

**MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY
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Chairperson Harney called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Variety Tent at the Johnson County Fairgrounds at 10:31 a.m. Members present were: Pat Harney, Terrence Neuzil, Janelle Rettig, Sally Stutsman, and Rod Sullivan.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH VICE-CHAIR KELLEY DONHAM:
JOHNSON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL HEALTH SERVICE AND
TRAINING CENTER**

Johnson County Farmer Roger Stutsman said the Johnson County Agricultural and Rural Health Service and Training Center (the Center) will soon open in the new Johnson County Extension building. He said former Public Health Nurse Schlome Tonelle will be on staff part time as the Center's nurse and Vincent Parker, a medical student, will be working with the Farm Safety and Education Program. R. Stutsman introduced the Board of Directors as follows: Gene Mohling, Kristi Ruth, Andy Winborn, Kelley Donham, Katherine Sladek, Russ Meade, Linda Yoder, and himself. The Board of Directors has representation from Iowa County, Washington County and Johnson County.

R. Stutsman said he has brochures for distribution explaining the Center's work. He is hoping the Center will be able to service some rural people. They will try to conduct farm safety training and hearing tests. The Center intends to provide safety training for people in the medical profession. He wants this training to take place in an area where they can lease good safety equipment. The Center wants to promote the use of air filtration systems instead of paper masks for grain bin maintenance.

R. Stutsman said he has brochures and some ATV safety cards to distribute today. He thanked the Board for their support which he says has been overwhelming. He hopes farmers utilize the Center to improve safety in the community. They are going to try to have some information in the Center to inform people about where to obtain good safety

equipment. One main thing is going to be rollover protection for tractors. He said he parked his tractor at the Fairgrounds today to prove to people that the appearance of antique tractors is not ruined with this safety addition. Roll guards can reduce death due to tractor rollovers by about 95% or more. A roll guard costs \$750, which is not much money considering it can save a life.

Harney thanked the committee, R. Stutsman, and Sally Stutsman for taking the lead concerning the farm and agricultural safety issue, particularly after Roger and Sally Stutsman lost their son, Michael, in a family farm accident. Neuzil said he thinks it is a neat program. This represents what the Board has been advocating: collaboration, innovation, and rural community outreach. This idea and this kind of training is very positive.

Neuzil said he spoke with a farmer, Guy Williams, this morning and he said Williams said there used to be better tractor training. Farmers need to realize they work 14 or 15 hours per day and may not be thinking quite right after working for so long. There are times when farmers need to be refreshed and stop and think about the work they are doing, especially with the dangers of farming.

Sullivan said in addition to tragic farm accidents every one hears about, there are other less noted agricultural health and safety issues. Hearing loss is an epidemic among farmers, as is skin cancer. In addition to hopefully preventing some of the big accidents, Sullivan is excited about the possibility of early identification of some of these conditions and preventative and treatment measures.

Rettig said R. Stutsman took a 1949 tractor and put a \$750 roll guard over it. It looks great and is safer with the roll guard. R. Stutsman said it is amazing what a difference it makes. They are hoping to set up a statewide program to garner contributions to pay for the cost of the equipment. The State of New York has a program that pays for about 70% of rollover accidents. Part of that is supported by the New York State Association of Agriculture and a couple of other organizations. He said \$750 is a lot of money, but it is worth it to save a grandchild.

Sullivan said R. Stutsman brings up a good point. This would be great if extension offices all over the state could look into doing this kind of thing. Johnson County is fortunate to have a lot of healthcare services. Some of the extension districts do not have many hospitals and this could be more important if it is copied in some other areas. R. Stutsman said this is exciting because this is the first time a health center has been put in a new extension building. He has been advocating for this as much as he can. He encourages this and hopes it spreads throughout the country.

