is so much to see and do at the West Point Public Library this summer, so if you would like to learn more, print out a complete calendar of events, and/or to register please give us a call at (319) 837-6315, visit our website [www.westpoint.lib.ia.us](http://www.westpoint.lib.ia.us), or stop by the library.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### WALT BAKER

Walt Baker, 75, of Keokuk, IA, died Sunday, May 14, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

He was born November 7, 1947 in Keokuk, IA the son of Walt Sr. and Dorcas E. "Duke" Varner Baker. After his parents' divorce, he was raised by Philip and Dorcas Rose. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1967.



BAKER

On August 26, 1967 Walt was united in marriage to Phyllis Lloyd. For just over fifty-five years they shared a love which saw them through the joys and sorrow of life. He was endlessly devoted to his wife and lovingly referred to her as "Tiger." There was nothing he loved more than his wife. She survives.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis Baker, one daughter, Terrie Baker, two sons, Corey Baker (Amber) and Tony Baker (Jenny), ten grandchildren, Steph Riddle (Matt), Joey Martens (Amber), T.J. Martens, Dylan Campbell (Alli), Mason Baker, Logan Baker, Lylah Baker, Colton Baker, Luke Baker and Remi Baker and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Riddle, Grayson Riddle and Wyatt Martens. He is also survived by one half-sister, Linda Blankenship (Gordy).

He was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Robert and Simone Lloyd.

Walt was the owner of Keokuk Contractors in Keokuk, IA until his retirement in 2011.

He was a member of Quail Forever and a lifetime member of the Keokuk Sports Boosters. Walt was known for his service to the community. He was a volunteer for the Jackson Township Fire Department and he also volunteered at God's Way Food Pantry.

Faith was an active and vital part of his life. He enjoyed reading his Bible and participated in Bible studies. Walt was an outdoorsman and loved hunting. Most of all, he cherished the time he spent with his family and loved spending time with them.

According to his wishes, there will be no services.

Memorials may be made to God's Way Food Pantry or K-Play for handicapped accessible restrooms.

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

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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## OBITUARIES

### BEVERLY A. STEVENS

Beverly Ann Stevens, 85, of Croton, Iowa, passed away at 9:55 a.m. Sunday, May 14, 2023, at her home.

Born on December 19, 1937, in Argyle, Iowa, the daughter of James and Marie (Carter) Horsey. On October 19, 1957, in Donnellson, Iowa, she married Bill G. Stevens. He preceded her in death on June 21, 2021.



STEVENS

Survivors include three children: Daniel Stevens of Farmington, Michelle Toops of Farmington and Lynn (Tim) Kracht of Farmington; nine grandchildren: Lisa Hassan, Dakota Stevens, Tyler Drummond, Tanner (Shaylee) Drummond, Terra (Tyler) Wiseman, Trenton Drummond, Reece Kracht, Callie Kracht and Gabe Payne; five great grandchildren: Amman, Aammin, Jaxon, Lennox and Sagan; sister: Mae Conn of Montrose and brother-in-law: Clayton (Lelia) Stevens.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Bill; daughter: Teri Jo; two brothers: Tom and Harold; two sisters: Bonnie and Nancy.

Bev was a member of Embury United Methodist Church and Croton Ladies Aid. She worked for Sheaffer Pen Company then later retired from Sheller-Globe with over forty years of service. Bev enjoyed going to yard sales, bingo, her flowers, music and was very musically oriented. She especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren and great grandchildren's extracurricular activities. She loved her family.

The family will meet with friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Rev. Kayla Lange-Carney officiating.

Burial will be held in Embury Cemetery near Donnellson.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Farmington EMTs.

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

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## From the Front

# Wellness paths adding depth to city's marina project

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"The river road has been not put back into the plan and it has been supplanted with a wellness path. The concept there is that you don't put cars in between attractions and people," the mayor said.

"So people that are taking advantage of amenities in the park can use the path and access the river. However, the north road will be a two-lane road."

He said the rest of the roughly \$14 million marina project is coming along "nicely".

Several sets of docks are currently installed and operational with boats already moored to the structures. Another dock, Dock B, is currently under construction. At Tuesday's meeting, the board approved another \$35,433 for jet-ski lifts that will go along the east marina wall.

Motorists that have come around the marina on Hwy. 61 or traveled

down into the park have seen the ballard lights that adorn the wellness path built on top of the jetty wall.

Railings and dock gates are currently being installed and Mohrfeld said they serve to help brand the new project.

Concrete approaches have also been added to the newly poured boat ramp on the marina's west side as are other improvements.

"The lighting is going up and if, you haven't been by at night, the ballards are lit on the jetty. The pier has been poured with the wellness trail that comes all the way around to the boat ramp.

