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STORM SMACKS COUNTY



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighters and police work together to clear debris in the 400 block of Avenue F Thursday afternoon. That area near Old Settlers Park suffered heavy tree damage as a result of the powerful thunderstorm that raced through Lee County Thursday just before 11 a.m.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A wicked storm that blew through the area Thursday morning left the city and many homes with substantial damage, mostly from falling trees and limbs.

The storm had winds clocked at between 70 and 80 mph with dangerous lightning causing most of Fort Madison to be out of power at one time or another following the start of the storm at around 11 a.m.

However, rainfall was short-lived and the area is certainly still in drought conditions.

Both Keokuk and Fort Madison police departments have asked residents to stay off the roads as much as possible as multiple agencies are working to get roads cleared and services, including electricity, restored.

Alliant Energy put out several notices indicating when power would be restored. Most of the city was back up before 5 p.m.. However internet services were still spotty as of 6:30 p.m. throughout the community Thursday.

Fort Madison Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said all city crews were working to clear streets of debris and get city services up and running.

“What I understand is that it’s mostly tree damage. I heard some reports of power lines being down, but for the most part were working to clear the streets,” he said.

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Workers with BNSF tackle a damaged railroad crossing arm at the intersection of 6th Street and Riverview Park Thursday afternoon in Fort Madison.

Five new faces join board at LCEDG

DIRECTORS: Morris, Pieper, Conlee among selections for development group

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Economic Development Group has announced five new members will be joining the board of directors.

Justin Pieper is the Agency President at AssuredPartners in Fort Madison. Pieper played a pivotal role as a founding Partner of Group Benefit Partners in 2009. He was instrumental in starting and nurturing the employee benefits-focused insurance agency, which ultimately led to its acquisition by Assured-Partners in December 2021.



PIEPER

Pieper actively engages with the community, having served as the Chairman of the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Board, Relay for Life Planning Committee, and the Holy Trinity Catholic Schools God’s Portion Day Committee. Justin, along with his wife Melissa and their three children, Kate, Leah, and Isaac, reside in Fort Madison.

Matt Morris, President and CEO of Connection Bank is also joining the board. In this role, he has driven continual organizational advancement and community investment. Morris has previously served as Chairperson of the Iowa Bankers Insurance Services Committee and received the Fort Madison Chamber’s Ambassador of the Year Award for his visionary actions in local economic development.



MORRIS

He has dedicated his time and talents on behalf of numerous local service groups, boards, and committees and played a pivotal role in transformative projects like the Baxter Sport’s Complex and the Fort Madison Marina Project. Matt resides in Fort Madison with his

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

GEORGE A. JOHNSON

George A. "G" Johnson, 50, of Mt. Sterling, Illinois, formerly of Colusa, Illinois, passed away at 9:45 PM Friday, June 23, 2023 at his home.



JOHNSON

G was born December 22, 1972 in Ft. Madison, Iowa, the son of George A. and Bonnie (Coulter) Johnson Sr. He married Layla Melton. They later divorced.

Mr. Johnson was a 1991 graduate of Chatham-Glenwood High School, Chatham, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army.



He attended the HVAC Technician Training Program at Vatterott College. He spent a majority of his life working in maintenance at Methode in Carthage, Illinois and later at Roquette in Keokuk, Iowa.

He enjoyed collecting Hot Wheels, riding bikes and playing disc golf. He was a member of the Mt. Sterling American Legion.

Survivors include two daughters: Avery and Autumn Johnson both of Warsaw, Illinois; one son: John Peterman of Ft. Madison; one brother: Tom (Lisa) Wagner of Santa Barbara, California; two sisters: Brenda Wagner and Jennifer (Greg) Harl both of Colusa and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

A celebration of life will be held a later date.

A memorial fund has been established for Avery's and Autumn's education. Memorials and cards may be sent to the George A. Johnson Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, PO Box 70, Dallas City, IL 62330.

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CRAIG C. COPPAGE

Craig Charles Coppage, 53, of Claremore, Oklahoma passed away on May 25, 2023 surrounded by his family. Craig was born on May 15, 1970 to F. Greg Coppage and Dianna Adam Coppage in Ft. Madison, Iowa.



COPPAGE

He graduated from Ft. Madison High School where he excelled at sports, particularly cross country, track and baseball. His performances at state cross country meets were the highlights of his high school years. He was forever proud of being a Bloodhound.

