Siemens lands large Ohio contract for blades

Contract will be for more than 200 blades on 72 units

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FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Siemens-Gamesa wind blade production facility has another large order for wind blades.

On Tuesday company officials announced that the firm will be building 72 wind turbines for a wind farm in Hardin and Logan counties in Ohio that is expected to be online in late 2020. The Fort Madison location has been tapped to build the blades for the turbines.

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy was awarded the 242 MW Scioto Ridge onshore wind project by Innogy Renewables US LLC, a subsidiary of German-based energy company innogy SE.

The contract volume includes the supply of 63 SG 3.4-132 and nine SG 2.6-114 wind turbines for the Scioto Ridge project in Ohio. The order also features a 10-year service and maintenance agreement, and advanced diagnostics and digital capabilities, tailored to increase performance and operation predictably to achieve low cost of energy for customers.

We are excited to partner with Innogy Renewables on their first wind project in the U.S. Siemens Gamesa has a long-standing relationship with innogy. We have supplied over 1.2 GW of onshore and offshore installations globally," said José Antonio Miranda, CEO of Onshore Americas at Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy.

The company's blade manufacturing facility in Fort Madison, Iowa and nacelle and hub assembly facility in Hutchinson, Kansas, will provide SG 3.4-132 components for the project. This product features an

Emergency services funds could transition to county levy

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MONTROSE – Debate on how to fund a $13.3 million proposed budget for the county's Emergency Management services will get further discussion before the budget is approved.

Currently the county emergency services are funded with per capita contributions from incorporated towns in the county, as well as from the county, at a rate of .80 per person.

But new state code now allows the commissions to be funded in a variety of ways. According to Iowa Code 29C.17 (2), "the local emergency management agency's approved budget shall be funded by one or any combination of the options as determined by the commission: (a) countywide special levy; (b) per capita allocations funded from city and county general funds or a combination of city and county special levies; (c) an allocation computed as each jurisdiction's relative share of the total assessed valuation of the county; (d) a voluntary share allocation; or (e), other funding sources allowed by law."

According to the proposed budget compiled by Lee County Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Cirinna, the commission gets $28,689.60 from the county's eight incorporated towns and the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

Cerinna is projecting the coordinator's part of the budget at about $109,700. But that includes an assistant coordinator who would shadow Cirinna for 10 years.

"We also learned that he had engaged in some texting and sent a message saying he wanted to engage in what is known as 'suicide by cop' by robbing a local bank and engaging police officers, was taken into custody Thursday night."

According to Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, police were looking for 30-year-old Adam Huss throughout the day Monday. Sittig said Huss had allegedly been engaging in criminal mischief, including breaking some windows.

But Sittig said a text they came across in the investigation sent police into a higher gear.

"We also learned that he had engaged in some texting and sent a message saying he wanted to end it all and he wanted to do it by holding up a bank and having police kill him," Sittig said Monday night.

Sittig said they alerted banks and other area law enforcement and, while they were working on that investigation, Huss's vehicle was spotted in town.

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OBITUARIES

BETTY J. REHM

Betty J. Rehm, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the West Point Care Center. She was born on May 9, 1929 in Burlington, IA to Harvey & Minnie Bentrim. She married Robert G. Rehm on July 3, 1948 in Burlington, IA. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company for many years and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She was a Chicago Cub fan, loved cooking for her family, socializing and her dogs.

Betty is survived by: 1-daughter: Jean (Bob) Chesnut of Wever, IA; 7-grandchildren: Jeff (Tonya) Rehm, James Rehm, Matt (Jennifer) Rehm, Megan (Drew) Heslinga, Joel Rehm, Kelly Culbertson & Ben Chesnut; 5-great grandchildren; 1-great great granddaughter; 3-daughter in laws: Sheila Ayers of Montrose, IA, Kim Jud of Fort Madison, IA & Heidi May of Denmark, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 3-sons: Mike, Pat & Dave, 2-brothers & 1-sister.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Pete Hagglund officiating. Burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery. A memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences and a video tribute of Betty’s life may be viewed at www.kinglynk.com.

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CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to en City Current.

Cake Auction
The Fort Madison Bloodhound Boosters will hold a cake auction on Saturday, Jan 26 at breaks during the varsity girls and boys basketball games.

