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A blast from the past



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The A's Cason Creswell take a cut Thursday night as boys from the As and the Cubs got together for a pick-up game to wrap up the baseball season Thursday night at Victory Park in Fort Madison. Parents and families crowded around the field and Wilson BBQ parked along the curb in an old-fashioned summer kids' baseball game in the middle of town.

Council to look at search firm for city manager spot

HINSON: Search firm cuts price to \$14K to assist city in finding new manager

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

ORT MADISON – A consulting firm that includes a former Fort Madison official is asking for \$14,000 to help the city find its next city manager.

The Fort Madison City Council will consider the move at its regular meeting Tuesday and the bid for the work comes from Hinson Consulting LLC of Mason City.

Officials are looking to replace former City Manager David Varley who resigned in May after nine years of service. The city has been running without a city manager since that time with Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier handling the day-to-day finances and other department heads picking up the duties.

Hinson is owned by Brett Hinson, a former Mason City official who also worked as Washington, Iowa's city administrator. The team also includes Pat Callahan who served as a city planner in Fort Madison before being hired as City Administrator in West Point.

The contract calls for creating a profile for the position, advertising, reviewing applications, conducting credit and criminal background checks, reference checks, negotiations, and preparations for final council interviews.

The cost of the contract is not to exceed \$14,250. An original bid from Hinson was sent in April, but the company pared that down due to work already completed by Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Association Executive Director Mike Norris.

"We believe based on the work you have already performed and our good working relationship with (and high regard for) Mike Norris and SEIRPC that we can largely coordinate our portions of this process from afar, and only

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Bentley takes over reins at Baxter Sports Complex

FMHS GRAD: New director takes over after Woodside departs following seven years

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A familiar face is now walking the grounds of the Baxter Sports Complex.

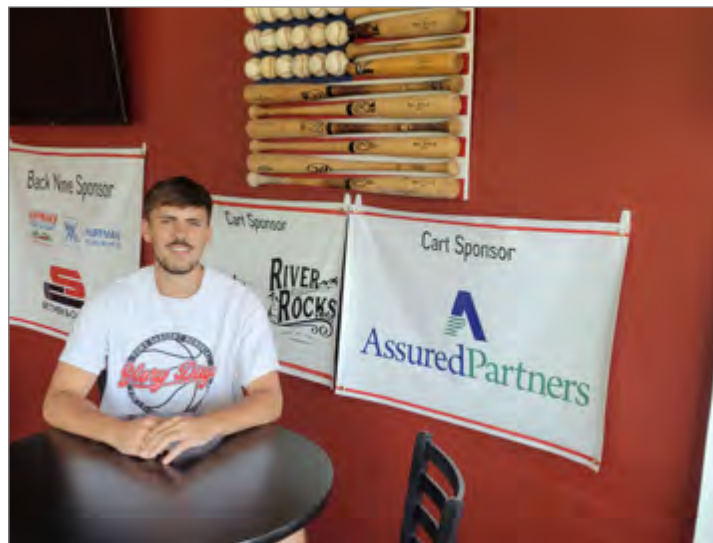
Former Fort Madison Bloodhound Landon Bentley has taken over as director of the facility. He succeeds Jeff Woodside who left the position this month to take a position with the Burlington School District.

Woodside is completing his teacher education certificate this summer.

Bentley was announced at the Baxter Sports Complex annual golf outing last Friday. The 2017 Fort Madison high school graduate took over operations on July 5. Woodside worked with Bentley in tandem to learn about operations until his final day on Tuesday.

Bentley said he would like to see the sports complex evolve a bit into a place for like-minded student athletes to gather and work on skills while also having a place to socialize.

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Fort Madison's Landon Bentley has been named the newest Director of the Baxter Sports Complex. Bentley succeeds Jeff Woodside, who has overseen the facility for the past seven years.

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FRI 28 Jul.....Hot & sunny with dangerous heat index, 98° F/ 71° F
SAT 29 Jul.....Mostly sunny with chance of early showers, 87° F/ 64° F
SUN 30 Jul.....Sunny & warm, 86° F/ 63° F

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Lee County News/For the Record

LCC holding end of summer fishing derby in WP

WEST POINT - Lee County Conservation presents our end of summer Youth Fishing Derby at Pollmiller Park (2448 County Rd 103 West Point, IA 52656) on Saturday, August 5th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Youth, ages 3 to 15, are invited to participate in a fishing contest with other kids in their age groups. Winners in each group will receive trophies and prizes will be received by all!