Rettig said R. Stutsman and S. Stutsman channeled their pain to give rise to new ideas for farm safety. Since Public Health did not fund this program the Board was happy to donate the seed money. That was done without S. Stutsman talking about it because the Board felt it was the right thing to do. The Board put forth \$17,000; it is not

a lot of money, but it is the seed money that will hopefully help bring in a lot of grants. She hopes this program will be replicated across Iowa.

**IOWA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOOD
SYSTEM PLANNER JASON GRIMM: CREATION OF A LOCAL FOOD
POLICY COUNCIL**

Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Food System Planner Jason Grimm said Public Health, Planning and Zoning staff and other staff members met early this month to discuss the current resolution and reformat it to better suit County processes. Grimm thinks the only change was the addition of a council person who would have a specialty in food safety and work with consumers, as more people are interested in food preservation and canning. The Local Food Policy Council would also ensure the safety of food when it is purchased. The budget has been slightly edited. Grimm is providing some support funds on his own time. There are also some funds for the Local Food Policy Council Members so they can attend meetings and have some of their mileage expenses covered.

Neuzil said he is glad Grimm made those changes. A Local Food Policy Council could help bring residents into the process to let them know where their food is coming from and to advocate the potential for local farmers to reach out and get their products to local residents and keep that money in the local economy. He hopes to see a year-round farmers' market and a community kitchen where residents can jar or can food in a healthy environment with a Local Food Policy Council. He also hopes the Local Food Policy Council will be an organization that will advocate grocery stores to label where products are from. He is likely to pay a little more for a local product. He thinks the Local Food Policy Council is a very innovative idea and is glad Grimm is taking a leading role in this issue.

Harney said it is really nice to be able to see this progress. The goal is to move this idea into Johnson County institutions, perhaps even the Jail. Sullivan asked if this would be put on the Formal Meeting agenda for approval next week, assuming the Board is OK with what Grimm wrote. Grimm said yes, though it does not have to be done by next week. He would like it done by sometime in August 2011.

Neuzil said he and S. Stutsman attended the National Association of Counties Annual Conference and Exposition in Portland, Oregon. The City of Portland created a local farm for juveniles and juvenile offenders. Those juveniles grow and sell those products, and the money is put back into the program. He hopes the County thinks more about having a Local Food Policy Council that will look at ideas from across the nation.

Executive Assistant Andy Johnson said an edited version of the resolution is in the Board's packets, and he thinks it could be discussed one more time at an Informal Meeting to finalize the text. Sullivan said he thinks there may be a lot of people interested in serving on the Local Food Policy Council, and advertising for these positions will take a while.

Rettig said she is very excited about creating a Local Food Policy Council. She is concerned about pinning down who the Board wants on a commission. It can be hard to find people. She said they have such complicated resolutions in other cases that the Board cannot appoint good people because they do not meet the profile even though they have an interest in the issue and are knowledgeable. In addition, Rettig said she has concerns that the Local Food Policy Council is a non-budgeted item, and she does not necessarily agree with where they are in the budget. The Board has not had a chance to talk about that. She would rather the County put money toward something that is going to change, such as a commercial grade kitchen. It would be great if the Board could team up with the Johnson County Agricultural Association. Honorariums and mileage are not necessarily ways she wants to spend County money.

Johnson said there is an error in the resolution. The committee thought the funds would not be needed until the next fiscal year. Sullivan said he agrees with Rettig, he prefers that the money be focused elsewhere if possible. It would be great if they can get ahead of that and plan this year. Neuzil said when he met with Grimm he learned at least the startup funding is going to be covered by Planning and Zoning.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator R.J. Moore said he is glad the Board is going to continue to discuss this because he would like more discussion on the support from the Johnson County staff. If that could be added to the other items that need to be discussed again, it could clarify what is expected from Planning and Zoning staff.

S. Stutsman said the estimated one year budget for the Food Policy Council is \$3,400. There will be \$2,000 of matching funds. It is not a lot of money, but it is something.

