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## City gets clean audit

**MINOR ISSUES:** Redundancy in accounting functions, deficit airport fund noted

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The City of Fort Madison got a strong audit report for the last fiscal year.

At Tuesday's regular City Council meeting, the city's independent auditing firm presented its findings in reviewing the fiscal year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The audit was conducted by KerganBDV out of Cedar Rapids and Coralville and the report was delivered by Andrew Grice.

The city was given an unmodified opinion which is the

highest opinion a firm can give based on the city's accounting procedures.

The city was giggered for some overlapping responsibilities in accounting functions, but that notation is very common for smaller and rural communities and counties, according to Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier.

"I would guess 75% of every audit in the state of Iowa gets cited for that," said City Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier.

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## HOUSING AUTHORITY

## FMHA works through more transition

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The transitional phase that's been bogging down the Fort Madison Housing Authority continues to hamper operations.

At Wednesday's monthly meeting of the authority's board of directors, Director Mike Dear said the authority now in the process of hiring and training new staff.

The authority is replacing two staff employees who resigned in the last six weeks. This follows on the heels of a revamping of the board. Four of the five current board members have been on less than a year. Board President Chris Greenwald has been on the board for less than six months, replacing Rebecca Bowker who resigned abruptly following a vote on a disciplinary action earlier this summer.



DEAR

The board has had four directors in the past four years and ran into a snag with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development over expenditures that were outside the HUD contract with FMHA.

Abby Wright, a former Fort Madison Community School District employee, has been hired to replace one of the staff members and Dear said another person has been offered a position but won't be able to start until next month.

"I know this is a macro issue. We have to figure out some things now to really understand what we're doing here long-term. We have to figure out today to know what tomorrow is," Dear said.

He said HUD has been a good resource for him as he looks to rebuild the institutional knowledge lost with the staff turnover, but Dear said there are other sources of support, as well such as other authorities.

The new hire will come to the authority with knowledge of HUD protocols and will be able to step in and go to work.

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Photo courtesy of Dave Schneider

Fort Madison High School Marching Band placed 2nd in Class 3A while also receiving the award for Best Drum Major this weekend at Mount Pleasant.

## HALL OF FAMER

## Foecke Richter to be inducted into IGHSAU Hall of Fame

WEST POINT – Mikaela Foecke Richter, a 2015 graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic High School and member of the Crusaders' 2014 state champion volleyball team, will be inducted into the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Volleyball



RICHTER

Hall of Fame for the Class of 2023.

Richter, who went onto play for the National Champion Nebraska Cornhuskers, will be accepting

the award Thursday, Nov. 2, prior to the finals of the State High School Volleyball Championship at Xtream Arena in Iowa City.

She finished her high school career

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## WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap

**THU 21 Sep**.....Early showers then mostly cloudy & cool, 75° F/ 61° F ☁  
**FRI 22 Sep**.....Early storms possible then cloudy & warm, 81° F/ 62° F ⚡  
**SAT 23 Sep**.....Mostly sunny & warm with chance of showers, 80° F/ 61° F ☀

## IOWA LOTTERY

**LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/19**.....1 3 10 23 34, Lucky Ball: 3  
**MEGA MILLIONS 09/19**.....6 9 13 29 66, Mega Ball: 24 Megaplier: 2  
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## Obituaries/For the Record

### OBITUARIES

# SANDRA E. SCHWAN

Sandra E. Schwan, 69, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at T8:36 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.



SCHWAN

She was born on August 20, 1954, in Neillsville, Wisconsin, the daughter of Armond George and Evelyn Mae (Wilmann) Wachholz. On September 13, 1980, she married John Edgar Schwan at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Survivors include her husband: John; son: Luke Schwan; her beloved dog: Dutch; four nieces and nephews: Todd Marescalco, Lisa Marescalco, Joe Snell, and Naomi Snell; sister: Sharon (Jim) Marescalco; and brother-in-law: Larry Albertson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents and sister-in-law: Karen Albertson.

Sandy worked as a paralegal at several law firms in

Wisconsin and Iowa. She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and was involved with the Lutheran Youth Organization. She was a Cub Scout master for fifteen years and an Eagle Scout where she earned her wood badge. She also helped with the the music boosters at Nauvoo - Colusa and Warsaw High Schools.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

A memorial service will be held in Wisconsin at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory and can be mailed to: Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home at P.O. Box 201, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).

# HOF honor caps a stellar career

**HALL** - Continued from Page 1

with a state record of 2,813 kills, 473 blocks, 378 aces, and 854 digs. Foecke touts a career record of 187-17 and is a two-time Gatorade State Volleyball Player of the Year. Additionally, she won gold at the NORCECA Women's U20 Continental Championship. As a Cornhusker, she recorded 1,684 kills and 266 blocks and won two national championships as well as being named NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player twice.

Richter was unanimously elected to the Union's Hall of Fame by the union's Awards Jury.

