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City annexes developing properties

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison City Council paved the way for an auction firm to take over property on the city's west side.

At Tuesday's abbreviated council meeting, the council voted 6-0 to approve the voluntary annexation requested by Circle M Inc., to absorb the property into the city limits.

Merit Auctions, a company that moved into the Fort Madison market, is looking at purchasing the property from Circle M and transitioning it into an auction lot and inventory storage area.

Jim Huff, an auctioneer and real estate broker with the firm, told the council their intentions were to build a 3,600 square foot office with a 6,400 square foot attached shop on the property.

The location is east of Reve Court and up to the boundary of where a trailer court used to be between the bypass of Hwy. 61 and Avenue O.

"Our intentions are to hold maybe four or five auctions there, but it would be more of a staging area for farm machinery," Huff said.

"Moving forward, we would like to fence the entire location. I'm sure you have concerns about the sales and upkeep of the area, but I can assure you that it will not look anything like

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Rodeo underway

CHUTE-OUT: Pre-Rodeo wraps up as PRCA takes over



Photo by John Lovretta/ Special to PCC

Benjamin Jeffries, 5, Fort Madison, rides the Mighty Bucky during the Special Kids Rodeo, open to all physically and mentally challenged kids and adults, Saturday, at the Tri-State Rodeo Grounds in Fort Madison. The professional rodeo events kicked off Wednesday night with the Jim Baier/Dodge Ram Chute-Out.

VOLLEYBALL ACTION

Hounds hold on to honor Beebe family

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The usual crimson and black was replaced by green Tuesday night in the home opener for Lady Hounds volleyball team.

The "Be Aggressive" green tees were supplemented by a variety of other greens in the students section as Fort Madison rolled to a very emotional 5-set win over Mt. Pleasant 25-22, 25-22, 21-25, 21-25, 15-12.

The green tees were to honor the family of senior Alexis Beebe who lost her mother to an illness in the off-season. A special moment was held prior to the game for Alexis and her family to remember Judy Beebe.

The emotion spilled over into the match that came down to the tie-breaker where Fort Madison remembered they could play at the net.

Senior Taylor Johnson set a tone early in the fifth-set with the Hounds up 4-1.

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Senior Alexis Beebe lets go with a serve in the second set of the Lady Hounds' 5-set win over Mt. Pleasant at the Hound Dome Tuesday.

COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors take deeper look at Keokuk EMS build

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Plans for a new EMS ambulance building in Keokuk hit a small snag Monday as Supervisors prepared to approve construction plans.

During a prebid meeting last week, the

committee putting the project together found some parts of the building concept that weren't congruent with original plans.

Mark Klesner, the county's safety coordinator and a member of the committee, said there were some costs that could be saved.

"In discussions with the engineer and one of our county maintenance guys,

we feel there are few things within those drawings that we could probably change and save a little money on the building," Klesner said.

Supervisor Tom Schulz echoed the comment.

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IUB sets hearing on MidAmerican base rate hike request

DES MOINES – The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) issued an order today establishing the procedural schedule and setting a date for a public hearing regarding Mid-American Energy Company’s (MidAmerican) application for an increase in its Iowa natural gas base delivery rates to customers.

The public hearing, for the presentation of evidence and cross-examination of witnesses, will be held at 9 a.m. January 9, 2024, in the IUB’s Hearing Room at 1375 E Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. A comprehensive procedural schedule is attached to today’s order.

MidAmerican filed its application on June 12, 2023, seeking IUB approval of a revision of rates to increase its annual revenues under Iowa Code 476.6 and 199 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 26 of the IUB’s administrative rules. MidAmerican’s proposed rate increase is pending before the IUB in Docket No. RPU-2023-0001.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate in the hearing should contact the IUB at 515-725-7300 or customer@iub.iowa.gov at least five days in advance of the scheduled date to request appropriate arrangements.