Craig earned his Mechanical Engineering Technology degree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. During college, he worked at Eskimo Joe's and Zio's restaurants where he loved cooking and interacting with people. Many of his lifelong friendships were made during these years.

Ever loyal, the OSU Cowboys became one of his favorite teams to follow. His career centered around problem solving mechanical issues with school bus production in Tulsa. Craig followed the Dallas Cowboys, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Iowa Hawkeyes religiously. An ideal weekend for Craig would be cooking and watching the game with friends and family. Only "deer camp" with his dad and friends might top a sports weekend.

Yet Craig's biggest love in life was his children. They are truly what kept him going. He wanted to create an adventurous childhood for them and hosted many sleepovers, Halloween parties, and days cruising in the boat on Oologah Lake. Like any of his beloved Louis L'Amour novels, he wanted to be the hero in their lives.

Craig is preceded in death by his father, Greg Coppage. Craig is survived by his children, Kennedy Coppage and Adam Coppage, his mother, Dianna Coppage, his sisters, Deb and Laura (Wes Rettig) Coppage, six nieces and nephews, and many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins.

A burial service and Celebration of Life will be held Oct. 28th in West Point, Iowa. Craig will be greatly missed for his big heart and his sense of fun and adventure. The only consolation in losing him too soon is knowing that he is at peace.

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KODI L. MOELLER

In Loving Memory of Kodi,
Kodi Lee Moeller, 16, of rural St. Paul, Iowa, a vibrant and cherished soul, left us far too soon on Saturday, June 24th, 2023. Her unexpected passing in a tragic car accident has left a void in the hearts of all who knew her. Though her time with us was short, the positive impact she made on the lives she touched will be forever remembered and will have a continual presence.



MOELLER

She was born on March 1st, 2007, in Fort Madison, Iowa. Kodi was a remarkable 16 year-old girl with a brilliant mind, athletic and musical talents, integrity, and a heart full of compassion and drive. She pushed herself to her fullest potential and was a shining example of determination and perseverance. She was always striving for excellence in everything she pursued, making her a leader and role model for her friends and family.

Kodi was a beloved daughter to Dusty and LeAnn (Schinstock) Moeller and a big sister to: Korben, Kaylee, and Koltan. She was also survived by her devoted grandparents: Bob and Sandy Moeller and Mike and Donna Schinstock, as well as her great grandmother: Florence Menke. Also surviving are aunts and uncles: Pat and Maggie (Moeller) Jones - children Taylor, Carter, Zoey, Cooper, Jeff and Carrie (Schinstock) Snider - children Robbie and Alison, Scot and Angie (Schinstock) Fransk - children McKenna, and Beckett. Kodi's extended family (including friends) and her boyfriend, Drew, share in the pain of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her great grandparents: John and Zita Schinstock, John and Mary Pollmeier, Ernie and Sally Moeller, and Leroy Menke.

Kodi would have been an upcoming Junior at Central Lee High School. She was an active and

passionate individual who thrived in multiple school and community activities. Not only was she at the top of her class academically, she also participated in volleyball, basketball, track, FFA, Future Problem Solving & 4-H. She was a member of the student SOAR Team and National Honor Society. She also blessed others with her talents playing the piano. With her busy schedule, she was still able to find time to help on the family farm and worked at Quality Plus Feeds in St. Paul. Through these activities, she cultivated valuable skills, built lifelong friendships, and had a lot of fun.

In every aspect of her life, Kodi radiated warmth, kindness, and compassion. Everyone who knew Kodi believed she was going to make a positive impact in the world. Her family and friends were all proud to have known and loved her. As we mourn the loss of Kodi, let us also celebrate the immense joy she brought to our lives.

May her spirit guide us and remind us to cherish

every moment and embrace the love that surrounds us. Rest in peace, dear Kodi. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

To celebrate the remarkable life of Kodi, a visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Central Lee High School. A Christian wake service will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the school.

A parish rosary will be recited at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 3, 2023, at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul with a Mass of Christian burial to follow at 10:30 a.m. with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Cemetery, St. Paul.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorials to be made in her honor to the Central Lee Foundation.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

RICK J. BOLEY

Rick Jason Boley, 45 years old, of rural Hillsboro, passed away peacefully at home on June 27, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving family, who held his hands and told him he was loved beyond measure- and he died knowing he truly was. Not far away was Rick's faithful, furry companion, Ellie, who rarely left Rick's side since they had adopted her.



