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September 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM - Johnson County EMA Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Opened the meeting and determined the quorum exceeded **7 Elected Commissioner Members, (8) participated.**
2. Roll call by sign in sheet and voice introductions of Commission Members
Present on the phone were, Chair, Tim Kemp – Mayor of Hills, Vice Chair, Louise From – Mayor of University Heights, Matt Hendricks – Chief Deputy, Sheriff’s Office, Terry Donahue – Mayor of North Liberty, Jim Hennes - Fire Chief/Alternate of Oxford, Eric Schnedler – Councilperson - Tiffin, Chris Taylor – Mayor of Swisher
In person were Orey Schwitzer – Fire Chief/Alternate for Coralville and EMA Staff, Director, Dave Wilson, Deputy Director, Travis Beckman. Meeting opened at 7:01 PM
3. Action on consensus items:
 - A. Motion to amend or accept the present agenda Motion by Terry Donahue Second by John Thomas, All ayes
 - B. Motion to amend or accept the meeting minutes from the last meeting
Motion by Eric Schnedler, Second by Jim Hennes, All ayes
4. Comments or topics from the public
5. Topics from the Commission: Discussion of possible standing meeting time change: Tabled as Sheriff Kunkle was not present due to conflicting meetings.
6. Deputy Director and HAZMAT Team Report
 - HAZMAT -
 - Have completed JHAT (Kinnick Stadium Detection) and Chlorine training
 - Call for service – 3 calls since May. Minimal billing as 2 were a disregard or no response needed.
 - LEPC meeting was held in June, several partners expressed interest in a full-scale exercise.
 - Spencer Culver, Training Lieutenant with Coralville Fire has joined the HAZMAT team.
 - Update Census numbers were just received in August which accounted for second billings being sent. All areas increased in population except one, Oxford, to which we cut a refund for their decline in total population.
 - ARES –
 - Group went back to Zoom meeting in August amid the Delta spike due to the demographic of this group
 - Some members joined CERT for their training that occurred Tuesday September 21
 - CERT –
 - Teen CERT program with Regina began Wednesday September 22.
 - Had a meet and greet with this group on September 8.
 - Team meeting/training took place Tuesday September 21.
 - Obtained additional CERT equipment (new) this past week from decommissioned teams.
 - CERT Basic Training Course being offered here this fall.
 - CERT set up at the JOCO fair this year and the equestrian unit helped with parking 1 day.
 - Healthcare Coalition (Service Area 5)
 - Little movement over the summer
 - They are planning a regional active shooter exercise and they did a table top exercise recently I participated in at UIHC
 - I am on the executive committee once again representing EMA
 - COVID19
 - Finishing up claims compiled after State began an additional PPE push and continued logistics support.