Richter was part of the 2014 state championship team at HTC and set a single match record for kills with 37 at that tournament.

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

09/18/23 - 9:18 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue G.

09/18/23 - 1:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue E.

09/18/23 - 1:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue M.

09/18/23 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

09/18/23 - 6:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

09/19/23 - 5:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Therese Coleen Donaldson, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue J, on a charge of domestic assault - bodily injury - 1st. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/19/23 - 11:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Veronica Lynne Barnett, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of 35th Street, on a warrant for interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/19/23 - 2:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Cole Laverne Werner, 33, of Burlington, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on a warrant for 5th degree theft, and charges of driving while barred and enticing under 16 - sex abuse. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

09/18/23 - 10:22 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mia Nastasia Mitchell, 20, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 1st degree burglary. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/19/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report. *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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## Illinois News/From the Front

# City beautification group to apply for facade grants

**AUDIT** - Continued from Page 1

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker asked if the city were looking into ways to get that mark off the audit and Steffensmeier said the city has instituted improvements, but it's never good enough to stay out of the audit.

"I think we've come up with some improvements to filter out some of the job duties and having some other people do that, but they just don't find it at the level that they're not going to write it up. I've never had an audit that didn't have it in it."

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said he agreed with the analysis and said, even as a supervisor, that notation on the audits was always included.

"Thirty years ago, when I was on the Board of Supervisors, every audit had that exact same thing. I just started accusing them of randomly putting it on there," said Mayor Matt Mohrfeld.

"They say with staffs of certain size you just can't find enough redundancy."

Mohrfeld said he was happy to give the council a chance to look over the audit before filing it with a vote.

"Over the years, one thing we haven't really cared for is that we've been handed these audits at the meeting, we receive and file them without any real clear discussion and explanation."

Mohrfeld said he asked the firm to go over the audit with the council in open session.

The auditors come in and review the underlying financial statements of the city and financial procedures and issues an opinion on how well the city is doing according to accounting principals.

The firm also reported deficit fund balances. The city airport fund was functioning at a deficit level at the end of the fiscal year, but grants have come in since that time. However, since the fund was in deficit at the end of the fiscal year, it was noted on the report.

The report was accepted and filed with a 7-0 vote.

In other action, the council:

- approved a contract with Fort Madison Beautification to accept a potential Community Development Block Grant that could bring in funds to help rehabilitate selected facades in the downtown business district. Tim Gobble, treasurer of the Beautification committee, said the grant would help rehab six to eight downtown facades which could include sides of buildings as well as fronts. The grant would come through the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

- approved filing for a grant through the State Recreational Trails program to help fund Phase IV P.O.R.T. Trail improvements. The grant would not cost the city anything, and the city would serve as a pass-through for the funds.

- approved a motion to start the search process for a new city clerk. Current City Clerk, Melinda Blind has announced her retirement and said she would like to have a minimum of three months to ensure a smooth transition. The position will be posted publicly, but there are some internal candidates. Posting the position allows for more transparency in the process.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Mexican Fiesta invited Fort Madison 2nd graders to learn about the Fiesta last Friday. They performed their dances and taught students about various activities that the Fiesta puts on each year. Connor Nichting, Lincoln Elementary student, won a bike from the Fiesta for winning a drawing contest.

# LaHarpe residents arrested for felony theft

## **DOLLAR TREE:** Arrest stems from alleged employee theft



DEHAVEN



MCSPERRITT

LAHARPE - Sheriff Travis Duffy reports the following arrests of two LaHarpe residents for Theft, a class 3 felony.

On 09/12/23 at approximately 12:30 PM Dollar General regional management contacted the Sheriff's Office to report employees whom had stolen felony amounts from the store.

An investigation in cooperation with Dollar General management was conducted and arrests were made a short time after.

Jonathan R. McSperritt (LaHarpe, age 31) and Kacie L. Dehaven (LaHarpe, age 28) were both arrested and transported to the Hancock County Jail. Both are charged with class 3 felony theft.

Both remain in custody awaiting an initial court appearance.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JULY 24, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Matt Pflug  
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

Seyb amended the agenda, omitting item number 18, a closed session. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing on the sale of property located near Wilson Lake and managed by the Conservation Department. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments at the hearing. At 10:02 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to close the hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-84. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**FINAL RESOLUTION  
OF THE LEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Resolution #2023-84**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE OWNED BY LEE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, Lee County holds Title by Deed of property located in Section 36, Township 68, Range 6 West in Lee County, Iowa at Wilson Lake Park, managed by the Department of Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Brett and Jackie Kelley have requested that the County quit claim deed a surveyed portion of said property to them in consideration of \$3,000.00 as follows:

WHEREAS, Lee County owns certain real estate in the Wilson Lake Park area, which is managed by the Department of Conservation. A small

portion of said property outside of the park gates has been converted by an adjoining landowner for personal use. Said portion no longer serves a public purpose. The Department of Conservation wishes to sell that portion of said property that has been converted, and has surveyed the same in order to accomplish that goal;