That's a very attractive look and has nice symmetry at night as it reflects out of the pool."

Mohrfeld added the bids for asphalt for the parking lot are coming in and that work should be delegated soon.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A new 10-foot wellness path has replaced the road next to the river on the east part of Riverview Park. The path will hook up with another path that runs along the marina and out to turnaround on the jetty wall.

# BACK PAIN?

**Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?**

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a **100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE** at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have been told about their backs. That's why it's important I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

**MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is ALWAYS caused by a herniated disc!**

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



**MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!**

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy?") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

**MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!**

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

**It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!**

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

**MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"**

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

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**MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!**

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

**WOULDN'T YOU RATHER:**

**Turn over in bed without pain waking you up?**

Get up in the morning without being as stiff as a board?

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- Bent...crooked off to one side and can't stand up straight if your life depended on it
- Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
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# Cornstock storm blows through farm

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

"We should be okay," I told Ginnie.

Just then the wind hit, I looked out the window and corn stalks from the fields were flying by in a straight line. The power went out. About five seconds later, it came back on. Our generator had kicked in. As I was shutting off the central air, rain slammed the side of the house, and it turned black outside. I looked at Ginnie, she looked at me. I said, "Basement. Now. You grab Buddy, I'll grab Stormy. Let's go!"

In the basement, with Buddy on Ginnie's lap, and Stormy, our cat, prowling around, yowling, the hail hit. I looked outside through the egress window. Marble size hail was peppering the lawn like popcorn. The sound was deafening.

We were in the basement maybe an hour, coming upstairs periodically to see what was going on. Trees were whipping around like hula dancers, and cars were pulled over on the side of the highway, their lights illuminating a frightful scene of cornstalks, rain and hail.

Then the storm just stopped. The sun came out in the west, and the sky overhead looked like marshmallows. A rainbow actually appeared in the east. Glory!

The next day we surveyed the damage while we picked up limbs. There were two inches of rain in the rain gauge. A flowering pear tree I planted last year was snapped off. The hail hadn't damaged our metal roof or the vinyl siding. One of my sculptures had blown across Highway 34 and was resting in the median. We were lucky it hadn't caused an accident. And there were drifts of cornstalks and shucks everywhere, some of them knee deep and deeper. What a mess! "How are we going to clean this up?" I asked Ginnie. She shrugged her shoulders. "I know. I'll plant tomatoes and peppers. I can spread the stalks and shucks around the plants to keep down the weeds. When it storms corn, don't be forlorn!" Ginnie rolled her eyes.

We heard a diesel engine running. The DOT had a track hoe and several dump trucks out on the side of the highway, digging huge piles of cornstalks and shucks out of the culverts and ditches. What a sight! In my entire life (I'll be 75 in July), I have never been in a cornstalk storm. It was cornstalk shock!

Then we saw something that stopped us in our tracks. Outside our kitchen door, on the sidewalk, were two sticks in the shape of a cross. It was a God-wink. Jesus had been outside our door protecting us.

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LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 3, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input: Steve Koellner spoke with the Board about roadside litter between the Highway 61 Bypass and Denmark Hill.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve setting the Maximum Tax Dollars and set Public Hearing for April 17, 2023 at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building. Motion carried. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye, Holmes-aye and Schulz-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the March 27, 2023 Board minutes, the payment of claims for the week and a Class C Liquor License for The Hitching Post, for the period of February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve a step increase for Peggy Ross, Real Estate Tech II, from \$20.55/hr. to \$21.13/hr., effective 4/5/23 and a step increase for Barbara Altgilbers, Records Clerk, from \$18.00/hr. to 18.50/hr., effective 4/5/2023. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Veterans Affairs meeting minutes for February 27, 2023.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Children's First Board meeting and informed the board that Kids Day at Lee County Fair will be held on July 7, 2023.

IT Director Kevin Harter discussed with the board current projects and email migration to a new program.

At 10:56 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

**Claims paid  
April 3, 2023**

Next Deg Comm, svcs	100.00
AAT Holdings, rent	210.00
Advd Crctl Hlth, svcs	7661.92
Airgas USA, splys...	70.58
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	1887.15
Amerigroup, ins	87.31
Animal Hse, mtrls	3.00
Benco Dental, svcs	293.40
B Bonar, exps	400.00
Bound Tree Med, splys	94.86
RR Brink Lckng, svcs	105.00
Charleston Twnshp, svcs	85.00
City/Donnellson, svcs	126.07
Comm Action, svcs	886.83
Crescent Parts, parts	80.99
Diamond Drugs, rx	646.49
Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	58.00
Doug's Electric, svcs	4840.00
Eastern IA Tire, tires	254.95
Electronic Engrg, parts	1336.80
EMSLRC, edu	460.00