The Youth Fishing Derby is an annual event sponsored by the Queisner Family and the Three Rivers Conservation Foundation. This event is fun for the whole family with food, games, prizes, and, of course, fishing! Participants are invited to bring their own gear and fish on Pollmiller Lake, and the participants with the largest fish in their age group will receive awards. Lee County Conservation will provide poles and bait for those who need it.

Registration for this event will begin at 8:00 AM at the main shelter house, and the Fishing Derby will run from 8:30-11:00 AM. Lunch will be served and awards will be given beginning at 11:00 AM. This is a free event that is open to the public - kids ages 3 to 15 can participate in the derby, but all ages are welcome watch and enjoy the fun!

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



A youngster holds up the pan fish he caught at Lake Chatfield where the Lee County Conservation department held a fishing derby several weeks ago. Another derby will be held at Pollmiller Park in West Point starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/26/23 - 3:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Raul Garcia, 73, of Fort Madison, at 25th Street and Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/26/23 - 3:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of Richards Drive.

07/26/23 - 4:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Stacey Dontrell Powell, Jr., 31, of Indiana, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 1st degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/26/23 - 9:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

07/26/23 - 11:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue H.

07/27/23 - 6:20 a.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue N.

Lee County Sheriff Report

07/26/23 - 8:53 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Whitney Jean Vigen, 37, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/26/23 - 9:35 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jasen Scott Tripp, 47, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/26/23 - 10:20 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Earl Rondell Simmons, 48, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/26/23 - 4:31 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Raul Punte Garcia, 73, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/27/23 - 1:19 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Thurman Purdman, Jr., 56, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of Hwy. 103, West Point, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/27/23 - 4:47 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Gage Allan Miller, 25, of New London, in the 3000 block of Hwy. 16, Denmark, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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

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Thanx for reading!

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Lee County News/Sports



Keokuk man wins \$30K on scratcher

PCC Staff

CLIVE — A Keokuk man has won a \$30,000 lottery prize.

John Carman won the 23rd top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "\$30,000 Crossword" scratch game. He purchased his winning ticket at Site Food Mart, 1301 Main St. in Keokuk, and claimed his prize Monday at the lottery's Cedar Rapids regional office.

The \$30,000 Crossword game is a \$3 scratch game that features 151 top prizes of \$30,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.52. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ialottery.com.

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SOFTBALL

Buford, Helmick, and Hellige honored by Iowa Girls coaches

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Three area girls were named to the All-District and All-State softball teams this week by the Iowa High School Softball Coaches' Association led by Central Lee's Shanna Buford.

The junior Hawk earned 3rd Team All-State in Class 3A and was named to the 1st team all-district in the Southeast district. Buford had some of the loftiest stats in the area, finishing second in the state in Class 3A in hitting with a .567 average. She was seventh in the state in on-base percentage at .611, and fifth in

slugging at .979.

Fort Madison junior Lauryn Helmick was also named to the third team, but in Class 4A. She was also named 1st team All-District in Class 4A Southeast. The Bloodhound hit .427 as a junior with 21 RBIs.

Holy Trinity Catholic's Mary Hellige was honorable mention all-state in Class 1A and 1st Team All-District Southeast in Class 1A. Hellige hit .481 for the year (22nd in Class 1A). The senior went 11-12 on the year from the circle and pitched 134.2 innings striking out 97 against just 30 walks with a 3.22 ERA.

Warmer waters making fishing a challenge

SOUTHEAST IOWA - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Dept. of Natural Resources out of Des Moines based on reports from area fishers.