COUNTY ENGINEER GREG PARKER: UPDATE ON SECONDARY ROADS PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

County Engineer Greg Parker said the second dust control application should begin next week, weather permitting. The seal coat applications, which were delayed for the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), are scheduled to begin next week as well. Crews are replacing collapsed culverts and pipes at various locations.

Parker said Secondary Roads is planning on re-grading Greencastle Avenue. This is one of the four projects the Board put on the Capital Improvements Program. Re-grading will take place from 120th Street South to the first Y-intersection. Secondary Roads is planning to start that in August and should take a couple weeks to complete. Since some Board members expressed an interest in visiting the property while it is being re-graded, Parker said he will notify the Board and inquire if they would like to see the process.

Parker said there have been minimal pavement expansion problems despite the recent heat. They are currently aware of problems at three locations: one was on Dubuque Street, which is north of Interstate-80, and that status is repaired. There was another on Herbert Hoover Highway, which is on the RAGBRAI route, and that too is repaired. The

third location is on the newest completed section of the Dubuque Street Trail Phase One just by the Stoney Pointe Subdivision access right at the driveway. For some reason, the pavement did not blow up but bowed. Secondary Roads staff put cones and protective devices around that area and is obtaining quotes for the area's repair. The trail is still open.

Parker said due to the recent heavy wind and rainstorm that occurred in northern Johnson County, most of Secondary Roads staff has been removing and cleaning up fallen trees and debris in the County right-of-way.

Rettig clarified the Dubuque Street Trail was just completed. Parker said that is correct. It has not been approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) yet. Rettig asked if it is likely the County will have to pay for those repairs. Parker said the expansion of the material is due to excessive heat. This also the same location of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Handicapped accessorized bubble material to indicate a driver is approaching an access point. He does not know why it bowed up there, but it lifted about six inches, and Parker does not know if this was necessarily caused by faulty construction. Answering Rettig's question, Parker said yes, the County will have to cover the repair costs.

Rettig said she does not think brand new pavement should blow out and raise six inches with heat that is normal for Iowa. Parker said he will be willing to discuss this with Rettig further, but right now they are just obtaining quotes and he does not really know the cost of the repair.

Sullivan asked if Greencastle Avenue will be closed at any point during the regrading. Parker said there will be sections of the roadway that will have to be closed temporarily. Secondary Roads will make sure the residents will have a way out though it may be an inconvenience for a couple days.

Parker said Johnson County's right-of-way has been negotiated with the Oakdale Boulevard project, and the IDOT letting date is planned for November or December 2011. The two properties for which the County negotiated will hopefully be on the agenda for formal approval next week. S. Stutsman asked when that project will begin. Parker said he anticipates late spring 2012 but that all depends on the weather this winter and spring.

Parker said the pre-construction meeting for 540th Street, also called the Twin County Dairy Project, is scheduled for next week. The Board approved the contracts at their last meeting. They will determine the start date at the pre-construction meeting. The contractor expressed an interest in starting as soon as possible.

Parker said the paving was completed on the Dubuque Street Trail Phase Two, from 275th Street up to the current North Liberty Trail Project. Unfortunately, the contractor is having some problems completing the final grading because of the rain.

Parker said the Oak Crest Bridge box project south of the City of Hills is the first of two projects Secondary Roads will do. The contractor had some problems with their equipment for putting down the permanent pavement markings on the section of the project that is being completed. That was supposed to be done this week but just yesterday, Secondary Roads staff found out the contractor sent the wrong parts so they are delayed yet another day. The contractor informed Parker that they will try to finish that project today, weather permitting. In the interest of the County, specifically from a liability standpoint, that area will remain closed at least for the next couple of days to allow the contractor to complete that final section of work.

