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LEHD options back on agenda

SUPERVISORS: Full board to discuss back-up plans and possible property purchase

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The status of the Lee County Health Department/EMS new building is back on the agenda for Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

After a lengthy discussion last week that didn't include Supervisor Matt Pflug, who was not present, the board tabled discussion that included purchasing undisclosed property in the county to house the LCHD as a backup to constructing a new facility.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the discussion and any decision

should include Pflug, to which the rest of the board agreed, and tabled the discussion as well as a closed session to talk about the price of the property.

Monday's discussion will be to consider putting plans on hold until the possibility of a congressional appropriation for the new construction is finalized.

The back-up option came up as part of a debate about the health department after several supervisors questioned the county's ability to fund the proposed \$6 million new construction.

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EDITORIAL



My sun-kissed Saturday with a 60s Mustang

I found my milk.

I just want to put this to bed. Apparently, some jackwad thought it would be funny to go to Fareway and stick it in the dairy counter right next to a bunch of other bottles...that looked exactly the same. Wow.

Here's the kicker, I tried to tell the nice girl at the register that it was a hoax and that the milk was really mine. She shot me a really, really weird look. I smiled at her with lips closed, no teeth.

I had to pay \$2.59 to get the damned thing back!

But at least that's wrapped up tightly.

I tell you the world's going to hell in a handbasket. Honestly, I don't even know what a handbasket is.

But one of the really great parts of the world right now is this family that lives on High Point in Fort Madison.

Since my daughter passed away three years ago, these folks have been in our corner. Hugs and thoughts and flowers and food and friendship. It brings tears to my eyes. But this weekend the Pothitakis family went above and beyond.

Mark Pothitakis sent me a photo via text a couple weeks ago of a metallic blue Mustang convertible that he, Kara Pothitakis, and an absolute rug of a poodle, were tooling around Fort Madison in.

The story is that the Mustang was once owned by his father, who had to sell it because he couldn't get afford to get it fixed. Someone bought it and restored it. Not too long ago that person wanted to sell it and reached out to Mark, who quickly and appropriately, snatched it back up.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bass fishermen with the Illinois Bass Federation get fish weighed in on Saturday afternoon at Willow Patch in Fort Madison. The event was part of a qualifying series with the semifinal set for Fort Madison on Oct. 7 and 8.

THE ARTS

Peterson to bring ink, pen show to FMAAA gallery

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE
PCC EDITOR

hala Saturday, August 26, 7-9 pm with open-mic during the intermission

- **Opening Reception: Friday, August 4th, 2023 5-7pm**
- **Lunch ala Art Artist Talk: Friday, August 25, Noon**
- **FINALE Concert featuring Kent Stra-**

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Arts Association welcomes Bob Peterson of Cedar Rapids exhibiting his marvelous pen and inks for the

month of August at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Ave G, Fort Madison, IA. His pen and inks are a visually interesting and unique interpretation of place. He creates these meticulous ink renderings that are loosely based on the

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TUE 24 Jul.....Hot & sunny, 91° F/ 71° F
WED 25 Jul.....Hot & sunny, 92° F/ 73° F

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

JAMES L. LEMON

James Lee Lemon, age 79, of Keokuk, Iowa passed away in his home on the morning of July 20, 2023, after a battle with cancer.



LEMON

He was born on March 10, 1944 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of James D. and Hazel A. (Kohlmorgan) Lemon and graduated from Keokuk High School in 1961. Jim served in the United States Air Force from 1963 – 1967. He retired from The Dial Corporation in 2006 after 34 years and was a member of UFCW local 617 and served many years on the union board.



On February 5, 1962, he was united in marriage to Sharon Marvin in Kahoka, MO. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2022 with many friends and family. Jim was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and true friend to those who knew him – the shop door was always open for a cold beer and some good advice.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife; his children, Terry (Dr. Juliene) Lemon, Mark (Leslie) Lemon, and Dena (Dr. Rick) Greenfield; his grandchildren, Whitney (Michael) Cox, Brooke (Zachary) Walters, Tyler James (Hannah) Lemon, James Tanner Lemon, Taylor (AJ) Swan, Dr. Jordan (Brad) Hamilton, and Garrett James Greenfield; his great-grandchildren, Lincoln James and Jozie Walters, Lily Lemon, and future baby Swan; his sisters Judith (Kenneth) Martinez and Mary Lantz.

