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### **City Accepts Donation Checks for Radio Communications System at Southeast Polk Junior & Senior High Schools**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** – The City of Pleasant Hill received \$124,750 through grants and donations from community investors to assist with the radio communications purchase and installation at Southeast Polk Community School District Junior & Senior High School.

"I am truly grateful for the giving nature of people and businesses within our community and region," said Mayor Sara Kurovski. "I am humbled to serve a community that gives back and understands the importance of safety. Once this project is complete, it will ensure the 4,000 students and staff within Southeast Polk Junior and Senior High Schools, as well as those within our community are kept safe. Our Police and Fire Department's are vital to keep this community safe, so ensuring they have the proper communication tools during a critical event is essential."

The businesses and governmental agencies that contributed to the project include; Care Initiatives – Parkridge Specialty Care, City of Altoona, Elder Corporation, Golf Cars of Iowa, Keystone Savings Bank, Lack's Body Shop, Polk County Betterment Grant, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant, Southeast Polk Community School District, and the City of Pleasant Hill.

The radio communication system to be installed at the Southeast Polk Junior & Senior High will allow first responders to communicate efficiently during emergencies, without the risk of radio communication failure. Coordinating radio communication in multi-jurisdictions is an essential tool first responders need to appropriately deploy personnel and equipment on scene. Amplifiers will extend radio coverage of the Polk County P25 Trunked Radio System into the Junior and Senior High School buildings, enabling School Resource Police Officers and other first responders to rely on their department issued portable radios to communicate directly with Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical dispatchers, and responding emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.

"Having this communications system installed will certainly help our continued efforts to keep the students and staff safe at our Junior and Senior High Schools," said Police Chief Al Pizzano.

This communication improvement project will positively impact Eastern Polk County by enhancing the safety of the 4,000 students and staff within these schools. The Pleasant Hill Police Department works cooperatively with residents to keep people safe, while improving their quality of life. Their services are continually delivered professionally with integrity and a reliable communications system is essential to ensure the safety of everyone within the community.

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