BOLEY

Rick was born on January 9, 1978, to David and Sandy (Kerr) Boley. As a little boy, Rick loved spending time with his grandpa, Hillis Kerr, at his Phillips 66 Gas Station in Farmington and following his grandpa, Dale Boley, around the farm. It is no wonder that he chose diesel mechanics and farming for his future! Rick graduated from Harmony High School in 1996 and from Indian Hills Community College in 1998. He worked for JJ Nitching Company for 13 years before opening his own business. With Rick's incredible work ethic, Boley Repair quickly became a successful business.

Rick married his high school sweetheart, Heather (Taylor) Boley on June 26, 1999. Heather was six months older than Rick and he enjoyed teasing her about their age difference for the next 24 years. Together, Rick and Heather welcomed three beautiful daughters, Jaelyn, Kaedyn, and Adisyn all of whom brought him endless joy; he took immense pride in his daughters and considered them his greatest accomplishments. Rick could often be seen proudly watching his girls from the sidelines or bleachers at softball, basketball, and volleyball games.

Rick's looming stature, gentle, deep voice, warm smile and charming personality made him both memorable and loved by those who were blessed to know him. He had a vast knowledge of farming, cows, and diesel mechanics, but it was his perspective about life in general that made him both easy and enjoyable to talk with. Rick had an incredible, witty, and often sarcastic sense of humor and often took great pleasure in coming up with funny nicknames for people and playfully teasing his loved ones. Over the years, coercing Rick

into vacations was not always easy; he hated to leave the farm for any amount of time and he had a hard and fast rule he tried to live by: "never go to the same place more than once," because he knew there were so many beautiful places yet to be seen.

In 2019, with immense courage, Rick faced a diagnosis of ALS and did everything possible to slow the progression of the disease to allow him more time with his family. He never wavered in his commitment to fight the debilitating disease as it progressed despite the pain he would endure both physically and emotionally.

They say that life is made up of two dates and a dash and that you should always make the most of the dash. Rick absolutely did!

Rick is survived by his wife, Heather; daughters Jaelyn, Kaedyn, and Adisyn; his parents, David and Sandy Boley, brothers Brian (Susan) and Christopher Boley (Libby); brother-in-law, Jason (Natalie) Taylor; mother-in-law, Carol Taylor; nephews, Justin and Mason Boley; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Rick was predeceased by his grandparents, Hillis and Joan Kerr, Dale and Verda Boley; and his father-in-law, Larry Taylor.

Rick's family is incredibly thankful for the wonderful care he received from Every Step Hospice and for standing by his decision to remain in his home, in the care of his family and to the multitudes of friends and family members that sent meals, offered prayers and provided a few hours of respite. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations go to Rick's three daughters to be used for their education. Cards may be sent to 32564 165th St, Hillsboro.

A memorial service will be held at Hillsboro Baptist Church on Sunday, July 9th at 1pm. The family invites all friends to attend a casual celebration of life from 3-5 pm at the Hotel Manning in Keosauqua, following the memorial service.

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

Climax, Amsted reps named to LCEDG board

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wife, Jan, and enjoys time with his two teenage sons.

Amy Conlee, the senior social performance specialist at Climax Molybdenum will be another new board member. Conlee drives the implementation of strategies and activities aimed at creating transformative change and enhancing individual and community opportunity, well-being, and success. Amy previously held the role of Administrative Director of Environmental Support at the Keokuk Hospital, guiding her team through the integration activities associated with the hospital's mergers and acquisitions. She actively participates in the Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce and is dedicated to numerous service groups throughout the county.

Corey Jonas is the General Manager of Amsted Rail Keokuk and will be joining the LCEDG board. Jonas has worked for Amsted Rail for 17 years having previously held positions in engineering and operations at the both the Kansas City facility and at the Amsted Rail corporate office. Amsted Rail is the leading manufacturer of freight car parts in North America. As General Manager Corey is responsible for the safe production of railroad wheels at the Keokuk site, which employs more than 200 people in the immediate area. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Pittsburg State University in Kansas, where he was actively involved with the American Foundry Society, Foundry Educational Foundation, Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Corey resides in Hamilton, IL with his wife and two children.

Heather Huebner, Director of Lee County Conservation is also joining the board in an ex-officio capacity. As a lifelong resident of Lee County, Huebner actively volunteers alongside her family, exhibiting their shared dedication to service. She has a notable presence in the Fort Madison Rotary Club, having served as its past president and enjoys supporting her three daughters' extracurricular activities.