Written comments can be filed in this rate case by completing and submitting the IUB’s online comment form, by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov, or by postal mail to the Iowa Utilities Board, Docket No. RPU-2023-0001, 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50319-0069.

All publicly filed documents for this rate case are available for review in the IUB’s electronic filing system under Docket No. RPU-2023-0001.

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OBITUARIES

PETER J. HUPPERT

Peter John Huppert, 31, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, August 27, 2023 at his home. He was born March 21, 1992 in Ft. Madison, IA the son of Patrick and Pam Day Huppert. He graduated from Ft. Madison High School with the class of 2010 and then attended Southeastern Community and received an Associate’s Degree in Maintenance Engineering.



HUPPERT

On June 29, 2013 Peter was united in marriage to Chelsi Best at First Christian Church in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Jacoby Huppert, Robert Huppert and Padraic Huppert all of Keokuk, his father, Patrick Huppert of Ft. Madison, IA, two brothers, Billy Huppert (Dana) of Ft. Madison, IA and Jason Huppert (Michele) of Ft. Madison, IA and one nephew, Jace Huppert of Ft. Madison, IA. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Brenda Briggs Best of Keokuk, his father-in-law, Terry Best of Keokuk, and many in-laws and nephews he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pam Huppert, one brother, Greg Hathaway, maternal grandparents, Donald and Juanita Day, paternal grandparents, Steve and Carmen Huppert, one grandmother-in-law, Sandra Briggs and one uncle-in-law, Robert W. Briggs.

Peter was currently employed by South Iowa Area Detention Service Agency as a detention officer.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk.

Peter loved fixing computers and installing cameras. He enjoyed playing video games and spending time on his YouTube channel, Coffinpoe. Peter had a kind heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand to others.

A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Friday with the family meeting with friends from 5 – 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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



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<p>Thursday, Sept 7 Fried Chicken Dinners</p>
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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

08/28/23 - 8:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue N.

08/28/23 - 3:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Amber Nicole Snyder, 32, of Fort Madison, at 35th Street and Avenue Q, on a warrant for failure to appear - 5th degree theft and a warrant for failure to appear - driving while suspended. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/28/23 - 4:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue B.

08/28/23 - 5:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue E.

08/28/23 - 8:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brian Wayne Nuebel, 53, of Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving while suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/29/23 - 4:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Michele Marie Spindlow, 33, of Fort Madison, at 18th Street and Avenue B, on a charge of driving under suspension.

08/29/23 - 5:36 a.m. - Ethen Howard, 25, of Fort Madison, on the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for driving while barred and a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/29/23 - 6:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident

in the 1400 block of Avenue E.

08/29/23 - 9:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Austin Dean Schuelka, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on warrants for probation violation - escape from custody and domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/29/23 - 10:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of 35th Street.

08/29/23 - 3:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3500 block of Avenue L.

08/30/23 - 1:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Gregory Lane King, 61, of Denmark, on a charge of driving while barred.

08/30/23 - 10:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

08/30/23 - 6:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

08/30/23 - 6:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 100 block of Storms Court.

08/31/23 - 10:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

08/31/23 - 3:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue H.

08/31/23 - 8:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brian

Wayne Nuebel, 53, of Niota, at 7th Street and Avenue H, on warrants for driving under suspension and failure to provide proof of insurance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

08/28/23 - 11:15 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mandy Sue Sample, 43, of Farmington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later transferred to another company.