Jim enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors, and working with his hands. His great-grandchildren lovingly referred to him as Papa Moo. We will miss him for the rest of our lives.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor John Abraham officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

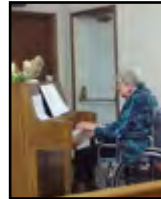
Memorials may be made to Shriners or to the Melrose Methodist Church.

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

OBITUARIES

ELEANOR A. CARTER

Eleanor Ann Carter, 87, of Keokuk, passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.



CARTER

Eleanor was born on March 19, 1936, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of John and Geneva (George) Engler. She graduated from Keokuk Senior High in 1954, and on July 21, 1957, she was united in marriage to Roger Carter at the First Baptist Church in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on July 27, 2013.

Eleanor was employed as a painter and wallpaper hanger, later working as a teacher's aide and library clerk. She was a member of Bel Air Baptist Church in Keokuk, and played the piano for sixty-seven years, serving Bel Air Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church and Bethany Baptist Church. She had multiple other talents, including cake decorating for twenty-five years and sewing, making suits for her husband and son.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter LeAnn (Randy) Kelly of Stephenson, Virginia; and four grandchildren: Megan and Grant Kelly, both of Stephenson, Virginia, Derek Carter of Independence, Missouri, and Kristen Carter of Blue Springs, Missouri.

Eleanor is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roger, her son David and her brother John Engler.

A private graveside service will be held at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to Bel Air Baptist Church.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/20/23 – 9:43 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

07/20/23 – 4:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Collin Elijah Segoviano, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/20/23 – 4:50 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of 21st Street.

07/20/23 – 8:16 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.

Lee County Sheriff Report

07/20/23 – 3:59 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kejonte Daishawn King, 20, of Cedar Rapids, at the Lee County Jail, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/20/23 – 8:52 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jasen Scott Tripp, 47, of Keokuk, in the 900 block of Cleveland Avenue, Keokuk, on 2 warrants for 2nd degree criminal mischief \$1,500-\$10,000 and a warrant for simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries/From the Front

More classes, experiences planned for FMAAA

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shape of a city (if you are looking at a map.) But... not actually a map with his full use of artistic license and excellent design sensibilities taking each piece in its own interpretative direction.

Bob is a graphic artist, photographer and technical writer who has won multiple awards for his design and photography. He is an active member and current President of the Creative Artists Club in Cedar Rapids. An avid traveler, Bob has visited 48 of the 50 states and 16 countries. The maps of many places he visited have influenced some of his recent work. Bob has created fine art ink drawings, etchings, engravings, dry point, woodcuts, prints, landscape paintings, silver point drawing, custom welded jewelry, metal sculptures from 1967 to present (part time). From 2007 to present (full time). Many of his works of art won awards. As a photographer, he has documented and photographed each of the 78 existing Roosevelt New Deal murals in the state of Iowa, and also documented 300+ other WPA murals across the lower 48 states.

The FMAAA is delighted to host this accomplished artist's work for the month of August and thanks Pen City Current for their sponsorship of this unique exhibition.

Classes and Creative Experiences at the FMAAA Art Center

Sign up fortmadisonart.com via the calendar - or - the classes tab

A.C.E.S -- 4th Friday of each Month 6pm-7:30pm ages 6 and up JUST \$10 per child! Craft, story and a snack along games and great times. Fun evening out for the kiddos (and YOU!)

Acrylics with Palette Knife Wednesday, July 26 5:30pm Jeri's class only has a few spots left! Get signed up with her directly at <https://jerisparks.com> to take advantage of quality classes closer to home here at the FMAAA Art Center. Please see the attached flyer(s) for sample imagery that Jeri plans to touch on this month and for the rest of the year in her survey classes.