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- Schools & LTC facilities as well as auditors and daycare providers picked up items provided by State via EMA and did some deliveries direct to some sites.
 - REP Program
 - Last meeting was held June 25 at DAEC and Dave and I attended.
 - The Johnson County Host County obligations expired on June 10th 2021.
 - State owned supplies were gathered and hauled to DSM.
 - Long Term Recovery Committee
 - A small amount of cases has shown up in folks previously vaccinated with increased testing in those facilities happening.
 - Develop booster rollout program/guidelines.
 - Developing an exercise for those partners.
 - Partnered with United Way to join in the Unite Iowa program. Unite Iowa is a community data exchange of health and social service providers sponsored by Cync-Health. In this program, we may send out referrals to partnering agencies for certain services. This should be a resourceful tool in times of disaster, i.e. Derecho or future flooding events.
 - Working with Dave and contractor Two Rivers on After-Action phase for both Derecho and COVID through 9-1-2021.
 - Completed 2-year virtual meeting with ICAP Risk Control – all good, no findings/issues.
 - Worked the 2nd Food/Vaccine Clinic on 5/27.
 - Completed TEEX training on conducting Virtual Exercises.
 - Completed ALiCE Instructor Course Renewal (covered by and for the Safety Committee)
 - Completed a Youth Preparedness Workshop FEMA/Teen CERT Program.
 - Taught ALiCE (“Violent Critical Incident” – VCI) on July 8.
 - Attended State CERT committee meetings.
 - Attended Melrose Ave construction meetings.
 - Attended the initial Football operations meeting.
 - Attended JOCO Safety Committee Meetings.
 - Attended ongoing CrisisTrack training.
 - Starting to plan a tabletop hazmat exercise for the City of Hills.
7. Director & other special teams report: (Bomb, Dive, Boats, special services vehicles)
- EMA is closing our Covid 19 claim with the end of the present FFY 21 which ends September 30th.
 - Continue to distribute on hand PPE, vaccination support materials and medical materials to partners.
 - Items continue to be a mix of supplies and durable goods from both IDPH/HSEMD and local EMA.
 - We have entered into an agreement with the State (HSEMD & IDPH) to collaboratively house 12 new VOCSN ventilators valued at \$308,00.00 plus about \$4,000.00 in disposable starter supplies. The Deputy County Attorney created our sub-agreement with Mercy Hospital Iowa City to use, house and maintain them in a calibrated and fully operational condition.
 - Our estimated final submission for COVID to FEMA at months end looks to be about another \$20,000.00 and includes force equipment and staff time.
 - We presently have an additional 2 claims at FEMA for obligation, one is \$117,822.43 and the other is \$15,630.32 which is working through the processing.
 - HSEMD passed through another \$36,426.96 for COVID reimbursement this week.
 - We have been paid a total of \$643,751.62 to date from FEMA for COVID costs.

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- Of the loaned cash from County to the Commission for COVID we repaid \$200,000.00 recently as shown in the financial reports and owe them a balance of \$55,000.00
- We expect to repay that final amount to them in October prior to the next Commission meeting.
- Summer has been spent playing catch up... We submitted, and are in compliance on our 20% plan updates with HSEMD. All plans are now in the newest format and ESF 2 and ESF 8 are in the refresh process and being fine-tuned presently.
- We have submitted for the table tops and virtual exercises that we participated in and for the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic.
- My required continuing education with the State for this grant year is submitted as well.
- In June and July, we selected Two Rivers Emergency Management to conduct both the Pandemic After Action review, which is now underway, and the Derecho After Action review, which is also underway.
- The completion dates are to be done by the end of November 2021 for those and the cost was \$5,000.00 for each of the two AAR's (\$10,000.00 total).
- I participated in the State of Iowa Derecho AAR with their contractor, but one has not been selected by them for their Pandemic AAR yet as I understand it.
- IA HSEMD used a Homeland Security grant to fund replacement of several of the 7 bomb teams explosives robots and ours came in earlier than expected by a month.
- Two members of the team took the old unit down to TN to trade out for the new one and train on the replacement. The grant funded cost of the robot was just over \$333,000.00 per unit with the old ones being more than 10 years old.
- Due to this we needed to purchase with our funding a trailer for the robot as it does not fit in the present truck in the same space. I sourced for \$11,000.00 and all items are covered on the agency's insurance plan with the old robot removed from coverage. Insurance went up \$245.00 for the new trailer and robot.
- We assisted on several search events between Memorial Day and last week with the ongoing search for a missing child from a nearby county that is being handled by the Iowa DCI. Our drones and dive team, as well as our equestrian CERT search team and EMA boat from JCSO with their 2 of their deputies have assisted in the original search and Dive and EMA staff have participated in several events since. CFD and other EMA drones also assisted in some of those search events. Sadly, the child is yet to be recovered.
- The EOC stood up for some response activities this summer that were brief and limited in nature.
- We acquired 70 additional barriers for use during events as well as 8 additional vehicle barriers (cement).
- Equipment has been out a lot this summer at special events and Coralville has taken over the housing and maintenance for the agencies 6 hand washing stations.
- The newly installed Garmin live view pan-optics unit was used with boat #2 at JCSO and it worked well as did our drone units and those from CFD this summer on the searches.
- The partnerships with Conservation and NLPD on the drone program have had good use over the summer in missing person searches mainly in the North Liberty area and for out of County mutual aid
- The Dive team has been training and also helped out on 3 calls related to the search for the missing child in a nearby county.
- The old Rescue 52 will be converted to the new Dive Team truck.
- We coordinated a human remains cadaver dog for a related search as well.
- I attended a COAD training in Benton County hosted by IA HSEMD and United Way out of Cedar Rapids and they introduced a new tool called Crisis Cleanup which allows for crowd source matching of groups of volunteers with debris and individual needs assistance. We are allowed to use it at no cost and it seems to have good potential. United Way Johnson County also has a new case management software called Unite Us.
- Under new business is action of our only response to a refurbishment bid from Alexis for \$73,489.00 to modify the box on the 2011 Rescue 52 truck they originally built into a dive unit box. We had 2 no bids.

