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Grounds for approval

County's facility manager finds right fit

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David Corcoran was aware that he had big shoes to fill when he was hired as Hardin County's new facilities manager last November.

Replacing Jody Mesch - who had worked nearly three decades in that role - was a challenge the Eldora native was ready to take on.

When Mesch decided to retire, Corcoran thought the job would suit him well. His resume included a six-month stint working as an assistant under Mesch roughly three years ago. He thought the knowledge he gained during that period would suit him well.

"Jody (Mesch) was very detailed and I liked that. With this courthouse ... we have a gorgeous one. It is very beautiful, so to be able to take care of a building like this, it means a lot. I think it is important to have someone who has a commitment to this place. Maintaining the appearance was very important to Jody and I don't want to let him down," Corcoran said.

Due to their previous working relationship, Corcoran knew landscaping and the beautification of the grounds (lawn) were of the utmost importance. He said one of his goals was to maintain that working creed moving forward.

Corcoran grew up in Eldora and graduated from high school in 1989. He attended Iowa State University, but cited a "lack of maturity" with his decision to drop out after one semester. That immaturity grew quickly after he elected to join the United States Army. He spent eight years in active duty as an electronic technician.

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Dispatch: Over and out

Iowa Falls council votes to send calls to Hardin County

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The Iowa Falls City Council held a special meeting Monday, July 24 and voted unanimously to disband the Iowa Falls Dispatch Center. This change means all current dispatchers will be laid off, and Police Chief Josh Nelson is hoping to move services as quickly as possible.

"We've been revisiting this after a

year," said Mayor Michael Emerson. "It's not a fun conversation to have, but a lot has happened in that year."

The resolution will transfer all dispatch services to the Hardin County Sheriff's Department, who has already been handling 40-50 shifts for Iowa Falls, due to short staffing.

Police Chief Josh Nelson said it would cost the city between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year for services to be transferred to the county, which will save the city money.

Iowa Falls resident Brendan Chaney, who attended the meeting, was the only person who addressed the council about the change.

"When did money come over the safety of assisting here in town?" Chaney asked.

Nelson explained he has been looking at this change for the past year and questioned what Chaney meant by "safety." "It's my job to take care of the citizens of Iowa Falls," Nelson said. "If anyone has any safety concerns, I will address those."

Chaney also expressed concern about extra time it could take to dispatch an officer to a call. "I don't think one dispatcher is enough for Hardin County," he said.

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End to a wild weekend

Days three, four and five of the Hardin County Fair were full of excitement and activities for Hardin County's kiddos. With mutton bustin' on Friday before the Rogue Rodeo, the popular Thunderstruck concert on Saturday night and the closing of the fair with various 4-H shows on Sunday, it was clear that this year's fair was a hit. Miss Union/Whitten and first runner-up Erin Collins took home Supreme Showman at the end of the five-day fair. ■



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Summit Carbon Solutions vs. Kent Kasischke

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Moving forward in the trial, and maybe as a last-ditch effort, Kent Kasischke disclosed at some point that a tenant had been living at the property in question. But the court found that assertion flimsy — or "evasive at best."

Summit's team claimed that such a tenant was not listed on the property's tax assessment roll — but Kasischke was. The petition also said that "no leasehold is pub-

licly recorded." So, the court found the defendant "unconvincing" in his testimony when he couldn't produce any documented leases or rent payments and ruled that the alleged tenant's absence in the matter was of no meaningful consequence.

Plus, it's difficult to ignore that Kasischke had signed off on the first notice's delivery when it was addressed to him. Through the process, Summit presented a thorough record of 19 mail-related exhibits and receipts to support statutory compliance. One in particular, the first 10-day notice, had been signed for and documented through a return receipt. According to

Kasischke, it "appears to be" his signature. Summit had sent out the notices via USPS-restricted certified mail, which they stated "complied with ... 479B.15's requirements."

Kasischke also alleged that Summit failed to prove how it would "suffer irreparable harm or substantial injury absent the issuance of an injunction," so therefore, the company "is not entitled to relief." But since the 479B statute preemptively authorizes injunctions in such events (as long as the conditions are fulfilled), finding harm is unnecessary.

Ultimately the case could be derived into three central pillars that

bolstered Summit's stance: proving that they were a pipeline company, holding the necessary informational hearing and giving proper notice, and delivering the written notice.

To the first point, the court found Kasischke's argument "frivolous" and rejected it. The defendant had already, at one point, admitted that Summit was a pipeline company within the confines of Chapter 479B.

Then, revisiting the confusing carbon dioxide platform, the court stated it would be "nonsensical" to think that carbon-transport companies moving CO2

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