Acrylic Painted Rocks - Wednesday, August 16 6:30pm-8:30pm

Just \$10!! Paint an animal design like the examples shown - OR- Create your own geometric design. Learn basic techniques and methods to develop your own pieces. Get your group together for a fun evening out with friends. NO experience necessary.

Kids Art Camps - Let your friends and neighbors know that we have ONE WEEK of Kids Camp left for this summer!

NOTE: if you want to sign up for Find Your Style and the class has closed on our website, contact me directly by texting 630-235-8239 so I can add your child.

Find your Style | Five Media in Five days for ages 9 to 12 July 24 - 28 \$125

A traditional fine arts studio experience with a twist. Attendees will experience a variety of media and instructors as we immerse them in the media of the day and spark their creative imaginations.

Pick '23 Raffle ---> endowment campaign

Raffle Tickets available at the Art Center. Can you help sell them to your friends and neighbors? Please stop in and we'll put together an envelope of tickets for you to sell.

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Thanks (again) for reading the WHOLE way through this month's Art Happenings... Hope to see you at the Art Center SOON!

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OBITUARIES

TIMOTHY A. TERRELL

Timothy Alyn Terrell, 70, formerly of Hamilton, died in New Orleans on June 16 after a six-month battle with cancer. Tim was born in Keokuk on November 24, 1952, to Walter "Beezer" and Betty (Kinkade) Terrell. After graduating from Hamilton High School, he joined the United States Navy.



TERRELL

Tim was preceded in death by his second wife, Kim (Roth), father Beezer and brother Bruce Terrell. He is survived by his mother



Betty Terrell, Van Buren, Arkansas; children Christopher (Marta) Terrell and Miranda (Edward) Kijanka of Spring Valley, California; grandchildren Noah, Sebastian, Gordon, Thomas and Posey Kijanka, and Martin Terrell, all of Spring Valley; former wife and mother of his children, Sandy Terrell (nee Price), Spring Valley; siblings Teresa (Del) Smock, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Janie (Jim) Simmons, Van Buren, Arkansas; Mike (Carla) Terrell, Warsaw, Illinois; and Jim (Lorraine) Terrell, Omaha, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews, including greats and great-greats.

Timothy's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 12 pm (Noon) on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Illinois with burial to follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton. Military honors at the graveside will be rendered by the United States Navy and the Hancock County Honor Guard. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday, September 16, from 10 am to 12 pm (Noon) directly before the service.

Memorials may be made to H.U.G.S. of Hancock County.

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Printy Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

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From the Front

Fort Madison blessed with some really good families

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Fast forward to the picture of a couple weeks ago. I returned the text saying something to the effect that it was a wonderful looking vehicle, but I would have to take it for a drive...ya know....to be sure.

Mark, and this will be a surprise to no one, quickly replied. "Come and get it." I replied, "That's an offer I can't refuse."

So this weekend, I took him up on his offer and drove to High Point to take this 60s-something beauty for a test drive. One thing I forgot...I didn't know exactly where the Pothitakis live. I knew it was up there somewhere and started driving around looking for where I thought his house was.

You don't really do that kind of "casing" in most places in Fort Madison, but you really don't do that on High Point. I sent Mark a text asking him which house was his. He didn't respond right away so here I am driving my F150 down people's driveways getting a little sweaty about the whole deal.

I didn't see a response and I knew former Mayor Brad Randolph lived in the area, so I texted him. No response. Now I'm driving around waiting for Capt. Carle to pull in behind me, "Chuck, what the hell are you doing!?"

Fortunately, former City Councilman Chris Greenwald happened to be aware that someone was apparently casing the joints and sent me a text. "Are you driving a brown Ford truck looking for Mark's place"

"YES, AND I FEEL LIKE A DAMN CRIMINAL OUT HERE." (Caps are legitimate. I all-capped it.)

When I looked up, there he was coming down his driveway where I had encroached uncomfortably. That was pretty courageous all things considered. I coulda jumbo rolled him.

His sweet wife Linda came out after and said Hi.

"Mark said I could take the Mustang for a ride."

"Really?!" Greenwald said.