Parker said the next project is 120th Street project through the City of Shueyville from Interstate 80 East to Curtis Bridge Road's four-way stop intersection. A meeting is scheduled for the following week to review any final changes to those construction plans. It will probably take a couple weeks for the consultant to get those changes made to the plans and for Secondary Roads to do another quick final review of that. Parker said sometime in the middle of August he hopes to ask the Board to schedule the letting date. Parker said they are evaluating the construction phases of that project, and though he knows Secondary Roads expressed interest in getting some work done in 2011, delays were due to some permitting issues and right-of-way acquisitions for Shueyville, as well as the consultant getting check plans to Secondary Roads for review.

Parker said he gave instructions that they were not going to open up any pavement if it could not be paved before winter because of the amount of traffic on that road. He is not certain what can be accomplished in 2011, and it might spill over to a summer 2012 project.

Parker said the second of the two projects taking place south of Hills is the Oak Crest Hill Road Bridge replacement. Due to the staff workload, the project will be let this fall but they will not be planning for any construction. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) permits seem to take so much time. There are also some right-of-way acquisitions that must be acquired prior to this. The Oak Crest Hill Road Bridge replacement project is one they do not want to open up because the bridge will be removed and replaced and he wants to make sure they can complete the project before snow fall.

Parker said the consultant for the replacement of Mehaffey Bridge over the Coralville Lake Reservoir is completing the final construction plans. Parker is planning on a fall 2011 letting schedule but does not have a firm date yet. This is going to be a two year construction project. Everything during the first year of construction will be below grade. There will be some construction going on during boating season 2012, but the piers should be out of the water by then.

Parker said for the project on 520th Street from Wapsi Avenue to Utah Avenue they are planning on a November 2011 IDOT letting date with a summer 2012 completion date.

Parker said the final project is the Cosgrove Road Bridge replacement south of Black Diamond Road. He said he sent another email to the IDNR, and he is puzzled as to why it is taking them so long to send the flood plain permit for this project.

Harney asked if the road is going to be open to Twin County Dairy, Inc. during the Twin County Dairy project. Parker said at least one lane of traffic must be maintained during construction. During some parts of the construction, there may be some inconvenient closures during the day.

Neuzil asked if Half Moon Avenue is the road the County identified working with Conservation and its trail grant. He knows a portion of the Trails Fund was committed to fund providing access to Highway 6. Parker said he does not have a lot of information on that. He knows there was consideration of completing some seal coat on that road. Secondary Roads staff is waiting for the trail to get to a point where the seal coat can be completed. Conservation did apply for a permit. Parker is concerned with the dust control functions for this project because it is currently a gravel road. Those concerns should be taken up with the contractor, but Secondary Roads is just waiting for the construction to take place. The seal coat should be occurring soon.

Rettig said the road must be seal coated because it was part of the grant. The Board agreed to use Trails Fund money to do that. She said Conservation staff was optimistic it would get built this year, but that is not necessarily going to happen. She said Conservation Director Harry Graves said the seal coating could wait until next summer because the trail will be finished in 2012. Parker said warmer temperatures are preferable when applying a seal coat, and he does not recommend seal coating as the temperatures drop in September or October. He recommends waiting until summer 2012.

Rettig said she thought the County was going to do construction on the culvert and bridge at the same time so the Oak Crest Hill Road would not be closed for a third summer in a row. Parker said there were two projects in the 5 Year Road Plan. One of the projects is for a bridge in the box culvert extension. They are waiting for the pavement marking. The goal was to try to stagger those projects but much rainfall basically shut down those plans. Parker said the other project that is currently taking place, but with timing, staff, right-of-way, and permitting issues, they do not feel comfortable letting this project this construction season since it may not be completed before winter 2011. He recommends they let the project in the fall of 2011 and do the construction during the summer of 2012.

S. Stutsman asked Parker how the chip sealed roads are holding up in the heat. She heard comments about steel wells on chip sealed roads in the City of Kalona. Parker said the chip sealed roads throughout Johnson County require a lot of continual maintenance. He has not heard of any major problems on the south side of the county. He is trying to stretch the budget as far as it can and is doing more with less.