Big Hollow Lake

The water temperature is 83 degrees. Thermocline is bottoming out at 6 feet. The duckweed is thinner than usual this summer; there are fairly large areas of "open" water. Water clarity is 30 inches. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies remain in 6 feet of water in the flooded timber. Vertical jigging works best. Slip bobber and minnows are also picking up a few fish. 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 - Fair: 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 - Slow: Find bass around the drop-offs to deeper water; this steep sided lake has more than a few of those. Look for them down at about 6 feet, no deeper. Work the "shaded" bays and shores first.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The extra water from the Cedar River last week is gone. You can see the sandy bottom of the river above the highway bridge at Columbus Junction nearly all the way across now. Channel Catfish - Fair: Water temperatures are 83-84 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. Find the deeper water and you will find the fish.

Lake Belva Deer

The green color (Phytoplankton) has set in this last week. Water temperatures is 83-84 degrees. Water clarity is a couple of feet. Thermocline is at 5 to 7 feet. Black Crappie - Slow: A few anglers early in the morning are still picking up a few in about 6 to 7 feet

along the trees out from the beach. They are moving a little shallower as the summer wears on and the deeper water runs out of oxygen. Bluegill - Slow: Try vertically jigging around the trees to a depth of about 6-7 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 - Slow: Bass are trying to stay cool; look for them in about 6-7 feet of water out in the trees. Try soft plastic or weedless jigs early in the morning.

Lake Darling

Water temperature is 82-83 degrees. Water clarity is about 2 feet. Water remains a definite green color. The thermocline bottoms out at 9 feet; don't fish below that. Most fish are hanging out at between 6.5 and 7.5 feet. Bluegill - Slow: Try slow trolling out over tops of the rock piles. Channel Catfish - Fair: Use chicken liver just off the where the rip-rap ends underwater. Catfish like to cruise along this edge looking for food. It also keeps them in 6-7 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Bass are hunting up in the rock piles in 6-8 feet of water early in the mornings.

Lake Geode

The water temperature was hitting 86 degrees on July 24. Water has turned really green with a transparency of only a couple of feet now. The bottom of the thermocline is holding out at 9 feet. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies are out in deeper water for the summer. Try slow trolling in 8 to 10 feet of water along the drop-offs. Bluegill - Slow: Work the rock piles and flats in 8-9 feet of water; they are trying to stay cool. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Bass are out at the drop-offs; they have slid down the slope a little to cooler water to avoid the heat. They have decent oxygen at about 8-9 feet of water. Best bite is early or just as the sun goes down.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.

Absent: Garry Seyb and Chuck Holmes.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve airfare for the Health Department's HRSA Grant Coordinator to attend a required site visit in Washington DC July 12-14. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve replacing two part-time EMTs and one part-time paramedic. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-64. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye and Fedler-aye.

RESOLUTION #2023-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY APPROVING MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY OF SOUTHEAST IOWA REGION 28E

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331 expresses the intent of the legislature that Mental Health and Disability Services shall be provided by counties operating together as Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has participated in the Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) 28E Agreement as a member county; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has been engaged in the development of the merged Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa Region 28E documents; and

WHEREAS, the Gov-

erning Board represented Counties of Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Washington have approved the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E by way of roll call vote at their respective Mental Health and Disability Services Regions Governing Board meetings, and

BE IT RESOLVED that Lee County approves the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair Board of Supervisors.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on June 5, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Fedler, Pflug, Schulz

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Holmes, Seyb

ATTEST: /s/ Denise Fraise, Clerk to the Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve a 28E Agreement for the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa and the Lee County signature page. Motion carried.

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

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

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to table approval of Resolution #2023-67. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-68. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, and Fedler-aye.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-68

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO VACATE AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PLATTED

ALLEY WITHIN THE TOWN OF MOOAR, LEE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors is the Agency as defined by Iowa Code Section 306.2 that has jurisdiction over the secondary roads and alleyways in the town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a certain portion of an alley within the town of Mooar is no longer being utilized by the public and serves no benefit to the public, and/or have been converted by private landowners for private use; and

WHEREAS, the certain portion of the alley to be vacated is located on Lee County Auditor's Plat No. 1 Block No. 1 Town of Mooar (SW 9-65-5), Jackson Township, Lee County, Iowa and specifically legally described as follows:

1. The North Fifty (50) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Ten (10) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa, and;

2. The South Fifty (50) Feet of the North One Hundred (100) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Eleven (11) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa

WHEREAS, Sections 306.10 through 306.16 and 354.23 Code of Iowa, 2022 vest the County Board of Supervisors the authority to vacate and convey said roads and alleyways; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to vacate and convey has been reviewed by the Secondary Roads Department, the Environmental Services Department of the Lee County Health Department, and the Lee County Treasurer's Office for tax payments and again by the Lee County Engineer's for utility easements. No objections or issues having been raised; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowners are as follows:

1. Warner J Kelso: 04-15-21-09-303-0060

2. Warren J Kelso aka Warner J Kelso: 04-15-21-09-303-0070

WHEREAS, all known utility permits on file with the County whose facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on the road right-of-way are as

follows:

1. Rathbun Regional Water
16166 Hwy J29
Centerville, Iowa 52544

2. Qwest - Lumen - CenturyLink
100 Centurylink Dr.
Monroe, LA 71203

WHEREAS, these landowners and utility owners are entitled to notice of the vacation. The Auditor of Lee County shall mail a copy of this proposed resolution to adjoining landowners and utility owners by ordinary and by certified mail; and

WHEREAS, Section 354.23 of the Code of Iowa provides in part:

That the county shall vacate by resolution or following public hearing or by ordinance and the vacating instrument shall be recorded. The county may convey the vacated property by deed or may convey the property to the adjoining proprietor through the vacation instrument. The vacating instrument is used to convey property and the instrument shall include a list of adjoining proprietors to whom the vacating property is being conveyed along with the corresponding description of each parcel conveyed, a recording instrument which conforms to this section is equivalent to a deed of conveyance and the instrument shall be filed and indexed as a conveyance by the Recorder and Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposed resolution be set for public hearing on the 19th day of June, 2023, at 10:01 o'clock a.m. in the County Boardroom of the Lee County Office Building,

933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. The Auditor is instructed to publish notice as required by Section 331.305. The proposed resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to its authority under Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, hereby vacates the following described portion of the alley located on Lee County Auditor's Plat No. 1 Block No. 1 Town of Mooar (SW 9-65-5), Jackson Township, Lee County, Iowa and specifically legally described as follows:

1. The North Fifty (50) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Ten (10) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa, and;

2. The South Fifty (50) Feet of the North One Hundred (100) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Eleven (11) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to its authority under section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, the Board now conveys the property so vacated to the surrounding landowners as follows:
The North Fifty (50) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Ten (10) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa, and;

1. The South Fifty (50) Feet of the North One Hundred (100) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Eleven (11) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa

To Warner J Kelso : 04-15-21-09-303-0060, and; Warren J Kelso aka Warner J Kelso: 04-15-21-09-303-0070

Subject to all utilities and easements of record.

Upon approval, pursuant to Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, this Resolution will serve as the lawful conveyance of the said vacated property.

The Auditor is instructed to publish notice of this public hearing not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Dated this the 5th day of June, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /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 Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-69. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, and Fedler-aye.

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LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-69

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO VACATE AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PLATTED ALLEY WITHIN THE TOWN OF CROTON, LEE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors is the Agency as defined by Iowa Code Section 306.2 that has jurisdiction over the secondary roads and alleyways in the town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a certain portion of an alley within the town of Croton is no longer being utilized by the public and serves no benefit to the public, and/or have been converted by private landowners for private use; and

WHEREAS, the certain portions of the alley to be vacated is located in Block No. 12 Town of Croton (SW 20-67-7), Lee County, Iowa and specifically legally described as follows:

3. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 4; Thence Northwesterly 50 Feet along the North Line of Lot 4; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 50 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the West Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

4. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 3; Thence Northwesterly 150 Feet along the North Line of Lots 1, 2, and 3; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 150 Feet along the Center of the Alley to a Point 10 Feet Northeasterly of the Point of the Beginning; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of

Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

5. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 8; Thence Southeasterly 64 Feet along the South Line of Lot 8 and the West 14 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Northwesterly 64 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Seymore St;

Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa; and;

6. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot 5; Thence Northwesterly 136 Feet along the South Line of Lots 5, 6, and the South 36 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 136 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa

All in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa. WHEREAS, Sections 306.10 through 306.16 and 354.23 Code of Iowa, 2022 vest the County Board of Supervisors the authority to vacate and convey said roads and alleyways; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to vacate and convey has been reviewed by the Secondary Roads Department, the Environmental Services Department of the Lee County Health Department, and the Lee County Treasurer's Office for tax payments and again by the Lee County Engineer's for utility easements. No objections or issues having been raised; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowners are as follows:

3. William/June I Batten – 03-27-12-20-332-0040

4. Martin J/Grettel M Munford – 03-27-12-20-332-0030

5. Mary E Small – 03-27-12-20-332-0020 & 03-27-12-20-332-0010

WHEREAS, all known utility permits on file with the County whose facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on the road right-of-way are as follows:

3. Rathbun Regional Water 16166 Hwy J29 Centerville, Iowa 52544

4. Windstream Communications 101 W. Madison St. Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

WHEREAS, these landowners and utility owners are entitled to notice of the vacation. The Auditor of Lee County shall mail a copy of this proposed resolution to adjoining landowners and utility owners by ordinary and by certified mail; and

WHEREAS, Section 354.23 of the Code of Iowa provides in part:

That the county shall vacate by resolution or following public hearing or by ordinance and the vacating instrument shall be recorded. The county may convey the vacated property by deed or may convey the property to the adjoining proprietor through the vacation instrument. The vacating instrument is used to convey property and the instrument shall include a list of adjoining proprietors to whom the vacating property is being conveyed along with the corresponding description of each parcel conveyed, a recording instrument which conforms to this section is equivalent to a deed of conveyance and the instrument shall be filed and indexed as a conveyance by the Recorder and Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposed resolution be set for public hearing on the 19th day of June, 2023, at 10:10 o'clock a.m. in the County Boardroom of the Lee County Office Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. The Auditor is instructed to publish notice as required by Section 331.305. The proposed resolution is as

follows:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to its authority under Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, hereby vacates the following described portion of the alley located in Block No. 12 Town of Croton (SW 20-67-7), Lee County, Iowa and specifically legally described as follows:

1. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 4; Thence Northwesterly 50 Feet along the North Line of Lot 4; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 50 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the West Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

2. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 3; Thence Northwesterly 150 Feet along the North Line of Lots 1, 2, and 3; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 150 Feet along the Center of the Alley to a Point 10 Feet Northeasterly of the Point of the Beginning; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

3. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 8; Thence Southeasterly 64 Feet along the South Line of Lot 8 and the West 14 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Northwesterly 64 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Seymore St; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa; and;

4. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot

5; Thence Northwesterly 136 Feet along the South Line of Lots 5, 6, and the South 36 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 136 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa

All in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to its authority under section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, the Board now conveys the property so vacated to the surrounding landowners as follows:

1. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 4; Thence Northwesterly 50 Feet along the North Line of Lot 4; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 50 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the West Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa; To William Batten and June I Batten Husband and Wife as joint tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship and not as tenants in common – 03-27-12-20-332-0040

2. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 3; Thence Northwesterly 150 Feet along the North Line of Lots 1, 2, and 3; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 150 Feet along the Center of the Alley to a Point 10 Feet Northeasterly of the Point of the Beginning; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

To Martin J Munford and Grettel M Munford Husband and Wife as joint tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship and not as tenants in common – 03-27-12-20-

332-0030

3. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 8; Thence Southeasterly 64 Feet along the South Line of Lot 8 and the West 14 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Northwesterly 64 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Seymore St; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

To Mary E Small – 03-27-12-20-332-0010

4. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot 5; Thence Northwesterly 136 Feet along the South Line of Lots 5, 6, and the South 36 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 136 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa

To Mary E Small – 03-27-12-20-332-0020

All in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa.

Upon approval, pursuant to Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, this Resolution will serve as the lawful conveyance of the said vacated property.

The Auditor is instructed to publish notice of this public hearing not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Dated this the 5th day of June, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /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 Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-70. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye and Fedler-aye.