"Yeah, here's the text," and I showed him the exchange. So Chris and Linda helped me get into the garage and start the motor. It gave me chills. Linda tried to get it started to no avail as Chris and I were sharing a conversation. Chris kept looking over his shoulder at Linda and finally said. "I'LL GET IT!" I smiled, she got out and walked back to us. "Start... the... car. So he can go for a ride."

I smiled again.

Chris worked the accelerator pedal magically, while tinkering with the choke under the really big steering wheel. After about three tries, he got it running. I

was now full on nervous that I was going to kill this vehicle.

But I backed it out coolly (I don't know why Snoopy comes to mind here...) and pulled out of the driveway on my way into Fort Madison.

Now, a test drive is usually a couple miles through town where I could turn my hat backwards, put on the shades and get my arms a little "sun-kissed."

But nooo. I decided to take this historic piece of history down the bypass to West Burlington and take my mother, who I remember once saying she always wanted a Mustang, for a drive. We loaded her, my niece, and my niece's friend into the thing and drove about five miles to where my mother grew up and slowed down to take in some history. It fit perfectly in the day.

We turned and went back to town and picked up my brother, my nephew, and the McGee Bee (see previous Beside the Points for reference) and headed on the same path. About four miles in, the muscle car started to choke up a bit. We were able to get it started about three separate times limping back to the house. I don't know what it is about Mustangs, but that thing will coast FOR-EVER!

We got to my brother's house and went in. I let old Blue Steel sit and breath, cool off a bit, and shake off this dysfunctional operator who doesn't have the chutzpah to be driving a 60-something Mustang.

I asked my brother to follow me back to town just in case things didn't go well. His wife wanted a ride, too, so I took her with me.

About two minutes into the ride, it died again. I got it going right away. A simple slip into neutral and a turn of the key, I looked like I had it under control all without even coming to a stop. But about a minute later it died again.

Well, I pulled over in a parking lot and tried several times to start it, but nothing. I had been watching the oil pressure gauge, the temperature control, speed, and saw nothing out of the ordinary.

Sitting there with my sister-in-law Susan, I started doing a differential diagnosis on the issue.

"Could be the linkage causing an issue in the distributor. Not much electronics and no fuel injector, so could be the carburetor."

"I think it's out of gas," she said without looking at me. I looked at the gas gauge and my head and shoulders immediately dropped.

I had literally run this car out of gas.

My nephew came with a gas can and we added fuel. Then we pulled the air filter housing off to pour some gas in the carburetor. Somebody once told me that was a good idea.

The engine was really hot, so I got scared and didn't do that because I thought it would SET ME ON FIRE!

I stood there wondering how to get it started. My nephew, who I love dearly, said let me sit in the front seat. So I did. He got in turned the key, pulled the choke all the way out and pushed the accelerator to the floor. Car jumped to a hum and he stood up and got out.

"Sometimes you have to do that with farm equipment," he said as he walked by knowing that Blue Steel likes him more than me.

Farm equipment.

We went to Casey's and filled the car with gas and the rest of the trip to Fort Madison was uneventful. I quietly pulled the car into the lot with hat turned around, shades on and, arms more than sun-kissed.

Linda was there and said the Pothitakis boys like to get in the Mustang with their hats turned around and shades on and head out for fun.

I felt like I was 20 again.

Mark said I could drive it again any time. Not sure I will, although I love the sentiment and generosity. This one might have to be a walk-off.

There are good people in the world, and then there are absolutely superior people in the world. I think I would box with anyone who said the Pothitakis are anything but absolutely superior people with an absolutely superior Blue Steel Mustang convertible that I spent a little time with on Saturday, but that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com.

Healthy + Happy

Successful Children

Parents, you know a lot goes into preparing your children for a successful school year. And probably the most important thing on the list is their annual Well-Child Visit with their pediatric or family medicine provider.

Pop Quiz for parents

1. An annual well-child visit:
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 - B. A great time to get any scheduled vaccines.
 - C. Provides an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's health or development with their healthcare provider.
 - D. Helps build a partnership with your child's healthcare provider so if any health issues arise, they know your child.
 - E. All of the above.