Nerf Wars at FM YMCA
The Fort Madison YMCA will be the site of another round of Nerf Wars on Sunday, Jan. 27. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. boys and girls ages 1 through 6 will compete in Nerf Wars in the gymnasium. Children must bring eye protection, their own Nerf guns, darts/bullets/balls. Cost is $5 for members and $10 for non-members. For more information contact program director Noah Dean or visit the YMCA’s Facebook page for more information.

Local artist on display at SCC
Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Other Birds of Prey” series.

Evening with Chuck Long
Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at mcmillans@sheaffergolf.com.

Ribbon-Cutting
A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
01/22/19 – 8:23 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue H. 01/23/19 – 12:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H. 01/23/19 – 8:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Kimberly Jo Huss, 42, of Fort Madison in the 5400 block of Avenue, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation. 01/24/19 – 3:40 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited William Paul Cochenour, 26, of Fort Madison in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 01/24/19 – 4:37 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J. 01/24/19 – 6:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Avenue E. 01/24/19 – 8:14 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue B. 01/24/19 – 11:42 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit an run in the 400 block of Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
01/23/19 – 12:30 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Mitchell Plowman, 28, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for felony forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/23/19 – 2:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joseph Vincent Dunne, 33, of Keokuk in the 400 block of S. 5th Street in Keokuk on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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The Madison City Council met on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. \(\text{Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing concerning the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, and providing for publication of notice thereof. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-18, ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for PIP 2019-02, Avenue G Sidewalk and Storm Water Improvements. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-17, fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of not to exceed $1,550,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes of City of Fort Madison, Iowa, and for publication of notice thereof. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-18, ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for PIP 2019-02, Avenue G Sidewalk and Storm Water Improvements. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-17, fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of not to exceed $1,550,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes of City of Fort Madison, Iowa, and providing for publication of notice thereof. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-18, ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for PIP 2019-02, Avenue G Sidewalk and Storm Water Improvements.}
On motion public hearing closed regarding State Revising Fund for lagoon improvement project.

On motion approved submittal of development plans to the Department of Natural Resources. The Public Works Department reports the TDP: 

On invitation Police Officer Dustin Fullhart present-
ed the Police Department report for the following: revisions to FYE20 budget committee workshop schedule; TDP: 

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FMMS girls take two from MP

MT. PLEASANT — The Fort Madison 7th grade girls basketball A team moved to 3-0 on the season with a 24-13 road win over Mount Pleasant Tuesday night.

Aija Jenkins led all scorers with 10 points, followed closely by Madelyn Gobble with six points. Lauryn Helmick and DeLane Seay rounded out the scoring with four each. Helmick led in rebounds with five.

FT. MADISON — Jaydiane Engeman and Dillan McCarty are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jensyn McCarty on Jan. 15, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Jensyn is joined at home by Greysen McCarty.

Grandparents are Lisa Engeman of Fort Madison; Jeremy Engeman of Fort Madison; Colton Chandler of Packwood; Lonnie McCarty of Keokuk; and Janie Calhoun of Keokuk.

Great grandparent is Sherry Stotts of Fort Madison.

Great-great grandparents are Jack and Maxine Stotts of Denmark.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

Middle school wrestlers got 14-4 at triangular

FORT MADISON — The Fort Madison Junior High Wrestling team wrestled in a home triangular meet Tuesday with Keokuk and Mt. Pleasant.

The Little Hounds went 14-4 for the night. Joe Hartman, Emmett Kruse, Daniel Sokolik and Jayden Bowen all had two wins. Ike Thatchter, Teagse Smith, Tanner Settles andBrandt Rooten were all 1-0. Hayden Wooller went 1-1. Aiden Pennock, Taylor High, and Landon Rudd also competed.

Celebrations/Sports

Ice still sketchy for fishing on southeast Iowa waters

DES MOINES — The following is the weekly Iowa Department of Natural Resources fishing report.

Big Hollow Lake

Unsafe ice; continued cold weather for several more days might improve conditions.

Lake Belva Deer

Finally making ice; needs a few more days of cold weather to reach 4 inches of decent ice.

Lake Darling

The main part of the lake finally froze over Tuesday night. Needs more time and cold to make the ice thick enough to walk out on.

Lost Grove Lake

Earlier this week there was about 3 inches of ice on the lake with some thinner areas; stay off the ice for a few more days.

For more information on the above lake, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Coraville Reservoir

The lake level is at winter pool of 683.4 feet. The lake just recently frozen over; ice conditions are extremely variable as there is still higher than normal flows for this time of year.

Diamond Lake

The lake has frozen over, but ice is variable at 2-4 inches. Use caution if venturing out. The ice fishing derby for this weekend has been cancelled.