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.361(2) authorizes the County to dispose of real estate by sale in accordance with the provisions of that section.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the sum of \$3,000.00 paid in hand Lee County will quit claim the following described property located in Section 36, Township 68, Range 6 West, Lee County, Iowa Near Wilson Lake Park:

Parcel "A" Being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 68 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., Lee County, Iowa, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing, as a point of reference, at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 36; thence North 00° 59' 09" West (assumed bearing for this description) 661.88 feet along the West line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 88° 56' 08" East 662.48 feet to an existing iron bar marking the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the point of beginning of the following described tract of land; thence North 00° 55' 19" West 265.22 feet along the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter to a point on the centerline of an existing public road as now established; thence Easterly 224.42 feet along a 1685.00 foot radius curve concave Southerly and having a chord bearing and length of South 79° 28' 34" East 224.25 feet along said centerline; thence South 12° 14' 14" West 226.25 feet to a point on the South line of the North Half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 36; thence North 88° 56' 08" West 168.28 feet to the point of

beginning, containing 1.11 acres, more or less, including 0.17 acres, more or less, lying within the existing public road easement, and being subject to easements of record or by prescription.

The Chairman of the Lee County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a quit claim deed on behalf of the Board. Upon passage of a final resolution the Auditor is instructed to provide for the recording of all resolutions and notices.

Dated and signed this the 24th day of July, 2023.

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

Public Input: Tracy Gibler with Navigator carbon pipeline, wanted to clear up some misconceptions that are being said about the pipeline. Illinois has not rejected their application for a permit. There is not a date for a hearing with the Iowa Utilities Board set yet. Navigator does not go on to property that they do not have permission for. She also read a statement on the safety features of the pipeline. Ryan Keller, also with Navigator, spoke on those safety issues. Doug Abolt, Donnellson, said that the pipeline is dangerous and needs to be stopped.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Deputy Auditor in the Auditor's Office and to allow Treasurer Becky Gaylord to replace two employees in her office. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve a lease agreement with American Legion Post 41 for the Veteran Affairs Office, at a cost of \$100 per month. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve a proposal from Calhoun-Burns and Associates for preliminary design of Bridge #84.1 over Lost Creek, located in Section 04 of Denmark Township, and allow County Engineer Ben Hull to execute the agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-

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

**Resolution #2023-85**

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL FOR NONCURRENT DEBT

WHEREAS, Section 331.479, Code of Iowa provides:

Before the board may institute proceedings for the incurrence of debt for the purposes listed in section 331.478(2), a notice of the proposed action, including a statement of the amount, a purpose and form of the debt, the proposed time of liquidation and the time and place of the meeting in which the board proposes to take action to authorize the debt shall be published as provided in section 331.305. At the meeting, the board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the county. After all objections have been received, the board, at that meeting or at the date which it adjourned, may take additional action to authorize the debt or abandon the proposal; and

WHEREAS, Section 331.477 defines current debt as a debt payable from a resource which will have accrued in a fund by the end of the fiscal year in which the debt is incurred. A noncurrent debt is any other debt; and

WHEREAS, Lee County is entering into a lease-purchase agreement with Zoll Medical Corporation for the purpose of purchasing ventilators and cardiac monitors; and

WHEREAS, the price

proposed is \$420,009.29 made in yearly installments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed time the debt will be liquidated is October 2027; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lee County Board of Supervisors shall receive written and oral comments on the proposed expenditure at a Board meeting. Said meeting shall be held on the 7th day of August, 2023, at 10:01 o'clock a.m. Following the pleading of the hearing, they shall accept or reject the proposed noncurrent debt.

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 24th day of July, 2023.

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

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve adding Advanced EMT to the Ambulance Service Job Classifications and Wage Scale, effective July 1, 2023. The wage for the Advanced EMT will be \$20.01 starting pay, \$20.42 after 1 year and \$20.79 after 2 years. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-86. Roll Call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**Resolution #2023-86**

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Lee County Urban Renewal

Area #2 Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Lee County, Iowa (the "County") which shows the desirability of designating a portion of the County as the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2 (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, under such proposal the real property (the "Property") lying within the boundaries set out in Exhibit A would be designated as the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this designation; and

WHEREAS, a proposed urban renewal plan (the "Plan") has been prepared for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken on the Property and which authorizes a certain initial urban renewal project to be undertaken in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new emergency medical services building, including an ambulance bay and living quarters; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Property lie within two miles of the incorporated limits of the City of Keokuk, Iowa (the "City"), and pursuant to Section 403.17, the County must enter into a joint agreement (the "Joint Agreement") with the City in order to exercise urban renewal authority over such portions of the Property; and

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WHEREAS, it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the designation of the Urban Renewal Area and

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#### GENERAL PURPOSE

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#### DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:  
 • Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and  
 • Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair, or  
 • Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

#### Special Requirements:

• Valid State Driver's license  
 • Class B CDL or the ability to obtain one within six months of hire.

