

**MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
JANUARY 27, 2011**

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Chairperson Harney called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building at 9:17 a.m. Members present were: Pat Harney, Janelle Rettig, and Rod Sullivan; absent: Terrence Neuzil and Sally Stutsman.

**CITY OF HILLS ATTORNEY BENJAMIN HAYEK AND CITY OF HILLS
MAYOR RUSSELL BAILEY: APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION**

City of Hills Attorney Benjamin Hayek said Hills Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Knebel is present at the current meeting and has been serving during Hills Mayor Russell Bailey's absence. Hayek said he thinks the Board is aware that a voluntary annexation of territory in Liberty Township is underway. All property owners involved are consenting to this annexation and are present at the current meeting. He has been in contact with Assistant County Attorney Andy Chappell about the fact that the current plan and legal description submitted to the County is in the process of modification to include property owned by Johnson County resident Chad Murphy. This property is represented by a slight abnormality in the parcel, creating what appears to be an island on the north side. The idea is that Murphy's inclusion in the annexation is going to remedy a legal description hiccup on the north end, and the City of Hills will be updating this. He noted that Murphy's consent is contingent upon some engineering modifications that they are in the process of working out with him. Hayek proposed notifying the Board again of the accurate legal description with an updated parcel map that would include the northern end portion of the annexation and remedy the north side anomaly that he and Chappell are working on.

Hayek said the City of Hills has had their consultation with Liberty Township, as required by Iowa Code. There was a nice turnout at that consultation, and everyone is in widespread agreement that the annexation is good for all parties involved. This includes the City of Hills, Liberty Township, and the property owners that came to them with this request.

Harney said the Board does not have to vote on anything like this. They may submit a letter to the Annexation Commission if they wish. Sullivan said the Board had some negotiations in 2009 regarding Oak Crest Hill Road, and this is a source of some frustration from the Board's perspective. A total reconstruction has been done there, and it provided a nice upgrade to the community. That section of the road was paid for by the

County. They have a reimbursement for a section of that road to the north, and the City of Hills is paying the County back for that over a period of years. In terms of taxes, the County realizes considerably less money when this goes into the City, unless some kind of development takes place. In that case, it may be a win-win scenario.

Sullivan said the way the negotiations on Oak Crest Hill Road took place is a frustration. Small towns sometimes complain to the Board and ask why certain roads coming in or out of their communities have not been rebuilt. Part of the Board's frustration is that they sometimes invest \$1 million into a road and then it is immediately annexed. He thinks there is a possibility for a win-win situation in this case, but he wants the Hills City Council to understand there is a certain level of frustration. Hayek said that is duly appreciated and noted. He thanked the Board.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Rick Dvorak said some issues were found in reviewing the application, but Chappell has probably already addressed those issues, and he thinks they are being rectified. This is in compliance with the County's Fringe Area Agreement with Hills. The property does extend a little beyond Hills' growth area, but it should not be a problem. The southern part of the property is essentially all flood plain land. Planning and Zoning staff supports the application.

Harney asked Chappell if it is correct that the Board does not have to send a letter to the Annexation Commission regarding this application. Chappell said there is no requirement at this point. This is more of a courtesy visit than anything else. The proposal is that this annexation will be voluntary and 100% consenting, and it is nowhere near any other city's growth area. This means it is pretty close to a ministerial event. The City of Hills basically just files the paperwork with the Secretary of State. No one has objected to coming to the Board and explaining what is going on.

Rettig said she appreciates the parties involved coming in and keeping the Board informed. Sullivan agreed. Harney said he knows it is not a requirement to come in, but it is certainly appreciated by the Board. He asked if there is a timeline for when this all will be in place. Hayek said he thinks it will be completed within the next seven days. The property owners subject to the annexation want the City of Hills to proceed with efficiency. It is mainly a function of the engineering work being conducted with Murphy to make sure everything makes sense as far as utilities and hook-ups.

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ANDY JOHNSON

Executive Assistant Andy Johnson said he had a message from Iowa City Urban Planning Senior Planner Robert Miklo, who wanted to make sure the Board had received an invitation to the Riverfront Crossings development area open house scheduled for January 27, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Board has a Budget Meeting scheduled for January 31, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Mental Health/Disability Services (MH/DS) budget. There is a department head evaluation and Site Visit to the Recorder's Office scheduled for February 2, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., a Budget Work Session

scheduled for February 2, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., and a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting scheduled for February 2, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. A Board meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., and a Work Session is scheduled for February 3, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the 5 Year Road Plan.

Sullivan asked if Johnson has noted that the County Conference Board Meeting is scheduled for the evening of February 2, 2011. Johnson said no, but that is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Rettig said there is also a City Conference Board Meeting scheduled for January 31, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Sullivan said he thought the meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., and Harney said he thought it was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Johnson said he will check the time.

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sullivan said he had liaison meetings with County Engineer Greg Parker, Dvorak, and Human Resources Administrator Lora Shramek. He attended his first meeting as a member of the Emergency Management Association on January 26, 2011. He serves on the Finance Committee, and they have been working for several months on the issue of fund balances. He continues to serve on the United Way Income Committee. He also attended the annual Iowa City Federation of Labor Chili Supper.

Rettig said she had the opportunity to visit with River Products Company, Inc. which is working on a wetlands mitigation bank. She serves on the Decategorization (Decat) Board, and she is frustrated with how the State sporadically distributes funds for programs. She did a virtual site visit with Assistant Planner Josh Busard, and she encouraged people to explore the County's Geographic Information System on the County website. She spent January 26, 2011, at the New County Officers School. The League of Women Voters is scheduled to have its first legislative forum on January 29, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in Emma Harvat Hall in the Iowa City City Hall. It is also scheduled for February 26, 2011, in Coralville at 9:30 a.m. and March 26, 2011, in North Liberty at 9:30 a.m. There was a very important vote in the Iowa Senate about rights for same sex couples on January 27, 2011. She thanked the Senate Democrats for holding steady and expressed her sentiment that the Senate Republicans do not know how to read the Constitution or understand what freedom and equality for everyone means.

Harney said he attended a liaison meeting with Parker and a Decat Board Meeting. He met with Parker to work on Federal funding requests for the replacement of the Mehaffey Bridge. He plans to attend the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for February 7, 2011, to represent the County. He had a meeting with staff and department heads on January 26, 2011, to discuss cuts to MH/DS and how the County will be able to compensate for the funds the State is taking away. Staff is working on this topic, and those people are scheduled to make their presentations to the Board on January 31, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Harney attended site visits with Busard for upcoming Planning and Zoning applications. He said the County will be looking at the concealed gun law change.

Adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Attest: Tom Slockett, Auditor
By Nancy Tomkovicz, Recording Secretary