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Opinion

Paine Street Rod Fabrication Makes Dreams Come True

Hobe Dickey and Mike Paine of Mt. Pleasant have something in common. They both fell in love with motorized vehicles at an early age. For Hobe (short for Hobart), “I was a car kid before I was a car guy. My grandparents had a ‘50 Oldsmobile with a hydromatic transmission. It was the first car I rode in with a one-piece windshield. As a little kid I could stand up on the front seat between my grandparents and look right out at the fantastic Oldsmobile hood ornament. I thought it was the coolest thing. That’s when my love affair with cars started.”

For Mike Paine, owner of Paine Street Rod Fabrication in Mt. Pleasant, “When I was 12, I was the crossing guard at grade school and some little kid was riding down the sidewalk in his Radio Flyer wagon that his dad had put a Briggs and Stratton Engine on. That started it. I had to have one. My dad wasn’t going to build one for me so I built it.”

From there it progressed to Mike building go-carts and mini-bikes. When he was in college he built what they call a T-Bucket—a chassis they built with a Model T, fenderless body, and a late model motor. After college Mike taught auto mechanics and metal shop at Mt. Pleasant Community High School for 30 years. While he was teaching he was also operating a business for fabricating street rods. Paine Street Rod Fabrication is now one of the premiere rod shops in the Midwest. People come from all over the country and beyond to have a vehicle restored and built into a masterpiece. Mike has four employees, one of whom is a former student of his who has been with him for 20 years. The atmosphere of the shop is so friendly and energized with excitement that people drop in just to watch what’s going on.

Hobe, an auto dealership mechanic much of his life, is now one of the employees, and is their exhaust specialist, fabricating intricate designs of exhaust pipes and mufflers for a special fit on a hand crafted street rod. He is also an old car buff, owning 20 or so oldies, 10

of which are licensed and drivable. However, Hobe doesn’t go in for the total restoration, building the oldie into a street rod, and making it look prettier than it was new. No siree. Hobe is of a special breed of collector that likes to keep everything original, even the patina (rust) and just get it running, road-worthy and dependable. His dad was a Buick man, and one of Hobe’s prized possessions is a ‘38 Buick Century, straight eight, three-speed floor shift, foot-feed starter, with sidemount spares, radio, heater and clock (called

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm

“nicely equipped”). The reason it’s called a “Century,” as Hobe points out, is that it was reputed to go 100 mph (the speedometer goes to 120). It has the Buick Special body with a 320 ci Roadmaster engine. It was popularly known as the “Poor Man’s Roadmaster.” Hobe has customized the fuel system. The engine originally had a two barrel-carburetor.



Hobe added a second two-barrel carburetor, one carburetor for the

front four cylinders, the other for the back four, called compound carburetion, essentially making it into a four-barrel carburetor. For the perfect period-correct accessory, Hobe added an Allstate (Sears) turn signal. Hobe belongs to a club that’s for ‘36-’38 Buick owners only.

In contrast, Mike might be involved in what’s

called a “roisserie restoration,” where the body comes off the frame, and the body can be turned on its side so they can work on the bottom or top—like with a ‘33 Buick they have. It is a four-door sedan that has been through a fire. Most of the wood supports were burned out, so Paine Street Rod Fabrication is making it into a convertible, with two doors instead of four. The owner wants a long storage compartment because the trunk lid is only 3’x2’, making it hard to put big packages in. So, Mike is

making a side door and fabricating a long tube, so the owner can slide golf clubs or an EZ-Up tent in the side. No fool’n. The owner is quite pleased.

Whether it’s a complete restoration and conversion to a street rod, or just getting an old vehicle back on its feet, road-worthy and dependable (because it was Grandpa’s car or truck), Paine Street Rod Fabrication’s only goal is to put a smile on the customer’s face. People have been known to cry with happiness when they come to pick up their vehicle.