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- We intend to sell the present Dive Trailer and Dive Truck after Rescue 52 is repurposed and refurbished to offset the cost of the conversion.
- The old Lone Tree boat sold for \$5,100.00 via purple wave auction recently. The new boat & motor are operational on the old trailer. We had a local welding shop modify that trailer so the inflatable rides correctly.
- In very late August our Derecho claim was paid by FEMA with a federal share payment of \$53,771.20 and it is closed and awaiting the balance payout by Iowa HSEMD. That is another 10% of that amount owed.
- **EMA Cash on hand as of 9/21/2021 is \$212,868.77**
- The year to date claims expenses are attached as are the year to date revenues collected as part of the financial reports. I also included the mitigation funds local entities have utilized for projects since 08.
- The FEMA submitted covid claims are included in the packet.
- The hazmat balance bills to municipalities have been sent out and are starting to be paid for the census adjusted per capita revenue income for hazmat. Oddly we actually had to pay back just over \$40.00 to Oxford as they are the only ones who had a decrease in population in the 2020 census.
- The Commission Chair and a few others from the County and Tiffin meet early this summer to discuss the possibility of a joint facility. Tiffin will be expanding on that discussion tonight under new business.
- Mitigation buyouts continue on the 3 properties being acquired by the County through ECICOG and FEMA mitigation grant funds. The homeowners assessed market value prices went up so ECI is amending the agreements and grant to reflect the changes in values shown in your packet.
- The migration to Rave mobile as the Alert Iowa and Johnson County Alerting system is complete and seems to be working well.
- Weather wise we had a dryer than normal and calm summer.
- The enhanced PPE cache is rebuilt and completed.
- There was an incident with the larger of the two box trucks and the vent pipe on the side of the building which occurred during my vacation, but the damage has all been paid out by insurance and our \$1,000.00 deductible was paid by the agency. All repairs are completed. No injuries occurred in that incident.
- We are handling 1 work comp injury through human resources.
- Completed presentations for CIVIC and for the College of Public Health since August related to disasters, mitigation and preparedness. Topics have included the 08 floods, derecho, pandemic and mitigation/preparedness in general.
- We are hosting a table top in October with the USACE on dam failure scenario planning and that was last done about 5 years ago.
- The Lake regulation plan is still in its final stages with public comment and is expected to be adopted for the spring of 2022 season.
- Each of the 3 MCI trailers now has a surge vent kit for 10 patients on them funded with covid funds.
- Covid is still active and the present numbers for Johnson County are as follows:

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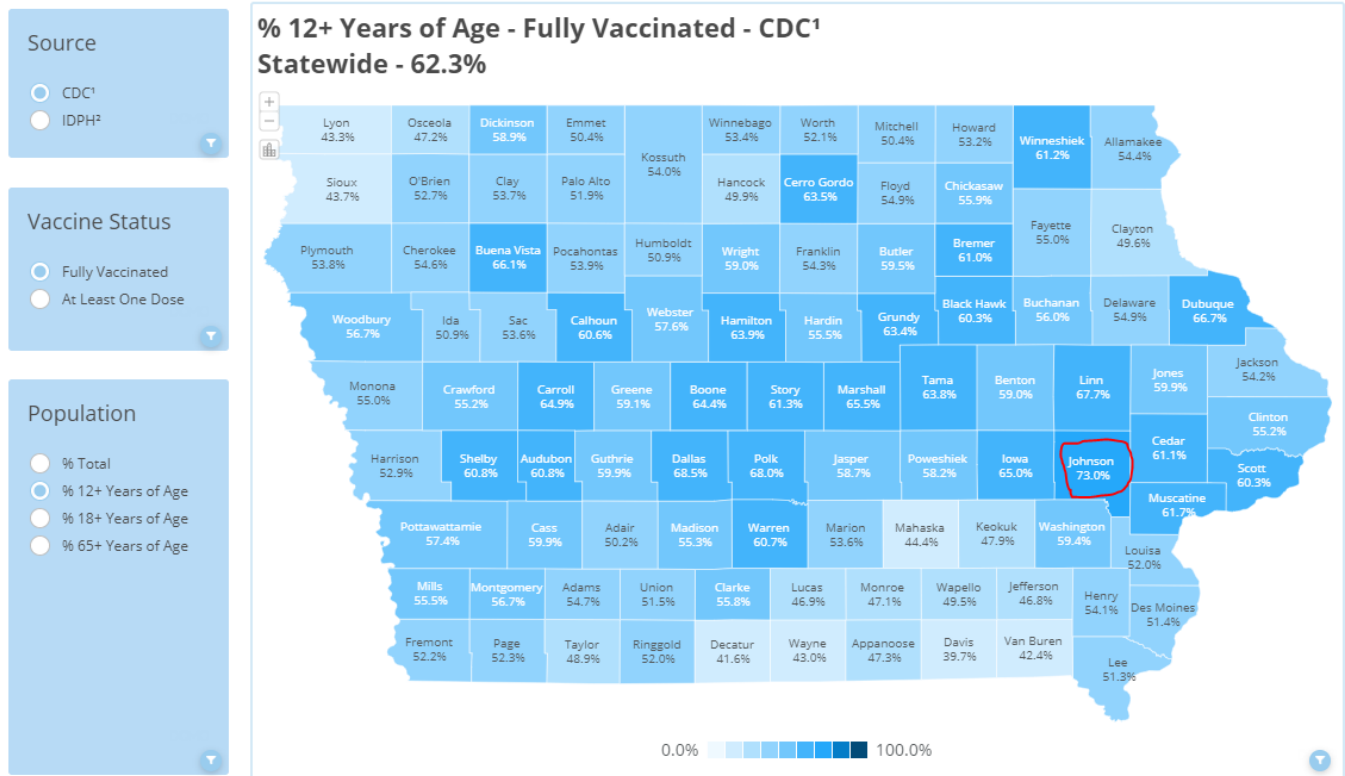
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Vaccination Rates