#### Necessary knowledge, skills, and experience:

• Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;  
 • Skill in operation of some of the listed tools and equipment;  
 • Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Justina Cullen at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at [jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com) by 4:30pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.

on the Plan;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows:

This Board will meet at the Administration Building on August 21, 2023, at 10:01 a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of the proposed Urban Renewal Area described in the preamble hereof and on the proposed Plan and Project for said Urban Renewal Area.

The County Auditor shall publish notice of

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#### GENERAL PURPOSE

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#### DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:  
 1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent  
 2. Valid Iowa driver's license  
 3. Obtain a Grade II Wastewater Certification in the State of Iowa.  
 4. Knowledge of electrical and mechanical equipment  
 5. Ability to operate computer programs

Apply at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA or email applications to [jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com) by Friday, September 29th.

Applications can be found on the city website at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com)

said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Lee County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Lee County Auditor, or her designee, is hereby designated as the County's representative in connection with the consultation process with the City and the Keokuk Community School District which is required

under that section of the urban renewal law.

The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to present the Joint Agreement to the City for approval, execution and delivery to the County prior to the public hearing on August 21, 2023.

Passed and approved July 24, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Carl A. Nelson and Company finishing the design of the Health/EMS Building and get the

project ready to go out for bid, but hold off sending out for bids until the Board approves moving ahead. There will be \$205,364.94 remaining to be invoiced for the design phase. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve replacing a Correctional Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the July 17, 2023 Board minutes and the claims for payment for the week. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to

approve a transfer from part-time to full-time for Zachary Boyd, EMT, salary unchanged at \$18.01/hr., effective 7/31/23 and a step increase for Caroline Veihl, Administrative/Outreach Coordinator for Conservation, from \$27.60/hr. to \$28.43/hr., effective 7/26/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of June 2023 and the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Fund	Balance January 1, 2023	Revenues	Total to be Accounted for	Disbursements	Fund Balance June 30, 2023	Outstanding
General Basic	8,010,879.75	9,708,155.10	17,719,034.85	10,801,079.88	6,917,954.97	183,560.84
General Supplement	2,752,674.08	2,746,779.79	5,499,453.87	3,430,720.74	2,068,733.13	11,220.19
Rural Serv Basic	2,318,812.36	1,547,457.25	3,866,269.61	2,545,768.28	1,320,501.33	7009.44
Secondary Road	5,358,686.45	4,320,239.92	9,678,926.37	2,632,711.97	7,046,214.40	30,791.92
Capital Projects	774,408.30	845.24	775,253.54	540,835.63	234,417.91	0.00
Drainage Control	660,421.10	194,443.76	854,864.86	202,202.67	652,662.19	15,064.74
Debt Service	639,363.72	432,937.64	1,072,301.36	932,231.00	140,070.36	104363.65
Joint Disaster Ser	21,143.91	812,312.97	833,456.88	794,004.97	39,451.91	180.47
Prop Tax Agency	49.95	1,654.35	1,704.30	1,657.57	46.73	0.00
Township Control	15,683.63	268,003.87	283,687.50	277,376.04	6311.46	0.00
Corp. Control	315,760.76	5,944,939.01	6,260,699.77	6,087,541.92	173,157.85	0.00
School Control	327,544.25	8,426,508.42	8,754,052.67	8,511,869.20	242,183.47	0.00
Area School Control	30,112.66	877,985.57	908,098.23	882,995.83	25,102.40	0.00
Argyle San Dist.	7,147.08	0.00	7,147.08	0.00	7,147.08	0.00
Agency	748,852.19	1,279,584.07	2,028,436.26	1,077,611.03	950,825.23	28,413.55
Ag. Extension	4,163.98	123,156.61	127,320.59	123,835.65	3,484.94	0.00
Land Acquisition	458,222.49	118,624.18	576,846.67	116,450.60	460,396.07	0.00
MV Trust	697,780.89	3,288,569.96	3,986,350.85	3,448,399.34	537,951.51	0.00
Use Tax Trust	341,831.97	2,278,649.27	2,620,481.24	2,198,207.68	422,273.56	0.00
Special Asmt.	7,805.72	115,682.11	123,487.83	57,675.78	65,812.05	0.00
Tax Redemption	5,442.15	290,952.87	296,395.02	225,134.87	71,260.15	0.00
Central Purchasing	4,076.71	46,944.69	51,021.40	45,210.40	5,811.00	0.00
REAP	79,113.14	111.73	79,224.87	0.00	79,224.87	0.00
911 Surcharge	829,187.32	154,924.62	984,111.94	35,198.75	948,913.19	15,322.50
911 Contribution	68,494.41	819.09	69,313.50	0.00	69,313.50	0.00
Self-Funding Ins	1,780,652.90	1,997,636.43	3,778,289.33	1,858,431.89	1,919,857.44	4,753.85
Memorial Trust	303,093.59	12,462.60	315,556.19	15,098.34	300,457.85	618.31
Records Management	55,084.24	2,581.50	57,665.74	0.00	57,665.74	0.00
Cash Bond	2,394.54	29,047.59	31,442.13	0.00	31,442.13	0.00
County Assessor	768,733.63	276,239.44	1,044,973.07	276,950.02	768,023.05	17,839.17
ISF Fund	289,935.56	187,493.66	477,429.22	290,329.07	187,100.15	10,691.77
Driver's License	801.50	33,211.00	34,012.50	33,211.00	801.50	0.00
Recorders	1,159.45	2,052.00	3,211.45	715.00	2,496.45	0.00
Sheriff Forfeiture	609,774.35	18,226.18	628,000.53	552,701.00	75,299.53	0.00
Sheriff Reserves	24,305.16	2,994.40	27,299.56	1,331.34	25,968.22	0.00
Sheriff Commissary	16,252.66	24,217.22	40,469.88	34,549.92	5,919.96	555.90
Argyle Special	11,926.62	4,777.90	16,704.52	0.00	16,704.52	0.00
Drug Task Force	0.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	0.00
	28,341,773.17	\$45,581,722.01	73,923,495.18	48,042,537.38	\$25,880,957.80	430,386.30