08/28/23 - 2:15 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Alan Edward Snyder, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 295th Avenue, West Point, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/28/23 - 2:57 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Angela Marie McBride, 54, of

Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 295th Avenue, West Point, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/28/23 - 7:37 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Matthew Wayne Sly, 30, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of Stripe Street, Keokuk, on charges of enticing under 16 - sex abuse and phone distr obsc mtrl minor - 1st. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/29/23 - 10:35 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Delbert Eugene Craig, Jr., 54, of Dallas City, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/29/23 - 4:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Tiffany Amber Stice, 29, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

08/30/23 - 11:05 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Travis Edward Scott, 44, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/31/23 - 9:36 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christina Marie Gray, 37, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of Mickinley, Keokuk, on a temporary hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/31/23 - 2:58 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mary Elizabeth Johnson, 60, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She

was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/01/23 - 5:25 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Anthony Stephen Stapleton, 37, of Kansas, was turning onto 255th Street from Hwy. 61 traveling westbound when an animal caused him to swerve and run into the raised curb in the intersection. No injuries were reported. Stapleton was cited for failure to maintain control. Stapleton's vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

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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Sports

Holy Trinity ladies survive 5-set test from Nikes

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - September lessons have always been valuable for Holy Trinity's volleyball team.

The education is better for the Crusaders when they come away with a win.

The 25-18, 18-25, 20-25, 25-8, 15-9 victory over Notre Dame on Tuesday night was a matter of endurance for the No. 4 (Class 1A) Crusaders.

"The intensity kept us going, so it didn't feel like we had been playing five sets," said junior Anna Bendlage.

It was, Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said, a typical night in the hothouse that is the SEI Superconference South Division.

"I'm proud of our kids for staying in it," Freesmeier said. "People think this conference is easy. You know, it's not. It's a fight every night."

The Crusaders had to fight when pressed by the Nikes in this latest chapter of an intense rivalry.

"Winning a big rival game like this is pretty awesome," junior libero Teagan Snaadt said.

The second and third sets could have shaken the Crusaders.

"They didn't falter," Freesmeier said. "A year ago, we might have. Our kids kept it together tonight."

The final two sets were a master class for the Crusaders on how important it is to maintain their offensive flow.

"I think we just came out more level-headed, and decided to play our game on our side of

the court," Snaadt said. "We just played our game. I think our energy didn't stay consistent. We needed to take that energy and make it even throughout the game."

The Nikes had exploited openings in Holy Trinity's defense in the second and third sets. A tighter defense led to a crisp offense for the Crusaders in the final two sets.

"We knew coming in that Notre Dame was coming in here with all cylinders firing," Freesmeier said. "We started eliminating mistakes and really got flowing with our offense. We just kept going at it."

"They came after us. We had to adjust a few things. We made a lot of mistakes to give them opportunities, and you just don't give good teams opportunities like that."

Holy Trinity scored 12 consecutive points in the fourth set behind senior Natalie Randolph, who had four kills in the run. After the Nikes broke the scoring stretch by getting a point and the serve back, Randolph came up with another kill and then provided a scare that shook the Crusaders.

Randolph, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, limped to the service line, wiping away a tear after she adjusted her knee brace. The Crusaders scored off her serve, but it was clear something was wrong.

Freesmeier replaced Randolph with Jenna Hellman, and Randolph hobbled to the locker room to be checked out.

"I got the look when I took her out," Freesmeier said, noting that Randolph didn't want to leave the court. "But I wanted to make sure she was OK, so we had her get checked out by the trainer."

The Crusaders finished off the set, and when they returned to the court for the final set, Randolph joined them on the court.

"It scared me a little bit, because she's a big part of the team," Bendlage said. "It was big (getting her back). She's such a huge part of our team — without her, there's a hole out there."

Randolph played the entire fifth set, and after the match she said she was "OK."

"She tweaked that knee," Freesmeier said. "Her injury is more important, she's more important, than the game. We'll get her home, get her in the ice bath, and see how she feels."

Holy Trinity jumped to an 8-1 lead in the fifth set. Presley Myers accounted for three points in the middle, and Taegan Denning had two service aces in that run. Notre Dame fought back to get within 11-7, but Holy Trinity freshman Adalyn Kruse had a kill to end the momentum. The Crusaders then finished off the win.

"How about that freshman?" Freesmeier said. "She was great at the service line, had some big kills for us. We establish our middles, and then we can do a lot of things."

