

**MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
JUNE 9, 2011**

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Chairperson Harney called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building at 8:12 p.m. Members present were: Pat Harney, Terrence Neuzil, Janelle Rettig, and Rod Sullivan; absent: Sally Stutsman.

BUSINESS FROM COUNTY ENGINEER GREG PARKER

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Right-of-Way Contract, for a Temporary Construction Easement of 850 S.F., with Verton and Pearl Miller for \$1.00

County Engineer Greg Parker said he has four right-of-way contracts for the Board's consideration. The first one is a right-of-way contract for a temporary construction easement of 850 square feet with Verton and Pearl Miller for \$1.00. Parker showed the Board the plat. The first three of these contracts are just driveway adjustments during construction. Parker indicated a darkened area on the plat and said the property is along 540th Street. It surrounds Twin County Dairy Secondary Roads staff negotiated with the property owner, and the owner agreed that the \$1.00 service charge to adjust the driveway and put some rock back on it during and after construction would be

acceptable. That is Secondary Roads recommendation for the Board's consideration next week at the Formal Meeting.

Right-of-Way Contract, for a Temporary Construction Easement of 4,263 S.F., with Twin County Dairy, Inc. for \$1.00

Parker said the next right-of-way contract is for a temporary construction easement of 4,263 square feet with Twin County Dairy, Inc. for \$1.00. This is located across the street from the business, but it is also at the access location for the parking lot. The Board is familiar with this location. Parker indicated the darkened area on a map as the location for the temporary construction easement.

Right-of-Way Contract, for a Temporary Construction Easement of 2,500 S.F. with Twin County Dairy, Inc. for \$1.00

Parker said the next right-of-way contract is in relation to this project and is for \$1.00. It is another driveway location and is located on the business side of Twin County Dairy, Inc. One of the sides is closer to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) right-of-way and the other access is to the east of that location. This will be the primary access for those who access the business side of the Twin County Dairy, Inc.

Right-of-Way Contract, for a Permanent Easement of 4,822 S.F. and a Temporary Construction Easement of 8,597 S.F., with David and Wanda Beachy for \$4,200.00

Parker said the fourth right-of-way contract is for a permanent easement that is a mix of a permanent and temporary easement. It is a permanent easement of 4,822 square feet and a temporary construction easement of 8,597 square feet with Property Owners David and Wanda Beachy for \$4,200. This is located along the project construction locations but not directly across the street from Twin County Dairy, Inc. Parker indicated the locations of the permanent easement and temporary easement on the map.

Rettig asked how wide the area is that the County needs a permanent easement for. It is just a little strip because of the upgrading of that section of the road. Parker said correct, that area has to be widened, and then construction crews are going to flare out and then flare back into the existing pavement width. The actual sliver width of it varies. Parker indicated the area of the permanent easement. It varies based on the needs for construction completion. Rettig said there was not room on Miller's side to put this in. She asked if that is why it is on the south side of this road. Parker said there were some considerations on the north side of the road, but there were some facilities and buildings that could not be impacted. The current location is logical to accommodate the width of the construction that was needed for this project.

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Parker said this is the standard operating procedure for a locally let and locally constructed project using local funds. This is a request for the Board's consideration to authorize the Auditor's Office to publish a Notice to Bidders setting a bid letting date of July 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Sullivan said the IDOT gave approval for the driveway configuration the way that Twin County Dairy, Inc. Owners John Jr. and Joanne Roetlin had hoped.

REPORTS AND INQUIRES FROM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ANDY JOHNSON

Johnson said he wanted to let the Board know the County had the final buyout of the flood properties on June 3, 2011. The process of purchasing the properties is complete. So far, the County has paid out \$2,243,083.48. To date, the County has been reimbursed \$2,081,602.38. Reimbursement requests for all costs have been submitted to the state. The County is hoping to get those processed before July 1, 2011. The East Central Iowa Council of Governments has done the Request For Proposal for the demolition of the properties purchased pursuant to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Those proposals are due on June 13, 2011. The hope is that the demolition process will be done in July. The Community Development Block Grant properties take a little longer and have a different process.

REPORTS AND INQUIRES FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Rettig said that at a meeting of the Natural Resources Commission earlier today, she asked what the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) shutdown procedures would be in the event that there was not a State budget. They said they do not have a plan yet. Rettig said that actually matters a lot to local government because of who is deemed essential personnel in light of the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. Rettig said the DNR staff has already requested a Sheriff's deputy to ride with them in their boat. If those DNR staff members are not deemed essential personnel over the Fourth of July weekend, she thinks this really matters to Johnson County. She is proud of Johnson County for asking department heads about what they think others should know and what their plans are should the State government shut down. DNR staff assured Rettig they are not under a gag order, they just do not know what their shutdown procedures are. As a county with a lake, this really matters if over the Fourth of July weekend, the Board does not know what is going to happen at F.W. Kent Park and on the County's two lakes. Rettig hopes if the State feels they cannot get a budget done, they will quickly decide what is essential and what is not headed into what is a very dangerous weekend in Johnson County.

Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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