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Data as of 9/19/2021

Iowa COVID-19 Summary

Testing Data

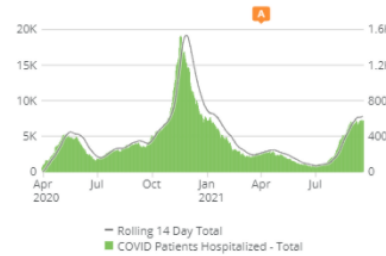
Positive Tests by Day



A Apr 1, '21 Vaccine Available for All

Hospitalization Data

COVID-19 Hospitalized Patients by Day



A Apr 1, '21 Vaccine Available for All

Death Data

Total Deaths by Day



A Apr 1, '21 Vaccine Available for All

11,138

Positive Tests last 7 days²

579

Covid-19 Patients in Hospitals

64

Deaths Reported last 7 days⁵

472,681

Total Positive Tests

158

Covid-19 Patients in ICU

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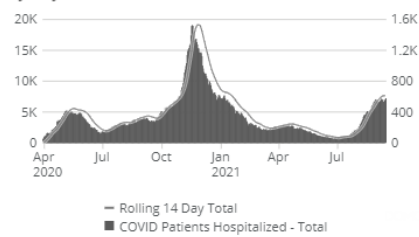
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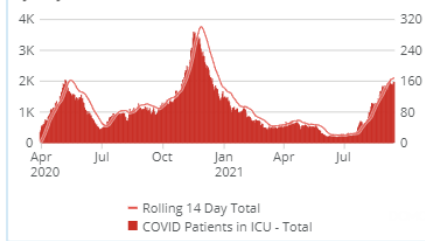
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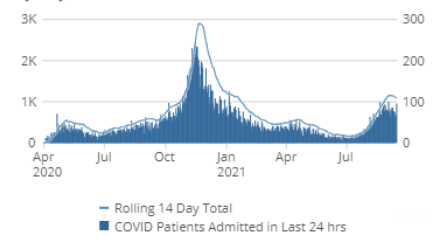
COVID-19 Hospitalized Patients by Day



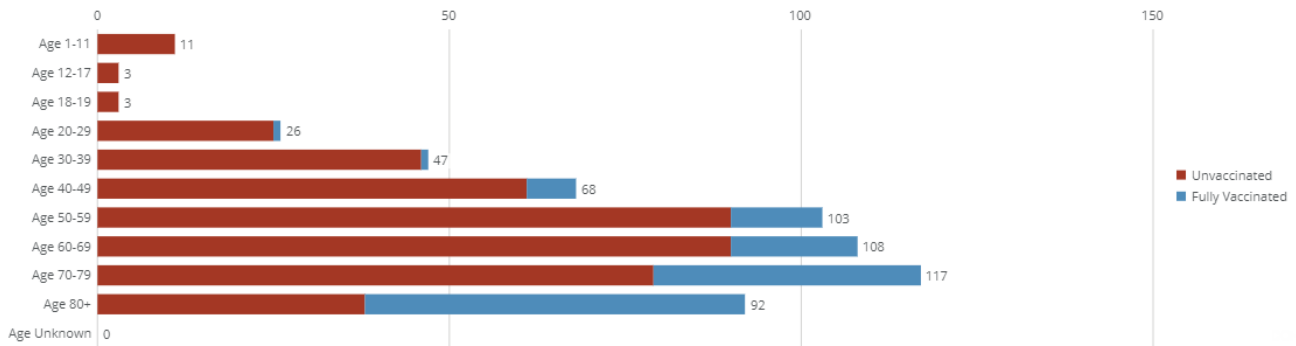
COVID-19 Patients in ICU by Day



COVID-19 Admitted in Last 24 Hours by Day



Age Distribution



Healthcare Regions 5 & 6 have 84 staffed ICU beds open as of 9/21/2021 of that 21 are in our region.

Deaths to date in Johnson County since the start of the pandemic are 365 of which 18 had at least one dose of vaccine.

Most of the vaccinated who have died were in their 70's and 80's and all had other healthcare challenges.

40 residents of assisted living facilities have died from covid of which only 3 were vaccinated.