Revenue	\$14,777.51	\$2,650.00	\$24,755.00
Current Net Prop. Taxes	Pen/Int. Current Taxes	Pen/Int.-Mobile Home	Grain Handled Tax
\$18,544,840.87	\$100,313.00	\$1,691.00	\$5,037.00
Delinquent Property Tax	Pen/Int. -Delinquent Tx	Mobile Home Taxes	Hotel/Motel Tax



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

..... \$2,145.57	..... \$25,000.00	..... \$116,795.70	..... \$34,740.00	Nursing Services Fees	Employee Jury Duty
E911 Surcharge	Care of Prisoners	Hotel/Motel Licenses	Auto Registration Fees	..... \$7,696.94	..... \$75.00
..... \$45,037.87	..... \$114,150.00	..... \$250.00	..... \$151,067.53	Home Care Aide Service	State Sales & Use Tax
Local Option Sales Tax	Emer Mgmt Svs. Agency	Other Health & Environ	Auto Use Tax Fees	..... \$4,971.76	..... \$4,877.40
..... \$911,785.33	..... \$809,010.30	..... \$995.00	..... \$3,532.50	Other Health Fees	Insurance-Individuals
Excursion Boat Gambling	Fiscal Agent to Region	Trip Permits ..... \$5,775.00	MV Mailing Fees	..... \$6,100.94	..... \$207,645.16
..... \$14,205.37	..... \$141,389.45	Oversize Vehicles	..... \$16,348.00	Photocopy/Fax Fees	Credit on Warrant
Util Replace Excise Tax	Misc. Contrib/Reimb	..... \$9,266.98	Special Asmt Charge	..... \$7,680.50	..... \$10,966.99
..... \$1,784,433.00	..... \$1,311,682.96	Entrance Permits	..... \$2,760.00	Other Misc. Fees	Misc. Reimbursements
Road Use Taxes	INTRA-Co Reimburse-	..... \$4,940.93	Driver's License Fees	..... \$48,666.72	..... \$26,621.85
..... \$2,129,461.96	ments..... \$234,371.19	Other Misc. License	..... \$11,480.00	Interest On Investments	Miscellaneous
Liquor Licenses	Home Care Aide Grant	..... 82.50-	Sheriff Fees ... \$55,189.83	..... \$184,999.21	..... \$178,721.59
..... \$3,895.00	..... \$10,997.85	Record of Instruments	Weapons Permits	Land..... \$44,886.89	Insurance - Departments
Homestead Replacement	Public Health Nurses	..... \$53,668.80	..... \$7,620.00	Buildings..... \$52,878.09	..... \$1,785,980.00
..... \$711,472.56	..... \$2,308.87	Boat Fees ..... \$365.00	Prisoner Room & Board	Equipment & Machinery	Law Enforce Surcharge
Elderly/Disabled Credit	Well Testing ..... \$2,315.00	Real Estate Transfer	..... \$44,072.97	..... \$458.00	..... \$156.75
..... \$53,334.00	Road Use Tax FTM	..... \$24,175.26	Sex Offender Regis	Concessions .... \$3,919.00	Fine Collections
Disabled Vets Tax Cr	..... \$8,227.93	UCC Fees..... \$1,130.00	..... \$1,925.00	Misc. Use of Money	..... \$64,022.71
..... \$55,468.07	Misc. State Grants	Certified Copies.... \$19.00	Other Sheriff's Fees	..... \$2,060.00	Defaults ..... \$218.48
Business Tax Credit	..... \$881,609.27	All-Terrain Vehicle	..... \$24,217.22	Repayment of Principal	Other Fines/ Forfeiture
..... \$723,847.05	E911 Payments	..... \$1,006.00	Printouts ..... \$205.00	..... \$2,768.80	..... \$3,246.09
Family Farm Tax Credit	..... \$102,644.35	DNR Fees..... \$1,137.50	Accident Report Fees	Donation-Private	Cash Forfeitures
..... \$66,890.32	Medicare..... \$800,611.18	Auditor's Transfer Fees	..... \$1,553.51	..... \$21,129.36	..... \$12,420.44
Commercial & Industrial	Misc. Federal Grants	..... \$6,070.00	Ambulance Services	Reimbursements Private	From General Basic Fund
..... \$281,916.77	..... \$61,321.26	Boat Titles..... \$420.00	..... \$625,819.19	..... \$257,487.88	..... \$2,500,000.00
DHS Adm. Reimburse-	Lieu of Tax ..... \$8,585.33	Vital Statistics Fees	Other Public Safety	Opioid Settlement	From Rural Basic Fund
ment..... \$39,419.21	Cigarette Permits	..... \$8,076.00	..... \$30.00	..... \$8,291.85	..... \$2,042,414.25
Medicaid ..... \$333,473.22	..... \$200.00	Passport Fees .... \$842.45	Camping Fees	Sec Road Materials	From other Budget Funds
Bridge Replacement	Sewage Disposal/Septic	Electronic Transaction	..... \$44,068.67	..... \$23,320.16	..... \$230,000.00
..... \$64,804.38	..... \$18,305.00	Tax Sale Publication	Recreational Rentals	Equipment Salvage	Treas-Used by Treasurer
Contract Law Enforce	Food Est/Food License	..... \$2,052.00	..... \$20,062.55	..... \$6,264.20	..... \$2,278,649.27