The Crusaders are off until next Tuesday's home match against Mediapolis.

"It doesn't get any easier in this conference," Freesmeier said. "But we kept it together tonight. And this is a big win."

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From the Front

MAPC to get support of county

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“He’s exactly correct. There are things within those drawings that are contrary to precisely what they were told to put in those drawings,” Schultz said.

Klesner said it was also pointed out by a potential subcontractor that there could be a delay in obtaining some of the electrical boxes and switch gear running 3-phase electric to that building.

Klesner said he followed up with the engineer and asked if they needed 3-phase to run the air conditioners and things of that nature in the building, or if they could go with typical 220 service.

The engineer said that could be an option for design. Klesner said the county could do an addendum prior to the bids coming in on the work.

Mark Long, Director of the Lee County EMS service, said a building committee is being planned to go over the changes.

“They’re already working on an addendum for some IT stuff that came up, so there is already one under-way that those changes could be a part of,” Long said.

Supervisor Garry Seyb asked the board to delay approving the blueprints until the other changes could be worked out.

Klesner also said that during the committee meeting it was discovered that the supervisors hadn’t approved the drawings or the committee had neglected to get those drawings to the board before Tuesday.

In an unrelated issue, the board approved a letter of support to be sent to a state committee reviewing the state’s list of boards and commissions. The letter advocates for the state to keep its membership with the Mid-America Port Commission.

Reynolds has engaged a committee to publicly review the need for respective commissions and boards.

Seyb said he received a communication from Mike Norris, Director of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, asking for the letter. Norris also is currently the governor’s appointee to the MAPC, along with Denise Boyer of Hall Township.

PAW, Merit Auction projects annexed

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it does today as far as upkeep.”

Huff said it would be unlikely that the facility would be built this year and further said he would be surprised if any concrete is being poured.

The company currently has offices in the Avenue O mall, but plans would include moving out of that location when construction is completed on the other property.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld thanked Huff and Merit

Auction for choosing to invest in Fort Madison.

The city also approved setting a public hearing to rezone the same property from R-1 family residential to B-3 wholesale business district. That hearing is set for Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

In a related issue, the council also voted 6-0, to approve the voluntary annexation of property on 48th Street where the new PAW Animal Shelter is being constructed.

City Public Works Director Mark Boussetot

said the shelter is paying to connect to sewer line already on the property. But the city will be running water lines to the construction at the shelter’s cost. The city will be extending a main to the facility rather than hooking up with a waterline across the street. Boussetot didn’t have a dollar figure on the improvements, but said the shelter was absorbing the cost.

The new shelter is a projected \$8 million facility that will expand the services and housing for the area’s largest no-

kill animal shelter.

In other action, the council approved, 6-0, the second reading of an ordinance that will reduce some smaller minor misdemeanor offenses as citations rather than criminal filings. The measure needs a third and final approval before being added to city code.

The council also:

- approved seal coat bids from W.L. Miller Co. of Hamilton for .60 per square foot of single layer sealcoating and \$1.17 per square foot of double layer seal coating for the city’s 2023

street sealcoat program. Boussetot said the city will be spending about \$160,000 for the year on seal coating. He said the city won’t use the full amount out of the Road Use Fund, but the remainder will be carried over into next year’s budget.

- approved a \$2,000 contribution to the Mexican Fiesta by a 5-1 vote with Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker voting against the contribution, after asking if the Fiesta organization had done any private fundraising for the event.

DIAGNOSED WITH NEUROPATHY?

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 3, 2023

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, July

HELP WANTED

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3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb

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ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER II or III

Lee County is taking applications for a Road Maintenance Worker II or III, to work at the West Point Maintenance Shop or other shops as assigned. Duties will include the operation of light and heavy equipment and trucks to perform road maintenance and construction projects, occasionally plowing snow, and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements. The successful candidate will be classified as either Maintenance Worker II or III depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$22.57 to \$23.47. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$27.55 to \$28.65.