Fairview Cemetery, svcs	46.12
M Walker, svcs	400.00
L Wallingford, svcs	295.76
Zion Mennonite, svcs	72.50
911 Custom, svcs	2340.00
Farm/Home, splys	403.72
R Fedler, exps	92.00
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	75.00
FM Water, svcs	58.05
City of FM, svcs	3965.00
L Gatton, rent	300.00
Gopher Sign, svcs	2222.24
N Granaman, svcs	1613.64
Grt Prairie AEA, svcs	319.50
Hickory Grove, svcs	50.00
Huffman Welding, equip	143.04
HyVee, splys	940.30
IACCVSO, dues	120.00
IA Div Labor Svcs, prmts	40.00
IA Law Enfrmt, edu	6650.00
IA Off St ME, svcs	10826.01
IA St Pen, meals	12655.50
P Kaltefleiter, exps	17.60
Kempkers, splys	464.22
Keo Med Equip, splys	100.34
City/Keokuk, svcs	2017.50
G Knisley, exps	100.50
R Kuntz, exps	400.00
Lee Co Auditor, IT rb	160562.50
Liberty Util, gas	594.77
Lutheran Svcs, svcs	2727.60
S Malcolm, exps	96.30
Mediacom, svcs	224.88
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	1123.50
R Millmier, exps	69.00
Dly Gate City, publ	37.18
OMG MW, svcs	2698.96
Prairie Farms, splys	189.60
Prvnt Child Abuse IA, edu	100.00
Rathbun Water, svcs	155.40
B Roberts, svcs	150.00
L Roxberg, rent	300.00
SE IA Dist Dntl, edu	150.00
Sherwin Williams, mtrls	185.94
K Spear, exps	33.00
P Spiekermeier, exps	19.00
Sub-Arena, splys	145.00
Trinity Msctn Hlth, svcs	8674.16
Van Mtr Instrl, splys	

46.12
400.00
295.76
72.50
2340.00

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2023**

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

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing for an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 County Budget. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments from those in

attendance at the hearing. At 10:03 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-53.

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

**RESOLUTION  
# 2023 - 53**

Resolution - Adoption of Budget Amendment FY2023 - 53

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been completed concerning the Proposed Lee County Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 in accordance with the Iowa Department of Management guidelines and, per Iowa Code Section 331.434, Subsection 5;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, the Public Hearing is acknowledged and the Budget Amendment as presented is hereby

adopted.

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 10th day of April 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.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-54.

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

**RESOLUTION  
#2023 - 54**

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2023

Whereas, Resolution #2022-95, dated October 17, 2022 must be updated to correctly reflect the adjustments to appropriations for each of the different county officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to amend Resolution #2022-95 as stated below:

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Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	4,587,588	4,587,588	4,587,588
Auditor	941,497	941,497	941,497
Treasurer	837,401	837,401	837,401
County Attorney	1,137,812	1,137,812	1,137,812
Sheriff	4,693,237	4,693,237	4,693,237
Recorder	559,564	559,564	559,564
Pioneer Cemetery	39,850	39,850	39,850
Safety/Risk Management	111,446	111,446	111,446
Secondary Roads	9,602,956	9,602,956	9,602,956
Veteran Affairs	134,107	134,107	134,107
Conservation	2,012,756	2,012,756	2,012,756
Board of Health	4,633,344	4,633,344	4,633,344
GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing	899,464	899,464	899,464
Human Services	58,000	58,000	58,000
Medical Examiner	256,880	256,880	256,880
Lee County EMS	4,039,627	3,289,627	4,039,627
Maintenance	686,166	686,166	686,166
Building Repair & Maintenance	525,968	525,968	525,968
Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers)	8,255,638	8,025,638	8,255,638
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,013,301</b>	<b>43,033,301</b>	<b>44,013,301</b>

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 10th day of April 2023.

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

There was no Public Input.

Seyb read a Proclamation naming the week of April 10-14 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-55. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2023-55**

WHEREAS, the voters of Lee County and cities within the county have voted to enact a 1 cent Local Option Sales Tax in accordance with Iowa Code 423B, and

WHEREAS, the revenue derived from the tax is used for property tax relief, integrated waste landfill fees and building maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Lee County have grown to rely on these revenues as a means to directly and indirectly reduce property taxes, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 legislative session has seen the introduction of SF 550, which proposes to convert the Local Option Sales Tax efforts into a statewide sales tax and impose the local option sales tax in every jurisdiction, thereby triggering the constitutional amendment

to require an allocation of 3/8th of a cent to the Iowa Water and Land Legacy (IWLL) trust fund, and

WHEREAS, SF 550 proposed to backfill revenues lost due to the proposal, there are concerns of the Legislature ability to continue backfilling revenues, and

WHEREAS, voters across Iowa who have voted to either implement a local option sales tax or not to do so, and

WHEREAS, voters across Iowa who have voted to utilize the local option sales tax have approved revenue purpose statements (RPS), and

WHEREAS, SF 550 also sunsets these provisions on January 1, 2025, after which no jurisdiction will have the authority to take either a LOST proposal or revenue purpose statement to a vote,

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essentially deleting the local government's ability to have local option sales taxes.