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Agenda
DATE: Monday,
July 24, 2023
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, IA

---AGENDA---

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 Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda

10:01 a.m. Public Hearing on Sale of Property Located Near Wilson Lake and Managed by Lee County Conservation
 Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of Property Located Near Wilson Lake and Managed by Lee County Conservation
 Public Input
 Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel for Auditor and Treasurer's Office
 Consider Approval of Lease Agreement with American Legion Post 41 for Veteran Affairs Office
 Consider Approval of Proposal by Calhoun-Burns and Associates for Preliminary

Design of Bridge #84.1 over Lost Creek, Located in Section 04 in Denmark Township
 Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Non-Current Debt to Lease Ventilators and Cardiac Monitors
 Consider Approval of Amended Job Classifications/Step Pay Increases and Wage Scale for EMS Department
 Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2 Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project
 Discussion and Possible Action on Putting

Health/EMS Building on Temporary Hold
 Consider Approval to Replace Correctional Officer
 Consent Agenda
 • Monday, July 17, 2023
 Board Minutes
 • Claims for Payment
 Personnel Actions:
 A. Part-time to Full-time for EMS Employee
 B. Step Increase for Conservation Employee
 Reports:
 A. Sheriff's Monthly Report
 B. Treasurer's Semi Annual Report
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (J)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

met in adjourned session on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Gray, Andrews, Bowker, Yager, Rink, Amandus and Roller present.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/5/2023; Liquor License Renewals: Faeth's L.C., and JoeDees; New Liquor License: Boozy Rae's; Claims dated 7/13/2023, June Financial Report; and Payroll of 7/14/2023.

On motion, Council approved the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, by adding a new Chapter 13, Special Events. On motion, Council approved the 1st reading of an ordinance amending Title 4, Business, Chapter 6, Pawnbrokers, Second-

hand Dealers. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-51, accepting PIP 2019-05, Amtrak Station Platform Improvements as complete. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-52, approving the Mayor's signature on an agreement for Safety Training with Southeastern Community College. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-53, authorizing the Mayor's signature on Rehabilitation Agreements between the City of Fort Madison and Bidders acquiring tax certificates for nuisance properties at the Public Nuisance Tax Sale.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
 ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 48,001.05
Special Revenue	48,110.82
Road Use	15,207.20
Debt	600.00
	23,908.82
Water	34,287.17
Sewer	32,829.34
Sld Waste, IWC	25,854.48
SW Utility	693.35
	<u>\$229,492.23</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$ 97,670.53
Special Revenue	46,038.80
Road Use	133,264.25
Debt	8,136.75
Capital	6,359.75
Water	2,813.26
Sewer	17,800.81
Solid Waste/IWC	1,455.69
SW Utility	225.47
	<u>\$313,765.31</u>

CLAIMS - 7/18/2023

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, LED LIGHTS	1,012.32
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, ANNUAL FIRE EXT. INSPECT.	78.30
ACCESS SYSTEMS, COMPUTER/IT LEASE	5,639.42
AHLERS & COONEY, PC, PROF FEE..	1,819.00
ALTORFER INC., SEAL KIT	205.82
AMBITEC, INC., TACTICAL EQUIP.	4,749.99
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SHOP SUPPLIES/UNIFORM..	952.08
AT&T MOBILITY, PHONE/HOT SPOTS	1,741.73
AUTOZONE, STROBE LIGHT	118.14
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL	660.00
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, PERMIT FEE	2,766.00
BRYSON HENNIGAR, TRAINING	516.06
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, DOOR @ POOL	439.00
CENTRE STATE INTL TRUCKS, FLOOR MATS	121.56
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE TREATMENT	2,151.52
CORRPRO WATERWORKS, RESERVOIR PROTECTION	2,220.00

PAYROLL 7/14/2023	
General	240,248.12
Old Fort	710.49
Merschon	498.86
Road Use	28,245.85
Water	35,846.23
Sewer	32,685.95
Solid Waste	17,535.21
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,317.90
	<u>\$359,575.15</u>