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opened a public hearing for comments on an interfund loan from the General Basic Fund to the EMS Fund. There were no comments prior to the hearing and no comments from those in attendance. At 10:02 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-82. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

Resolution #2023-82

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ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS CLASS IE, IIE OR IIIE

Lee County is taking applications for Engineering Technician Class IE, IIE or IIIE, to work out of our Fort Madison Office. Duties will include surveying, inspection and testing of materials, computer aided drafting, and ability to become IDOT certified in inspection and other related work duties. The successful candidate will be classified as an Engineering Technician IE, IIE or IIIE depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$25.63 to \$27.68. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$31.08 to \$33.88.

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RESOLUTION # 2023 - 83

Resolution for Interfund Loan & Repayment FY2024
WHEREAS, it is desired to loan monies from the General Basic Fund to the EMS Levy Fund, and repay the loan by the end of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, said Interfund Loan is in accordance with Section 331.477, Item 2, Code of Iowa,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The sum up to \$200,000 is ordered to be loaned from the General Basic Fund to the EMS Levy Fund, and repaid by June 30, 2024.

Section 2. The Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made for this loan and repayment accordingly and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts of said transfers.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 3rd day of July, 2023.

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

Public Input: Mary Jo Reisberg, Keokuk, asked the Board to reconsider their decision to let the Hamilton-Keokuk Dam Museum put a dam turbine in Estes Park.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve a quote of \$71,700.00 from Denco Highway Construction for joint and crack sealing of X50. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a quote of \$5,800.00 for a Geotechnical Investigation at the Health Department/EMS Building site. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve a 24/7 Online and Phone Support Service Agreement with Accurate Controls for cameras and controls at the Jail, at a cost of \$13,070.40 per year for three years. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-83. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

Resolution for FY2024 Budget and Appropriations for Information Technology
Whereas, pursuant to State Auditor's recommendation, an internal service fund budget may be approved by resolution.

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

Department, Budget, Amended Budget, Amended Appropriation
Information Technology, \$200,000, \$200,000, \$200,000

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa, the 3rd day of July, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairmen; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member.

Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the June 26, 2023 Board minutes, the claims for payment for the week and a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Boonies Bar and Grill, for the period August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a position change for Avery Jacobs, from Conservation Tech I \$23.03/hr. to Conservation Tech II \$25.26/hr., effective 7/1/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for May 25, 2023.
Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Children First Board meeting and a Conservation Board meeting. Seyb thanked all those involved with clean up after the June 29 derecho.

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

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,

Lee County Auditor

Claims paid July 3, 2023

Artistic Clnrs, unif....	70.25
Auto-Owners Ins, ins	2259.00
K Benner, exps	217.91
Blanchard Cnstrct, svcs	150.00
Blessing Hlth, svcs	130.00
B Bonar, svcs	200.00
C Brotherton, exps	123.04
City/Dnnlsln, water	127.75
CovertTrack Grp, svcs	670.00
H Curtis, svcs	143.00
Democrat Co, pbl....	45.93
Deery Bros, veh	45370.00
Diamond Drugs, rx	832.96
Donnellson Tire, svcs	1302.95
Douds Stone, mtrl	345.52
Elect Engrg, svcs..	1336.80
R Fedler, exps	92.00
FM Water, svcs.....	92.87
B Fraise, exps.....	212.43
GeoComm, svcs....	9044.00
GrtAmer Fnncl, rntl	174.42
K Hammel, edu....	173.50
Hartricks Lmbr, svcs...	5.97
Hinterland Dairy, food	90.00
Huffman Wldng, equip	19.96
HyVee, splys.....	1867.12
IMWCA, ins.....	40882.00
ISAC, reg.....	6300.00
ISACA, reg.....	250.00
Jet Gas, fuel	8176.55
Jireh Inc, fuel	1122.09
P Kaltefleiter, exps	172.49
Keokuk Water, svcs..	97.46
Klingner Assc, svcs	536.50
G Knisley, exps.....	320.00
A Krebill, exps.....	163.37
R Kuntz, svcs	200.00
L-TRON Corp, equip	12007.00
LeeCo Auditor, Ctrl Pur	393.30
LeeCo Hlth, svcs	586.82
LeeCo Treas, costs	5711.47
LJ Insurance, ins	124935.75
Mail Svcs, pstg	1307.75
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	26.39
C Nelson, svcs ...	77330.01
P Patrick, svcs.....	500.00
Powerphone, svcs	6412.50
Prairie Farms, splys	221.20
PSBA, svcs.....	5400.00
Rathbun Water, svcs	147.70
Richards Elctrc, svcs	1976.50
RTVision, svcs.....	7200.00
K Schleidt, svcs	500.00
SEAT Treas, dues	200.00
J Shoup, svcs.....	500.00
Solutions, svcs ...	22600.00

Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

VanHyning Trckng, svcs
..... 500.00
Mike Walker, svcs... 200.00
Willson Trckng, svcs
..... 753.18
B Wyatt, svcs..... 200.00
Zetron, svcs..... 30309.66
911 Custom, splys
..... 127.00

PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes for the
Lee County
Conservation Board
Meeting
July 13, 2023
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Hwy61
Montrose, IA 52639

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore Patrick x Benjamin x

Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Pawling, Risser, Jacobs

Supervisor: Holmes
1. Approval of Agenda

Pollpeter requested adding Extern Presentation to the agenda
Motion by Alton to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Extern Presentation
2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried
2. Extern Presentation
Jessica Lunde gave a presentation on her summer extern project for Lee County Conservation -funded by Climax Molybdenum. Jessica job shadowed the naturalists and completed a project that identified 39 tree species in Pollmiller Park. She created signs for each with QR codes linked to pages with more information on each tree. The next step will be to have the signs made and installed at Pollmiller Park.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 13th and June 26th, 2023

Motion by Benjamin to approve the minutes
2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried
4. Public Input
No public input
5. Approval of Bills
Motion by Benjamin to approve of the bills
2nd: Alton Motion Carried
6. Approval of Financial Report
Motion by Alton to approve the financial report
2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried
7. Take Possible Action to Approve Admin & Outreach Coordinator Step Increase

Huebner state that Veihl was due for her year 2 step increase.

Motion by Alton to approve Veihl's step increase
2nd: Pollpeter Molton Carried

8. Discuss and Take Action on Bids for Denning

Tree Removal
Alton stated that she went out to Denning to see where the trees would be removed, Huebner stated it was the trees where the old homestead was. Alton asked if every tree would be removed. Pawling stated that the DNR wanted all of the trees removed but select trees would remain.

Two bids were received for the tree removal- Halls Excavating for \$18,945 and Cullen Construction & Excavating for \$19,875. Pollpeter asked if either company's work was preferred. Pawling responded that both companies had done quality work in the past.

Motion by Pollpeter to accept the lowest bid from Halls Excavating
2nd: Alton Motion Carried

9. Staff and Director Reports

Risser gave the education report, highlighting a successful 4-day Outdoor Adventure Camp, Salvation Army presentations, and the acquisition of 4 baby garter snakes from Alamakee County to become program snakes.

Oldfield gave the parks report, highlighting 572 camping nights, 34 cabin nights, 4 shelter reservations, and nearly 2,000 beach admissions. The staff had also been busy cleaning up after the derecho.

Huebner gave the director report, highlighting upcoming events - Chatfield Playground Ribbon Cutting, a Mushroom Hike, Christmas in July, and the Queisner Fishing Derby. She also mentioned the fundraising success the Foundation was having for the Outdoor Classroom - enough has been raised to begin

a ground-breaking in the Fall.