Kent Park Lake

The lake is currently drained for a lake restoration project.

Lake Macbride

The lake just refroze on Jan. 19th; ice conditions are variable. As of Jan. 24th, much of the lake has 4-5 inches of ice; areas over deeper water may have less, while shallower protected areas may have more.

Otter Creek Lake

Ice anglers have been out; exact ice conditions are not known. Use caution as there was areas of open water last week.

Pleasant Creek Lake

The lake had open water on Jan. 18th, but has now frozen. Ice conditions are variable; use caution if venturing out.

Wapsipinicon River

The backwaters at Pinicon Ridge are reported as having 6-7 inches of “not good” ice.

For more information, contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.

Lake Miami

The lake has recently froze over; ice conditions are variable.

Lake Sugema

The lake has recently froze over; use caution. There are still areas covered with snow and a thin layer of ice.

Lake Wapello

The lake has recently froze over; ice conditions are variable.

Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 905.15 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. The lake recently froze over; variable ice thickness. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body.

Red Hawk Lake

The lake recently froze over; ice thickness varies. Check ice thickness often if venturing out.

Ice conditions in the Rathbun district are variable across the district; use caution if venturing out. The district includes Mahaska, Lucas, Wayne, Monroe, Appanoose, Wapello, Davis and Van Buren counties. Contact the Rathbun Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406 with questions about fishing in south central Iowa.

Mississippi River Pool 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406.

Tailwater stage is 4.15 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and has been rising the past few days. River stage at Burlington is 10.25 feet and has been rising. Unsafe ice conditions.

River stages have been rising since earlier this week. Boat ramps and the main channel is starting to freeze in. Unsafe ice conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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a six-month budget and cut the training budget to about $26,000 out of the proposed budget. Commission member Rick Larkin made a motion to cut the training budget to a six-month budget and after a brief discussion, the motion passed. West Point Mayor Paul Walker voted against the move. "The reason why is I don't know the figures. I can't go back to my council and say we have to put in a figure and we'd just have to write something in," Walker said. Cirinna projected the commission would need to collect about $50,000 from the city and county in the next budget which will be about $21,000 more than the current budget.

Fort Madison pays the largest share at $8,841 per year based on the 2010 census figures showing a population of 11,051. Keokuk and Lee County are right behind in, "Walker said. Cirinna is the only supervisor who is a voting member of the commission. Larkin also had concerns about moving the funding under the county levy authority. "So we would have people actually determining what the county is taxing, but have no skin in it," Larkin said.

"If you do that you're coming under the county umbrella and the county only has one vote in this. But if you're going to do a levy then it all becomes county," Folluo said. Larkin and Gary Folluo cautioned the commission on putting the levy in place because it would fall under the county's levy authority. "We would have people actually determining what the county is taxing, but have no skin in it," Larkin said.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, who chairs the Lee County Emergency Management Commission, tabled the discussion after talks stalled out on what was the best way to proceed. The group agreed to meet again on Monday when county budget Director Cindy Renstrum could be in attendance with updated figures on what a levy would look like.

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Siemens has placed 200 wind turbines in Ohio wind farms

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output of 3.465 megawatts and a rotor diameter of 132 meters, and guarantees high energy production with low noise emission levels.

"Only half a year after the successful acquisition of the more than 2,000 megawatt U.S. onshore pipeline and development team from EverPower and Terra Firma, we have now started executing our first U.S. project. I am glad that we have been able to negotiate the turbine supply contract together with Siemens Gamesa. Scioto Ridge will make a big contribution to the achievement of Ohio's Renewables targets. Once fully operational, our first U.S. onshore wind farm will be capable of supplying the equivalent of more than 60,000 Ohio homes annually with renewable electricity," said Andrew Young, CEO of Innogy Renewables US LLC.

In total, Siemens Gamesa has installed more than 18.7 GW in the U.S. and has a strong U.S. footprint consisting of manufacturing, service and offices. In Ohio, Siemens Gamesa has installed 200 wind turbines across two projects totaling over 400 MW.

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 25 Jan
Snow
High − 3.8º F | Low − -13.6º F

SAT 26 Jan
Light Snow
High − 9.5º F | Low − 4.2º F

SUN 27 Jan
Light Snow
High − 33.2º F | Low − 23.9º F

MON 28 Jan
Light Snow
High − 22.3º F | Low − -1.8º F

TUE 29 Jan
Snow
High − -0.4º F | Low − -16.1º F

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