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Resolution for Correcting Amended Appropriations FY2023

Whereas, Resolution #2023-54, dated April 10, 2023 and Resolution #2023-66, dated May 30,

2023, must be corrected to 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 #2023-54 and #2023-66 as stated below:

LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department FY2023 100%			
Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	4,817,588	4,587,588	4,817,588
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)	8,025,638	8,255,638	8,025,638
TOTAL	44,814,676	44,013,301	44,814,676

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 5th day of June 2023.

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

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-71. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, and Fedler-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 71

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM AMERICAN RESCUE FUND TO GENERAL BASIC FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer funds from the American Rescue Fund to the General Basic Fund during the 2022-2023 budget year to cover additional costs, 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 trans-

ferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is \$2,500,000 of which \$2,000,000 for additional costs incurred and \$500,000 for the Keokuk Ambulance Building Project.

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 June 5, 2023 is as follows:

American Rescue Fund to General Basic Fund \$2,500,000.

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 5th day of June 2023.

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

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-72. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, and Fedler-aye.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 72

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2023

Whereas, Resolution #2023-70, dated June 5, 2023 must be corrected to 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 #2023-70 as stated below:

LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department FY2023 100%			
Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	4,797,588	4,817,588	4,797,588
Auditor	949,997	949,997	949,997
Treasurer	837,401	837,401	837,401
County Attorney	1,137,812	1,137,812	1,137,812
Sheriff	4,879,244	4,879,244	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	4,964,925	4,964,925
GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing	954,463	954,463	954,463
Human Services	58,000	58,000	58,000
Medical Examiner	256,880	256,880	256,880
Lee County EMS	4,259,915	4,259,915	4,259,915
Maintenance	671,166	686,166	671,166
Building Repair & Maintenance	560,968	525,968	560,968
Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers)	8,025,638	8,025,638	8,025,638
TOTAL	44,814,676	44,814,676	44,814,676

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 5th day of June 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /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 Schulz, to approve Resolution

#2023-73. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye and Fedler-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 73

Resolution for Amended Budget and Amended Appropriations for Information Technology

Whereas, pursuant to State Auditor's recom-

mendation, an internal service fund budget may be amended by resolution.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to amend the internal service fund aka Information Technology Budget as stated below:

LEE COUNTY IOWA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FY2016			
Department	Budget	Amended Budget	Amended Appropriation
Information Technology	421,329	521,329	521,329
TOTAL	\$421,329	521,329	521,329

Dated at Ft Madison, the 5th day of June 2023.

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

The Board held a discussion on funding the Keokuk Ambulance Building. Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to proceed with establishing an Urban Renewal Area for the Keokuk Ambulance Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the May 30, 2023 Board minutes and the payment of claims for the week. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz,

seconded by Pflug, to approve a step increase for Lane Johnston, Correctional Officer, from \$20.83/hr. to \$22.41/hr., effective 6/5/23 and a new hire for the Treasurer's Office, Jill Lionberger, Records Clerk, \$17.02/hr., effective 6/6/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the County Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for April 26, 2023 and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2023.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Regional Mental Health Commission meeting and a Landfill Board meeting. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting.

At 10:35 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to adjourn

the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

Claims paid June 5, 2023

Advcd Home Hlth, svs 9024.28
Agriland FS, svs 2155.09
Aigas USA, splys..116.21
Alliant Enrgy, svs 5671.50
Am Home Fndng, svs 1399.50
Arrowhd Bowl, edu 283.50
Bound Tree Med, splys 3388.61
RR Brink Locking, svs 131.72

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ESS, svs 1245.65	Hinterland Dairy, food 200.00	Karl Emerg Veh, veh 73388.61	Martin Equip, equip 545.80	PCC Ambul, svs 25510.99
Ellipsis, svs 1399.50	Huffman Wlding, equip 67.50	Kempkers, splys 3.78	McKesson Med, splys 57.49	Postmaster, svs 146.00
Enderle Htg, svs 7052.00	ICS Jail Splys, splys 569.32	Keo Water, svs311.15	Mediacom, svs..... 244.51	Prairie Farms, splys 189.60
WR Faeth Whsle, splys 652.02	IA Bridge/Civrt, mtrl21125.00	Ginger Knisley, exps 194.00	Meyers Plumbing, svs 652.40	Rathbun Water, svs 237.05
Farm/Home, splys 525.92	IA DOT, svs..... 18670.30	Kohlmorgan Hlg, svs 245.00	MidAmer Enrgy, gas 19.13	River Basin Canoe, splys 1299.98
Fastenal Co, equip .. 36.10	IA Law Enfmt, ed .. 675.00	R Kuntz, exps 52.75	Mohrfeld Elect, svs 1330.83	RSM US LLP, svs 1769.68
Ron Fedler, exps 65.00	IA State Pen, meals 13669.50	LeeCo Auditor, dpst 14250.00	Newman Signs, signs 820.00	Saavsus, edu..... 1000.00
Forestry Splys, splys 875.76	T Jacobsmeier, svs 500.00	LeeCo Econ Dvlp, contr 50000.00	O'Reilly Auto, parts ... 7.99	A Schiller, exps 500.00
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From the Front