10. Board Member Comments

Alton mentioned the sunflowers in bloom at Denning.

Patrick gave compliments to Davis for the excellent work as the new Park Ranger. He also brought up LCC being a part of the Lee Co Fair Senior Day next year.

Pollpeter shared the idea of giving out a conservation person of the year award.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Alton to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

2nd: Benjamin Motion Carried.

Richard Moore LCCB President

Heather Huebner LCCB Director

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From the Front

Hounds get emotional and hang on to win for Judy

VOLLEYBALL - Continued from Page 1

Johnson got a huge block from the middle position to make it 5-1 and then got a big attack, a block, and then a kill in a 5-second span that brought a special energy to an already ramped up Hound Dome.

"Taylor played a great game all the way around and I'm super proud of her. (She) never gave up which is all I can ask of any of them. These girls want to win," said an emotional Head Coach Kelly Knustrom after the game.

Senior Aija Jenkins got a kill to give the Bloodhounds a 7-1 lead and Dayonna Davis followed with a kill from the right corner to make it 8-1. But the Panthers, who refused to go away, battled back again just as they had being down two sets to none.

Mt. Pleasant came all the way back to tie things up at 8 with senior Emma Starr serving eight straight and finally giving the Hounds a side out leading 9-8 when Johnson got another kill to stop the momentum swing.

The two teams would tie at 10 and 11 before Beebe came to the serving line and rattled off five straight points with several very close calls on the lines. With Fort Madison up 14-10, Mt. Pleasant called a time out and came out with a kill to get the side out.

But Davis would clean things up with a sharp winner cross court from the right corner to give the Hounds the win.

Fort Madison started with a run with two 25-22 wins to take a two-set lead, but the Panthers responded after the break between the second and third sets. Knustrom said the Lady Hounds got emotional going into the third set.

"We got emotional after game two and I don't know if that took a toll on us, but the first two games, they played so amazing. I was so happy for them," she said.

"It's an emotional night anyway, playing for Judy. I think just finding a way to keep that energy up in game 1 and game 2 was tough on the girls. Mt. Pleasant settled in in games 3 and 4."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/ PCC

The Fort Madison Lady Bloodhounds celebrate a winning point in the fourth set before having to go a tie-break 5th set to down the visiting Mt. Pleasant Panthers in the home-opener Tuesday night in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison trailed 0-4 to open the first set and then came roaring back to catch the Panthers at 10 all. After an a 11-11 tie, the Hounds went ahead and never trailed again in the first set, building leads as big as seven points before Mt. Pleasant cut the lead to 1 at 23-22, but a missed service and an Amy Yasenchok ace wrapped up the first set.

The Lady Hounds had little trouble in the second set, building a lead as high as eight points before allowing the Panthers back into the set tying things up at 18. Davis and sophomore Sydney McEntee put a block in the middle to get things going again for the Hounds. Jenkins would pound an attack from the left corner to the back right for the set winner at 24-22.

Mt. Pleasant led for all but a 5-5 tie in the third set, and then two teams battled through the fourth set with 10 ties, the last at 20-20, before the Panthers went on a 4-1 run and got back-to-back kills to set up the tiebreaker.

During the final break, Knustrom said the Hounds talked about making things happen and not being passive.

"We went in the hall and talked about making things happen and not waiting for things to happen," Knustrom said.

She said the girls are improving, they just need to believe in that progress.

"We just stay the course and keep improving every day. They have done that, but now it comes down to them believing they're improving."

Johnson finished the day 18-24 attacking with nine kills. Jenkins was 15-20 at the net with nine kills. Davis also had nine kills on the night. Mara Smith had 33 assists. Lauryn Helmick had 15 digs to lead the Hounds. Beebe led Fort Madison at the service line going 20-21 with four aces.

The Bloodhounds are coming off a 1-3 performance Saturday at the Midland Tournament and now stand at 2-10 on the year.

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