THEREFORE, the Lee County Board of Supervisors would like to express their support of the current Local Option Sales Tax law. The current law best represents the interest of voters and furthers the reduction of property taxes, which is a common goal of the County and the Iowa Legislature. The Board of Supervisors unanimously supports the Iowa Water and Land Legacy (IWLL) trust fund; however, SF 550 as currently written, would not only strip the County of control over Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenues, but would effectively disregard the will of the Voters.

Passed this 10th day of April, 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.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Secondary Roads Five Year Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-56. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

### RESOLUTION # 2023 - 56

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID ABATEMENT TO GENERAL BASIC AND GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Local Government Opioid Abatement Fund to the General Basic and General Supplemental Funds during the 2022-2023 budget year to cover 9 additional EMTs' wages and benefits, 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 \$230,000.

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 April 10, 2023 is as follows:

Local Government Opioid Abatement Fund to General Basic Fund \$161,572.98.

Local Government Opioid Abatement Fund to General Supplemental Fund \$68,427.02.

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 10th day of April 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.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the April 3, 2023 Board minutes and the payment of claims for the week. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Seyb, to approve a transfer for Sara Helenthal from Deputy Auditor plus EMS stipend \$70,211.97/annual to Administrative Assistant for EMS/Finance and Operations Services Coordinator at the Health Department \$31.25/hr., effective 4/17/23 and a merit increase for Morgan Malone, from EMT in Training \$15.00/hr. to EMT \$17.40/hr., effective 3/30/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of March 2023 and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2023.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting and a call with Insight, the company that has purchased the Keokuk Area Hospital.

Holmes reported on an email he received from the Iowa Workforce Development Director concerning the Lee County Pilot Program. Schulz reported on a meeting he had with Landfill Director Austin Banks concerning trash along the road leading to the Landfill.

At 11:05 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

### Claims paid April 10, 2023

ABC Fire, svcs..... 243.55  
Advd Crctnl Hlth, svcs ..... 1254.88  
Airgas USA, splys..211.66  
Alliant Energy, svcs ..... 2439.17  
Altorfer, parts ..... 1016.87  
Armstrong Tractor, parts ..... 457.70  
Ball Volvo, parts.... 372.56  
Bates Sanitation, svcs ..... 240.00  
Benton Co Conserv, edu ..... 43.75  
Bound Tree, splys ..... 3477.45  
BTX Iowa, med..... 78.00  
Darkside, splys ..... 1380.00  
Deery Bros, truck ..... 44870.00  
Dodd's, splys ..... 249.00  
Drake Hardware, svcs ..... 4992.91  
Electronic Engineering, splys ..... 49.53  
Elevate Oral Care, splys ..... 140.00  
EMC Insurance, legal ..... 9203.75  
FM Fire Dept, EMT class

..... 1968.50  
Garratt-Callahan, maint ..... 750.00  
GRRWA, fees ..... 838.46  
Hartricks Lumber, splys ..... 23.54  
Healthcarefirst, svcs ..... 506.99  
Huffman Welding, splys ..... 278.49  
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IA Law Enfnt Acdmy, edu ..... 800.00  
IA State Pen, rent ..... 7500.00  
ISCTA, edu ..... 150.00  
Jays Auto, svcs..... 60.75  
Jet Gas, fuel ..... 12591.24  
John Deere Financial, splys ..... 356.55  
Tony Keefe, equip ..... 200.00  
Keokuk Housing Auth, maint..... 5740.58  
King-Lynk, svcs ..... 1200.00  
Knapheide, parts ..... 496.80  
Lawson, parts ..... 492.45  
Lee Co Treasurer, claims ..... 46737.57  
Liberty Util, gas..... 303.10  
McFarland/Swan, splys ..... 45.10  
Menards, splys ..... 639.71  
Metal Culverts, mat'l ..... 6982.50  
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Frank Millard, svcs .....

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Motorola, equip..... 458.16  
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James Raj, M.D., meeting ..... 150.00  
Rapids Repr., splys ..... 514.87  
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..... 183.50  
SE Comm College, svcs ..... 8000.00  
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Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.  
Flag Raising by Boy Scouts 9 a.m.  
Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.  
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.  
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Church in the Park 10 a.m.  
Ham Ball Dinner at Church 11 a.m.  
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