The five join current board members, Bob Huffman, Michael Mohrfeld, Charles Ireland and Jason Hutcherson who make the executive committee. Other board members include Kerry Klepfer, Scott Smith, Bryan Langerud, Ashlee Spannagel, Pat McCrabb, Jennie Rose and ex-officio members Garry Seyb Jr., Tom Schulz, Mike Norris, Kay Sackville, and JR Derksen.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 30, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Chuck Holmes.
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing for comments on approving the Fiscal Year 2023 County Budget Amendment. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments from those in attendance at the hearing. At 10:03 a.m. Fedler made a motion to close

the Public Hearing. It was seconded by Pflug. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-65. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION
2023 - 65**

Resolution - Adoption of Budget Amendment FY2023 - 65

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 30th day of

May 2023.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2023-66. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION
#2023 – 66**

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2023

Whereas, Resolution #2022-54, dated April 10, 2023 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 #2022-54 as stated below:

seconded by Fedler, to approve Iowa Retail Cigarette Permit Applications for Denmark Jet Stop, Montrose Dollar General, Garner One Stop and Wever Junction, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to appoint Kim Spear as the Lee County Title VI Coordinator. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve a revised Federal-Aid Agreement for a Surface Transportation Block Grant for the J40 Resurfacing Project, Project #STP-S-CO56(114)-5E-56. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion with County Engineer Ben Hull regarding trends in equipment procurement for Secondary Roads.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the May 22, 2023 Board minutes, the payment of claims for the week and a Class C Retail Alcohol License for PaPa's Bar and Grill, for the period June 2, 2023 through June 1, 2024. Motion carried with Fedler abstaining from approval of the April 24 Board minutes.

Received and filed a Manure Management Update for Dingman Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on calls he received regarding the turbine that is scheduled to be placed in Estes Park. Schulz reported on an Economic Development Board meeting. Health Department Administrator Michele Ross gave her Department Head report.

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, June 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

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- meal..... 104.77
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DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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 4. Ability to perform basic laboratory analyses

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LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department FY2023 100%			
Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	4,587,588	4,587,588	4,587,588
Auditor	949,997	941,497	949,997
Treasurer	837,401	837,401	837,401
County Attorney	1,137,812	1,137,812	1,137,812
Sheriff	4,879,244	4,693,237	4,879,244
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	4,964,925	4,633,344	4,964,925
GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing	954,463	899,464	954,463
Human Services	58,000	58,000	58,000
Medical Examiner	256,880	256,880	256,880
Lee County EMS	4,259,915	4,039,627	4,259,915
Maintenance	686,166	686,166	686,166
Building Repair & Maintenance	525,968	525,968	525,968
Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers)	8,255,638	8,255,638	8,255,638
TOTAL	44,814,676	44,013,301	44,814,676

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 30th day of May 2023.

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Pflug,

seconded by Schulz, to approve a Fiscal Agent Agreement with the Green Bay Drainage District. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve a contract with Poepping, Stone and Bach for Architectural Services for the Keokuk Ambulance Building, at a cost of \$32,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the First Reading of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve the First Reading of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Revenue Disbursement Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug,