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MV License Issued ..... 32,231.00	ESRI, refund ..... -84.99	O'Reilly, splys ..... 41.99	..... 4,328.41	..... 477.08
..... \$3,288,044.14	Farm & Home, splys	Phillips 66, meal ..... 4.99	L DeFord, exps ..... 169.00	Lee Co Hlth, svcs
Future Tax Payments	..... 190.17	Pilot, fuel..... 16.94	Diamond Drugs, rx	..... 6,461.80
..... \$29,047.59	Fun City, meal..... 49.17	Pizza Hut, meal ..... 53.46	..... 927.99	LeeCoTsk Frce, cntrb
Anatomical Gift Donate	Galls, unif..... 647.51	Pocket Nurse, splys	Dnnlsln Tire, parts	..... 2,000.00
..... \$525.82	<a href="http://Getsling.com">Getsling.com</a> , svcs	..... 163.39	..... 2,237.56	LeeCo Treas, costs
DL Fee - State	..... 265.20	PRIA, trng..... 395.00	Douds Stone, mtrl	..... 21,685.89
..... \$21,703.00	GitNGo, fuel..... 50.32	Quadiant, splys..... 215.65	..... 551.80	LeeCo Treas, splys
DL Fee - County	Goodyear, svcs..... 117.48	Quarry Creek, splys	Drake Hdwr, equip	..... 46.03
..... \$11,508.00	Govconnectiowa, fees	..... 238.00	..... 10,347.50	Liberty Util, gas..... 32.64
Special Asmt. Collected	..... 464.36	Rathbun Water, svcs	Elect Svcs System, edu	Lynch Dallas, svcs.. 752.50
..... \$120,460.01	Green Valley Seed, splys	..... 357.45	..... 100.00	Mediacom, svcs..... 244.54
Drainage Tax Collected	..... 545.00	Shell Oil, fuel ..... 87.30	EMSLRC, edu..... 138.00	D Mehl, svcs..... 500.00
..... \$59,905.21	Hancock Journal, pub	Sheraton, trng..... 860.16	5th Dist Rcrdrs, dues	Metal Clvrts, mtrl
Tax Sale Redemption	..... 1,843.67	Shottenkirk, maint	..... 20.00	..... 11,836.20
..... \$290,952.87	Hewlett Packard, equip	..... 1,381.32	Floyds EZ Way, svcs	MidAmer Enrgy, gas
Total Revenue	..... 2,655.00	The Cardboard Box, splys	..... 130.00	..... 255.44
..... \$45,584,722.01	Hilton, trng ..... 1,073.68	..... 44.83	FM Water, svcs.... 4,365.24	Midway Frtlnr, svcs... 17.04
Other Financing Sources	Huffman's, splys	Tasty Tacos, meal... 27.17	D Fraise, svcs..... 40.00	R Millmier, exps .... 172.50
In..... 5,453,219.00	..... 1,190.67	Teleflex, splys ... 1,345.50	Glock Prof, edu.... 250.00	Mntrse Hlth Ctr, svcs
Other Financing Sources	Hyatt Place, trng ... 183.19	Texas Roadhouse, meal	Govt Forms, splys	..... 3,605.22
Out..... 680,804.75	HyVee, splys..... 233.39	..... 57.26	..... 1,045.00	L Mullins, exps ..... 278.50
Expenses	IA Dept Public Safety, svcs	The Coopers Tavern,	N Granaman, svcs	O'Reilly Auto, parts
Operating Transfers	..... 15.00	meal..... 18.33	..... 1,467.93	..... 524.81
..... 4,772,414.25	Industrial Motors, splys	The Webstaurant Store,	GrtAmer Fncl, rntl	Optum Phrmcy, rx
Auditors Warrants Paid	..... 138.48	svcs..... 118.35	..... 176.69	..... 620.42
..... 21,421,503.25	Kohlmorgan, svcs... 150.00	T Mobile, svcs ..... 249.59	H & H Lawn, svcs	Phoenix Supply, splys
General Basic Fund	Int. Service Fee, fees	The Great Dane Pub,	..... 1,015.00	..... 889.00
..... 967,552.51	..... 0.20	meal..... 15.56	Hartricks Lmbr, parts	Pitney Bowes, pstg
SEIL Region .. 135,806.10	ISAC, trng ..... 272.41	US Cellular, svcs	..... 1.99	..... 400.00
Pioneer Cemetery	ISSDA, trng..... 325.00	..... 1,190.14	Hlthcare First, svcs	Plaza Tire Srvc, svcs