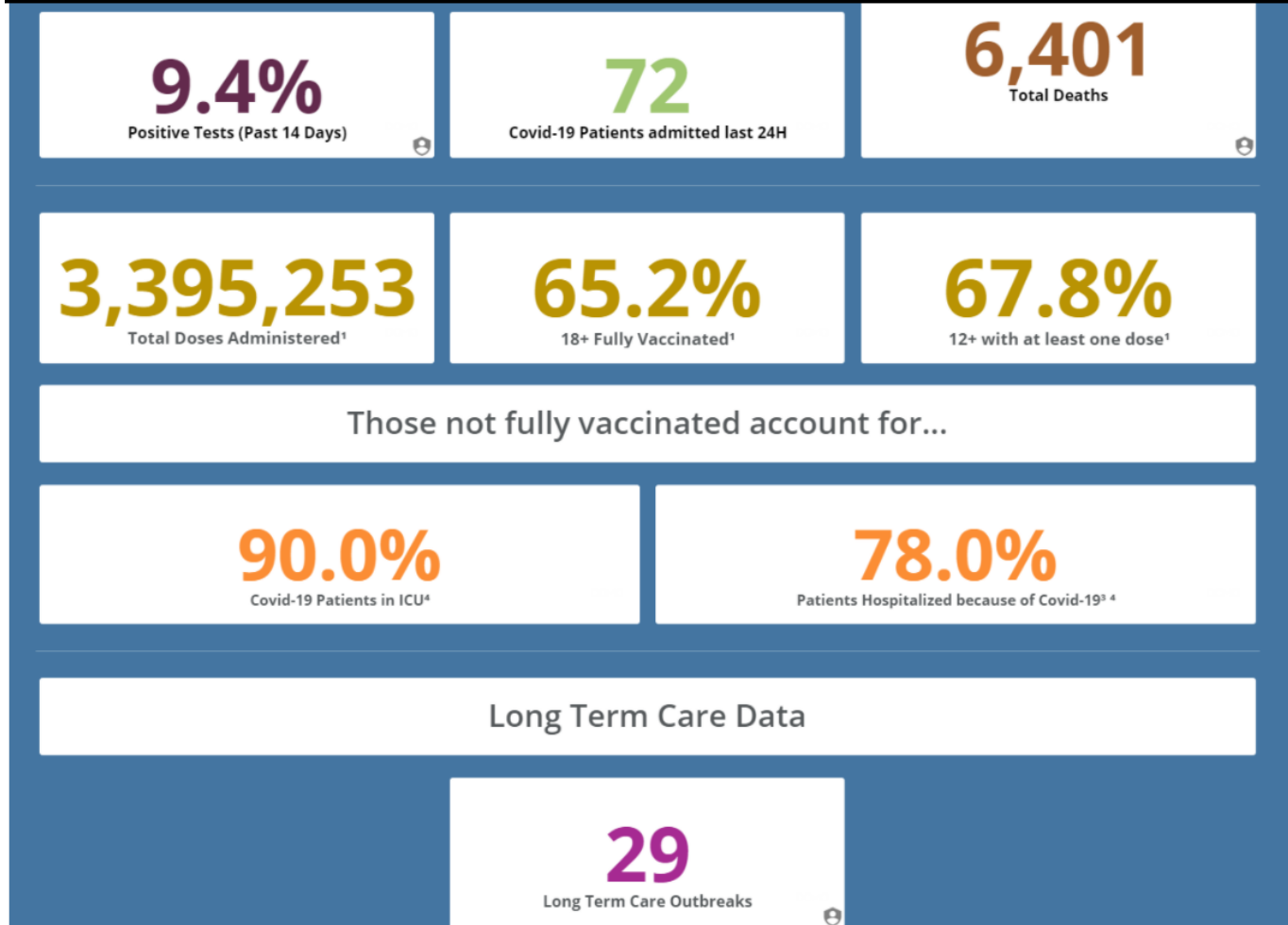
20 Corrections inmates have died in the County of which none were vaccinated (10 from IMCC).

86 total Johnson County residents including IDOC inmates have died Countywide since the start of the pandemic.



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8. Old Business:

- COVID-19 Update, see Director's Report
- Flood Buy-Outs, see Director's Report
- Vaccine events, see Director's Report
- Stafford Act Claims, see Director's Report
- R52 reconfiguration action item, see Director's Report
- Lone Tree boat replacement, see Director's Report
- 5 ton semi repaint and grants, see Director's Report

9. New Business:

- Discussion with City of Tiffin, JCAS, Johnson County and the Commission about a possible joint storage facility off Forevergreen Road. Waiting on determination if ARPA funds may be used. All have a desire to not increase the tax burden for citizens.

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- Formal action on Alexis refurbishment agreement for converting Rescue 52 to Dive 52 - Motion by Orey Schwitzer, Second by Chris Taylor, all ayes.
 - Formal action to allow Chairman Kemp to sign updated Procurement Policy based on new FEMA revisions - Motion by John Thomas, Second by Orey Schwitzer, all ayes.
10. Other Business – Louise From asked for clarification on financial report, Dave Wilson explained the expense out and revenue in.
 11. Next Meeting Date: October 27th 2021 at 7:00 PM
 12. Adjourn: Motion by John Thomas Second by Chris Taylor, All Ayes. Carried with adjournment at 7:36 PM.