Claims paid
May 30, 2023

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Industrial Motors, splys 453.86	Donnellson Tire, svcs 85.95
Int Svcs Fee, fee 19.59	Drake Hdwr, svcs 4529.49
Iowa EMS Assoc, edu 350.00	Fehseke/Gray, svcs 525.00
lowacountiesit.com , edu 650.00	FM Water, svcs..... 161.40
Jethro's, meal 47.86	R Garcia, rent 179.00
Jim's Greenhouse, splys 116.40	L Gatton, exps 300.00
Johnny's, meal..... 85.25	N Granaman, svcs 1457.97
Kempker's, splys .. 668.47	Grt Prairie AEA, svcs 47.75
Kum & Go, fuel 51.80	GrtAmer Fncl, rntl 207.36
Madison Turf & Timber, refund -12.60	Hartricks Lmbr, parts 44.98
Marker 126, fuel..... 66.04	Holt Sply, splys 496.16
McFarland, splys .. 880.54	Huffman Wldng, equip 154.45
Mediacom, svcs... 4,300.00	HyVee, splys..... 789.45
Menards, splys 106.00	IACCVSO, dues..... 50.00
Microsoft, splys..... 74.89	IA DOT, svcs..... 5486.94
Mojitos, meal 36.37	IA Prison Ind, splys 25.72
MSFT, splys..... 99.00	Jet Gas, fuel 9656.72
Netflix, svcs 21.39	Jireh Inc, fuel 853.53
Office Depot, splys 357.51	P Kaltefleiter, exps.. 82.30
Patchpanel, splys ... 35.43	Kempkers, splys 18.48
Phillips 66, fuel 45.30	Klingner Assoc, svcs 1618.00
Promo Bears, mascot 1,903.65	J Knapp, svcs..... 94.50
Quadient, svcs..... 892.80	Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs 150.00
Quill, splys 116.99	R Kuntz, svcs 200.00
Radisson, Lodging 244.16	L.N. Curtis, unif..... 33.00
Rathbun Water, svcs 171.85	Lawson Products, prdcts 344.20
Scooters, splys 300.00	LeeCo Auditor, dpsts 3000.00
Shell Oil, fuel 61.50	LeeCo EMS, fees 2414.00
Sherwin Williams, splys 13.97	Lee Co Hlth, svcs 11080.33
Shottenkirk, maint... 80.89	LeeCo Treas, costs 9499.38
Sinclair, splys 18.30	D Loyd, svcs..... 52.00
Sirchie, splys 107.58	Mail Svcs, pstg 1225.58
Skips, meal 51.68	S McGhyghy, rfnd ... 50.00
The Cardboard Box, post- age..... 19.54	Mediacom, svcs..... 224.51
Tim's Repair Shop, svcs 219.42	MidAm Enrgy, gas 212.99
Tmobile, svcs 249.59	Dly Gate City, publ.. 29.29
US Cell, svcs 195.06	MtHamill Elvtr, splys 51.90
USPS, postage 470.55	OMG MW, svcs 3596.72
Verizon, svcs 1,194.50	Petersen Crt Rpr, svcs 277.40
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US Cell, svcs..... 602.23
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Wemiga Waste, svcs 150.00
West Grp, splys .. 1236.21
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2023
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on June 1, 2023, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were six council members present, three absent. Shelley Oltmans, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Carissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia, and Linda Altheide were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, and Bridge, Cemetery, Park & Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Reported upcoming events taking place in Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST:

Hal Hall with Lucky's Irish Pub expressed appreciation for the city's sidewalk improvements and explained interest in renovating the Lucky's building, which would require the purchase of part of the city parking lot behind building.

David Riney with Niemann Foods addressed the council with a project that would bring a new chain to the city.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of May 18, 2023;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of May 18, 2023;

- Cigarette Permits for July 2023- June 2024;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5341-5343;

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve second reading amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa by rezoning lots 7, 8 and 9 in the original City of Keokuk from R-3, two family dwelling districts to a M-1, light industrial district.

Roll Call Vote: AYES –Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS, (3) ABSENT. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Andrews to waive third/final reading of ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: AYES –Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS, (3) ABSENT. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Tillman to adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2040 Amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa by rezoning lots 7, 8 and 9 in the original City of Keokuk from R-3, two family dwelling districts to a M-1, light industrial district. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 237-2023: "A RESOLUTION INCREASING EXCAVATION FEES TO DIG IN STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, OR CITY RIGHT OF WAY." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS, (1) ABSTAINING – Helenthal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by

Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 238-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDERS." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 239-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH THE SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SEIBUS)." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 240-2023: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A 2019 DODGE RAM." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: First notification for William Smith, John Shields, and Kimberly Farias to the Veterans Memorial Commission-5-year term to expire 6/1/2028.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Mayor Mahoney reported on Road of Honor.

STAFF REPORTS: Carroll reported on public works, IMWCA meeting, and vandalism in the parks; Barnes updated on vacant property registration; Baum gave staffing update; Mahoney commented on incident at The National Cemetery involving police officers; and O'Donnell gave reminder of grant presentation taking place Tuesday June 6th at Elkem site.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**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 Resource 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 until 11:00am, July 20,

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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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.

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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.

UNION COUNTY PROJECT NO. 19-04-88-02

Three Mile Lake Restoration Phase 2
 Proposal Guarantee: \$200,000.00
 Completion Date: 03/15/2025
 Project Description: This project consists of shoreline armor-ing, in-lake fish habitat

placement, extending fishing jetties, removing deposited sediment from an existing sediment pond, constructing two earth-embankment sediment ponds, raising the existing in-lake silt dike, and stream mitigation work.