..... 893.87	Jim Baier, splys..... 630.78	ULI Parking, trng..... 20.00	..... 900.84	..... 151.56
ARPA..... 198,221.27	Josh's Frogs, splys .. 11.14	USCC IVR, svcs..... 194.84	Hellige Lawn, svcs.. 500.00	H Porter, rent ..... 100.00
General Supplemental	Kempker's, splys .. 492.28	USPS, postage ..... 86.63	K Helling, exps..... 80.23	Prairie Farms, splys
Fund ..... 3,424,826.87	Kwik Trip, fuel ..... 46.00	Verizon, svcs ..... 2,299.18	Heritage Med, splys	..... 639.90
IFCO Pilot Payment	Lancaster Archery, splys	Walmart, splys ..... 906.55	..... 244.00	Prvnt Chld Abuse, dues
..... 22,701.00	..... 271.53	Win Supply, splys	hibu Inc, publ ..... 139.00	..... 2,000.00
Rural Services Basic	Liberty Utilities, svcs	..... 908.99	N Hirte, exps..... 338.00	RicohUSA, rent.. 1,399.62
Fund ..... 503,354.03	..... 504.05	Wiss & Wiss, splys	Huffman Wlding, equip	RSM US, svcs ..... 330.00
Sheriff Reserves Fund	Machine Shed, meal	..... 441.17	..... 221.93	G Seyb, exps..... 71.00
..... 590.19	..... 26.79	<a href="http://Wristbandexpress.com">Wristbandexpress.com</a> ,	ICONNECTYOU, svcs	SIADSA, svcs..... 2,478.42
Sheriff Commissary Fund	McDonald's, meal... 19.13	svcs..... 380.00	..... 160.00	SIEDA, cntrb..... 658.56
..... 34,549.92	McFarland-Swan, splys	Zoll Medical, splys	IA Co Rcrdrs, edu... 20.00	Solutions, svcs ... 3,492.75
Drug Task Force Fund	..... 148.97	..... 381.22	IDNR, svcs ..... 225.00	Stanard/Assc, edu
..... 0,500.00	Mediacom, svcs... 4,544.51	Zoom, subs..... 839.90	IA DOT, splys..... 772.46	..... 134.00
DARE..... 741.15	Medpro Waste, svcs	M Cook, exp ..... 155.00	IA Law Enfnt, edu	R Swainey, exps .... 43.00
Secondary Road Fund	..... 183.02	Crescent Parts, parts	..... 250.00	Trinity Pub Hlth, svcs
..... 2,632,711.97	Menard's, splys..... 49.94	..... 69.60	IA Prison Ind, splys	..... 10,824.78
Green Bay Drainage Dist.	Mojitos, meal ..... 21.37	Cribs for Kids, splys	..... 3,442.00	US Bank Equip, maint
..... 202,202.67	Monono Terrace, trng	..... 13.01	IA St Pen, meals	..... 123.09
Capital Project-County-	..... 21.00	CSW Svcs, svcs..... 680.00	..... 28,093.00	US Cell, svcs ..... 1,451.10
wide Communication	Natl Sheriff's Assoc, svcs	Cullen Pest, svcs.... 429.00	IA St Shrff, reg ..... 250.00	VB Co Hosp, svcs
..... 540,835.63	..... 315.75	Daida, svcs..... 353.60	ISAC, reg ..... 500.00	..... 16,906.10
Debt Service Fund	Netflix, svcs ..... 21.39	Democrat Co., publ	ISACA, reg..... 120.00	Verizon, svcs ..... 40.01
..... 154.00	Office Depot, splys	..... 21.87	Jays Auto, svcs..... 480.96	Vigen Mmrl, svcs
	..... 1,483.85	Daniels Jntrl, svcs	Jet Gas, svcs..... 2,599.11	..... 3,600.00
			Keo Hsing Auth, svcs	Wex Bank, fuels
			..... 6,447.91	..... 8,014.22
			Keo Water, svcs ..... 633.86	R Wilkens, svcs ..... 554.10
			King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs	Windstream, svcs... 241.98
			..... 1,200.00	Winners Circle, svcs
			P Knustrom, exps	..... 119.97
			..... 363.00	World Ins Assc, svcs
			Khlmrgn Hlg, svcs .. 395.00	..... 21,742.27
			Kraus Auto, Parts.. 664.74	Xerox, equip ..... 2,663.88
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## Sports/From the Front