Bentley wants to continue momentum

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"Finding a way for that, even for high school kids who will sit here and talk for hours after soccer league, is important to me," Bentley said.

"This is a good outlet for them. Somewhere where they won't be out getting in trouble and they can play sports here. It's a great environment and finding a way to enhance the social aspect is a good idea.

They can come up and get food - there's staff here. That's something I can really envision for this place."

Bentley said Woodside has momentum building at the complex and he wants to see that continue, but also has some ideas of his own.

"Right now I'm looking to build off what Jeff has got for me foundation-wise. He's done a great job over the past seven year. He's been a huge help," Bentley said.

"I think there's some things in the future that I will look to freshen up my own way. But I will also be looking for new ideas and ways to grow the sports complex even more."

One of those ideas is to bring some of the younger adults onto a program committee to look into other possibilities for the facility.

I've always been a Fort Madison guy. This is right up my alley. I'm

dedicated and ready to go. I've got some ideas for tournaments, maybe do a fall league. During the football year, we're going to do all the away games out here. We did that last year, but we want to continue that."

"Our committee is small right now on the programming. I'm thinking about bringing guys more my age to the committee and brainstorm some ideas."

Fort Madison High School has already moved the softball program out to the complex and there is still talk about moving the baseball program out there if the middle field can be pushed back to accommodate the dimensions. Bentley said he would like to see more of the high school athletic programs use the facility.

"I think going forward, we've got soccer, the softball team, we're looking at more ideas including pushing the middle field back so baseball could come here. I'm all in for that, I would love to have more high school sports here and be involved in that," he said.

Bentley is a current assistant with the FMHS high school girls' basketball and soccer coach.

"I think we've got the facilities to do that stuff. Now it's just coming to an agreement and figuring everything out," he said

The current relationship with youth sports at the YMCA is something Bentley said is important to the future success of the complex. He said FM YMCA director Ryan Wilson, a former coach of Bentley's, does a great job executing those programs.

Bentley said he'd like to create more consistency around events and add new ideas like grass basketball, spike ball tournaments, and obstacle courses to create a new environment at the complex.

Currently BSC officials are looking at replacing the warning tracks on the three ball fields.

"We are looking at improving our warning track materials right now. We want to do all three fields and we need to do that. Those are our babies. They keep us running and keep us fueled."

Bentley said those decisions and the direction of the complex are in the hands of a strong board, who just pulled off the most successful golf outing the complex has ever had last Friday.

"I do have a phenomenal board that backs me. They know I'm jumping into a big role with a lot of responsibility. But I'm the guy for it. I know that I am. I'll keep a smile on my face for people and I'm ready to keep it rolling," he said.

New buildings on the city agenda

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conduct two in-person visits during the process (for candidate narrowing and for in-person interviews), as opposed to our usual 4-5. We believe by making these scope adjustments, we will help to provide maximum value at a reduced cost to the City and make the best use of the process you have already done," Hinson wrote in his proposal to the city.

Also on the agenda is a presentation from Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren and Public Works Director Mark Boussetot regarding proposed new buildings for the city's fire department and public works department.

The city has been looking at options to replace both outdated facilities for several years. The current plans involve new construction.

The second reading of an ordinance revamping city code for the process of cataloging items purchased by pawn brokers, resalers, scrap metal yards, and others engaged in reselling property will also be on the agenda.

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