CULLEN PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL..	284.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, PUBLICATIONS	459.55
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, DRAIN GASKET	160.00
DANA ZUMDOME, CLOTHING ALLOW.	47.06
DFI TOTAL BUSINESS SOLUTION, PAST DUE NOTICES	895.25
DIAMOND VOGEL INC., PAIL GASKET	34.07
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, STAPLER/COVERS	36.04
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, VEHICLE FULL SERVICE	1,076.00
DUO-SAFETY LADDER CORP., LABELS	54.65
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, LICENSE RENEWAL (10 YRS)	125.00
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO., REPAIRING SEWER EQUIP.	3,689.29
ESO SOLUTIONS, SOFTWARE AGREEMENT	8,655.91
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, SLUDGE TESTING	308.16
EXCEL IT SERVICES, REPAIR COMPUTERS	180.00
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, HAMMER DRILL/GRINDER	1,249.22
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK	

COMPANY, UNIFORM	84.47
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, GARBAGE PICKUP	21,588.68
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, PAPER PRODUCTS	265.70
HACH COMPANY TESTING, SUPPLIES	1,412.90
HELLIGE LAWN CARE, TRIMMING HEAD STONES	550.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE	24,080.82
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, AIR FILTER/COVER/CHAIN OIL	800.79
HUMBURD AUTO SERVICE, REPLACE TIRES	840.20
HY-VEE FOOD STORE, COLLECTION FEE	22.85
ICONNECTYOU, INTERNET FOR FINGERPRINTS	5.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., YEARLY SUPPLY FEE	1,219.91
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS, WORKMAN'S COMP #1	9,232.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/POSTAGE	1,656.69
KILBURG EQUIPMENT LLC, VALVE/HANDLE	2,096.81
LISCO, TELEPHONE/INTERNET	1,807.76
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, WIRELESS HEADSET	13,301.36
MASTERCARD, ZOOM/SAFETY SHOES	1,640.52
MELLER EXCAVATING & ASPHALT, BUILDING DEMO	14,000.00
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, HINGE/RATCHETS/SOCKETS	84.07
MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT, NOZZLE	320.00
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE	1,140.00
MOWEN CLEANING SERVICE LLC, JANITORIAL SERVICE	1,311.50
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., GRIP RINGS/BOLTS/GASKETS	1,928.40
NAPA AUTO PARTS, SCANNING TOOL	669.99
NORMAN DODSON, BOOT ALLOWANCE	240.09
QUILL LLC, INK/PENS/STICKIES	96.02
RED LION RENEWABLES, ELECTRIC	8,354.16
RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., GEOTEXTILE TUBES	14,413.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C., THERMO IMAGING	29,192.00
SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING, C GRANT - PORT III	2,500.00
SOUTHEAST IA REGIONAL MED, RAN-	

DOM DRUG/ALCOHOL SCREEN	360.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, POOL SAMPLE	54.50
THACHER TREE CARE, TREE REMOVAL	4,000.00
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, CHAIN	82.45
TRUCK REPAIR INC., DIAGNOSE ERROR/CLEAR	694.28
UMB BANK, N.A., BOND INITIATION FEES	600.00
UNITY POINT CLINIC, - OCCUP PRE-EMPLOYMENT LABS	126.00
UPS, POSTAGE	17.52
USA BLUE BOOK, REACTOR TOOL	2,166.00
VESSCO INC., ELEMENT	450.66
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS	10,875.15
WINCAN LLC, ANNUAL SUPPORT PLAN	2,500.00
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET	264.84
YMCA, FORT MADISON 2/3 - 2023 POOL SEASON	10,000.00
TOTAL	229,492.23
TOTAL	48,001.05
SPECIAL REVENUES	48,346.96
ROAD USE	15,207.20
CAPITAL PROJECTS	23,908.82
WATER	34,287.17
WASTEWATER	32,829.34
SOLID WASTE	25,854.48
AIRPORT	363.86
STORM WATER	693.35
	<u>229,492.23</u>

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met

at the regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-Op, Wever. Present were trustees Rick Kuntz, Mike Walker and Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 27, 2023. Moved by Walker, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the Pump Master report. River stage was 14.69. Moved by Bonar, seconded by Kuntz, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding putting rock on the east side of the pumping station. Spraying will also need to be done on the brush.

Moved by Walker to end the official flood fight. Seconded by Kuntz.

Motion carried. The river topped out at 20.1 feet, everything went smoothly. Discussion was had on

having someone remove debris.