# FMHA director hopes new hires bring stability

**HOUSING** - Continued from Page 1

Dear said the authority was fortunate to find Wright and the other new hire.

“You have to be creative to get what you need like that and we were able to pull a rabbit out of a hat to find someone with governmental experience,” he said.

“A lot of it right now is we’re just trying to figure out things. But having another person come in that speaks HUD will be crucial for us and we’re excited about that.”

Board member Jenny Devine questioned Dear at the meeting about what training mechanisms will be available and if they have been available, why haven’t they been put in place earlier. Dear told her that actual training with HUD officials isn’t available but they do work through issues with them and then provide summaries of the issue to look back on.

Some of those programs, including tools that figure Section 8 percentages, Dear himself is still training on.

“The software they use, I’ve been working with them directly, in terms of training. They are actually helping us create processes. Anytime you reach out to them with an issue, they provide you with an email that includes the pathway for handling the issue if it comes up again,” he said.

“HUD doesn’t provide actual training. There are other resources, but my conversations around training in HUD, they provide support as it relates to the financials and the budget side, but it’s not actual training.”

He said he’s trying to get support in place for the current staff, including maintenance staff, because census for the authority is trending down. But they have applications on file and, as they work through the ongoing transition, those applications can be processed and apartment units can be flipped and ready for new tenants.

# Lady Hounds take Mt. Pleasant title

**WIEGAND 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Avery Rump wins; Wiegand, Addison Rump top 10

MT. PLEASANT – The Fort Madison Lady Bloodhounds capture the championship at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational Cross-Country meet Tuesday afternoon.

Sophomore Avery Rump continues to dial in after illness slowed her start to the season. Rump took first place with a 19:41, a full :28 ahead of Washington’s Iris Dahl in second. Senior Paetyn Wiegand came in fifth at 21:13.52 and sophomore Addison Rump took 7th place at 21:41.15.

The other scoring runners for Fort Madison included McKayla Schinstock at 22:46.43 and Allison Lamb was 20th overall and fifth for the Bloodhounds at 23:43.14.

Other runners included Hadley Wolfe at 24:33 (27th), Ellie Huebner 24:49 (30th), Charlie Huebner 26:28 (42nd), Alexa Walz 27:04 (46th), Jordyn Burch 27:24 (48th), and Emma Kern 28:40 (57th).

Central Lee was paced by Gabby Maynes 28:05 (46th) in the small school competition. Sapphire Cummings ran a 37:12.

The Lady Hounds finished with 44 points to lead all teams. Washington was second with 49 points and Oskaloosa with 79.

Micah Rees again led the boys’ run for Washington, who finished in first with the top two runners.

Fort Madison’s Mason McLey, Riley Tripp, and Jacob Shottenkirk finished 10th-12th with McLey leading the way at 18:27.52. Tripp was right behind at 18:33.15 and Shottenkirk finished at 18:35.40 in 12th.

Hunter Wiegand scored with a 15th-place finish at 18:55.18 and Castille Johnstun finished 24th with a 20:25.21.

The boys took 4th place with 72 points. Washington won with 30 points. Mt. Pleasant was runner-up at 57 points and Oskaloosa was third at 63.

Calvin Johnson was the other Bloodhound runner and finished 26th at 20:37.40.

In the small school 5K, Central Lee was led by Leo Thomas at 19:59.46 and Ayden Kent with a 21:03.52 (35th). Kaidin Humes finished at 22:00.40 (46th) followed by Austin Fogarty on his heels at 22:00.84.

Caden Crozier wrapped up the Central Lee team scoring finishing 51st at 22:35.72. Central Lee finished 7th with 176 total points. Mid-Prairie won the division with 50 points.

Holy Trinity Catholic was 8th overall with 198 points.

Maddox Rung was the top racer for the the Crusaders, finishing at 20:28.38. Sheldon Kruse finished 38th at 21:16.62 and Tanner Williams was 42nd at 21:40.62. Lung Rayne raced to a 22:45.93 (53rd) and Caleb Rea finished 65th at 24:13.62 to wrap up the HTC team scoring runners.

Fort Madison’s Peyton Lambert finished second overall in the junior varsity boys’ run with a 19:15.15.

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