HARRISON COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-04-43-01

Little Sioux Delta Access
 Parking Lot Expansion
 Proposal Guarantee: \$6,250.00
 Completion Date: 03/24/2024
 Project Description: This project consists of constructing a granular surfaced parking lot and access drive, and the paving of two concrete ADA parking spaces.

SCOTT COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-06-82-01

DLS Shooting Range Range Renovation Phase 1
 Proposal Guarantee: \$100,000.00
 Completion Date: 06/14/2024
 Project Description: The DLS Shooting Range has been around since the 1960s as a private trap and skeet club. This facility was donated to the State a few years ago and upgrades to turn the facility into a pistol and rifle range have been in the plans ever since. This phase I range renovation shall remove all existing, non-functioning buildings on the site and clear the ground of all skeet and trap facilities. The range upgrade will build new

backstops, sidewall, shooting structures, and a storage garage. Two existing storage buildings shall remain on site and protected in place as this facility is upgraded.

JACKSON COUNTY PROJECT NO. 24-06-49-01

Maquoketa Caves State Park
 Lagoon Liner Replacement
 Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
 Completion Date: 06/14/2024
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From the Front

Montrose, Keokuk take full brunt of 70+ mph winds

STORM - Continued from Page 1

He said it was his understanding, but unconfirmed that Alliant had to shut power down to most of the city due to all the wires down in their service area.

“This is widespread damage so it’s going to take a while. We’ve got a heck of a pile of trees and limbs out there. The next couple days we’re gonna try to get all the roads open and within the next couple of weeks, get all the debris cleaned up,” Boussetot said.

With so much debris throughout the city, officials at Great River Waste Authority said they would take brush at no charge until next Friday, but only storm-generate brush such as tree limbs and branches.

Boussetot said city workers will pick up debris next to the street if it is manageable by the property owners.

“If it’s stuff they can pull to the curb we’ll pick it up and take it, but it has to be debris that’s manageable to handle.”

Fort Madison firefighters and police were working at several locations with chain saws cleaning up roadways.

Two firefighters and two Fort Madison Police officers were trying to get Avenue F opened up where several trees had fallen into the roadway.

Old Settlers Park had substantial tree damage. Downed tree limbs covered about 60% of the playground area and damaged a fence on the south side near the basketball courts.

Trees did extensive damage to several homes on the city’s east side. Traffic lights at 33rd Street and 48th Street were without power until about 2:30 p.m.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association didn’t confirm any tornados on the ground in Fort Madison, but did confirm a tornado in Niota.

Jason Dinwiddie, the Lee County Emergency Management Agency director said there is widespread damage from Montrose to Keokuk.

“You can’t go barely 50 feet without running into something bad here in Montrose,” he said. “I’ve never seen anything like this in my time here.”

He said the stained glass window on the Presbyterian Church was blown out and there’s a hole in the building you could drive a truck through.

He also said there will be two shelters open, one in Montrose and one in Keokuk.

“We are setting up two shelters for people on oxygen or if people just need to come there. The fire station in Montrose should be open at about 7 p.m. and the YMCA in Keokuk will be open.

No serious injuries were reported, but there was a dispatch of someone getting

hit by lightning. Dinwiddie said he spoke with the National Weather Service briefly Thursday.

“I spoke with the National Service to just inform them of our damage. They will have a damage estimate team in the area soon.”

Several semi-trailers were flipped on their side after pulling over due to the high winds near the 3100 block of Hwy 27, according to Lee County Sheriff’s deputies.

Straight line winds blew part of the chimney off of the Union Presbyterian Church in the 800 block of Avenue F in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said he circled wagons with the city staff quickly after the storm rolled through.

“We’re prioritizing what’s in the streets and then we’ll work into the right of way. The Fire Department had several calls and were also out trying to block off streets and mitigate downed wires,” Mohrfeld said.

“Everybody snapped into it pretty quick. I’m pretty proud of that. But I have to stress the priority will be getting the streets clear.”

Mohrfeld said he hasn’t heard of any significant injuries from the storm in Fort Madison.

The National Weather Service out of the Quad Cities is predicting additional rounds of storms with a 30% chance Friday morning before 1 p.m. and late Friday evening. Rain is predicted for most of the weekend into Monday with showers and possible thunderstorms.



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A tree fell onto the side of a home near 22nd and Avenue F during Thursday’s severe storm in Fort Madison.

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