IFC is still developing their barge loading project for engineering.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Kuntz to approve the 28E Clerk Services agreement with the Lee County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding insurance and bonds for the trustees.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to get bonds for each trustee for 1 year. Motion carried.

The final payment for the main ditch project has been received, the project is complete.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to approve the Clerk's Report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$637,597.45 in the Operating Fund.

At 7:56 p.m. Kuntz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonar. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

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Funding streams still a question for LCHD

BACK-UP - Continued from Page 1

The county has been moving forward with plans to build a new health department on property donated to the county by the Glen Meller family. A stipulation in the donation agreement requires that the land be used for the public good and the Meller family name be used in conjunction with the facility.

The county has roughly \$2.4 million set aside for the new construction, that would also include space and bays for EMS staff and ambulances. The county also has a \$2.2 million appropriation in front of Congress that was carried to Washington D.C. by U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA 1). A \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant has been applied for through the Iowa Economic Development Authority, and a North Lee County Community Foundation fund has been set up that Supervisor Chuck Holmes said could be worth between \$500,000 and

\$1 million.

If all those funding streams were to become a reality, the county would have approximately \$5.7 million in grant and ARPA funds for the new construction, leaving them about \$300,000 short.

Under new property tax laws passed in 2022, the county can now also levy for up to \$975,000 without going to a voted referendum. However, taxpayers can still petition to have that funding request put on a ballot.

Other action slated for discussion and action Monday includes:

- hiring additional personnel for the Auditor and Treasurer's office to help backfill positions with pending retirements.
- possible approval of a lease agreement with American Legion Post 41 for the Veteran's Affairs Office.
- consider possible sale of property located near Wilson Lake and managed by Lee County Conservation.

Bass, crappie fair at local waters

SOUTHEAST IOWA - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for southeast Iowa.

Big Hollow Lake

The water temperature is about 80 degrees. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies remain in 6-8 feet of water in the flooded timber. Vertical jigging works best. Bluegill - Slow: Look for bluegill in 6-7 feet of water in the flooded brush and trees. Worm and bobber work best in the dense cover. Channel Catfish - Good: Look for catfish along the face of the dam and in the old creek channel, especially out from the boat ramp bay where the old bridge was. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Find bass around the drop-offs to deeper water; this steep sided lake has more than a few of those.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

Extra water coming in from the Cedar has bumped up the river level 8-10 inches; expect it to be heading back down by this weekend. Channel Catfish - Good: Water temperatures are around 84 degrees. It's time to break out the stink baits and cut bait. Use the slow current to carry the smell to the catfish; try fishing just above the bigger log jams or just off the backside of the sandbars where the current is rolling off the shallow sand into deeper water.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperatures is 80-81 degrees. Water clarity is just under 8 feet. The water has a green cast. The curly-leaf pondweed has been gone for a while. Black Crappie - Fair: Try fishing in the early morning; expect to be off the water by 10 a.m. Start trolling in 8-10 feet of water just outside the flooded trees out from the beach and on down towards the dam. Don't go fast, 1-1.5 mph is about right; just drift. Bluegill - Fair: Try vertically jigging around the trees to a depth of about 10 feet. Drift quietly from spot to spot; use a 1/64 oz jig tipped with a waxworm. Look back in the bays on the south side to find some on the beds. Channel Catfish - Fair: Along the face of the dam is always a good place to catch nice catfish. Don't forget to try the "Old Pond". Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass are working back in the trees during the early morning. Try casting back in there with topwater baits and have some fun. You can hear them splashing around just after the sun gets up.

Lake Darling

The water temperature is between 80-82 degrees. Water clarity is about 2 feet. The water has a green cast. The thermocline bottoms out at 9 feet; don't fish below that. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies are out in the middle at 6-7.5 feet deep. Try slow trolling. Bluegill - Fair: Still a few active nesting areas; most have returned to deeper water. Try slow trolling with a small jig tipped with bait down 5-6 feet parallel to shore. Channel Catfish - Fair: Use chicken liver just off the where the riprap ends underwater. Catfish like to cruise along this edge looking for food. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass are hunting up in the rock piles in 6-8 feet of water early in the mornings.

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