Sullivan said the Board made a change in 2010 that allowed individuals to pay for chip seal on their own. He said he recalls Parker telling him and Harney that about 24

individuals chip seal on their own. Parker said he thinks there are less than a dozen; it is a very expensive program.

Harney said the Board is getting calls about the mowing of the ditches and he asked Parker to talk about the policy and what Secondary Roads is doing. Parker said Secondary Roads mows ditches two to three times per year. They only get the edge of the road or as wide as the mower can get. They mow intersections, hills and curves, prioritizing based on needs and amount of traffic, but they try to mow at least twice each year. Other counties and cities are doing less mowing as well.

REPORT AND INQUIRIES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

County Recorder Kim Painter said the revenues to the County went back up to just over \$1 million. There was some economic downturn that brought that figure down to the \$900,000s in 2010. Painter said the Recorder's group in Iowa is preparing for the upcoming legislative session. In 2010, the Recorder's Office staff processed a little over 30,000 documents pertaining to real estate. They also produced about 15,000 certified copies of birth, death and marriage certificates. Johnson County has around 8,000 to 10,000 boats, snow mobiles, all-terrain vehicles and off-road vehicles registered and titled in the Recorder's Office. The incoming birth, death and marriage records usually total between 2,000 and 4,500 per year.

Painter said she appreciates the opportunity the Board gives elected officials to participate in various activities and committee work in the County. Painter is on the Finance Committee; she is serving on the Justice Center Public Outreach Committee, and she serves on behalf of the Board on the Iowa Workforce Development Region 10 Workforce Investment Board. That board works with the business community, Kirkwood Community College, and other people throughout the region to create opportunities for people to find work. She said that has been a great experience for her and thanked the Board for that opportunity. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said the Sheriff's Office has had a busy summer. There is always a fairly large contingent working at the Fair. They have also been busy participating in many traffic safety projects, particularly on Interstate 80, where officers are hoping to reduce the crashes through the construction zone. RAGBRAI riders will arrive in the area on July 29, 2011, and several people in the Sheriff's Office will be working that. They partnered with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to install a deputy in their boat several times this summer, which has gone well. There was some positive and negative contact with people out there.

Pulkrabek said staff continues to be very busy with the Jail and managing inmates. Currently they are managing 174 inmates. The Jail was originally constructed to house 46 inmates. Double bunks allowed for 92 inmates, so 94 of the 174 inmates are housed outside of Johnson County in Muscatine and Washington Counties. In closing,

Pulkrabek said today marks the 26th anniversary of Pulkrabek serving the citizens of Johnson County.

County Treasurer Tom Kriz said their office just got the 2010 statistics from the IDOT. Johnson County has over 127,300 vehicles, cars and trailers registered now. That does not count all the students' vehicles from other counties.

Kriz said the 2011 tax sale was completed June 2011 with a record number of 768 registered bidders. Only 340 properties were up for sale. The County sells all the taxes, and by doing so, it helps all the taxing entities receive their money the following month. There were over 500 mobile home taxes that went up for sale and one of those was sold. It is still an issue legislators need to work on.

Kriz said normally tax statements are out by this time of year, however, due to the legislative gridlock, the State has not certified any of the counties' tax rolls yet. They are hoping for that any day now, but it is delaying things by two or three weeks. Hopefully, tax statements will be put in the mail sometime next week.

Kriz said since the Treasurer's Office began the back-taxes collection process ten years ago, over \$700,000 worth of back taxes have been collected. They are now very close to placing some of the smaller ones into local collection agencies in Johnson County. Those tax dollars go back into not only the County's budgets but all the taxing entities' budgets.

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ANDY JOHNSON

Johnson said the Board is scheduled to tour a wind farm facility in Story County and visit with the Story County Board of Supervisors and County Engineer on August 1, 2011. On August 2, 2011, the Resource Enhancement and Protection Committee is scheduled to meet to review and comment on applications being submitted from Johnson for State funding. On August 3, 2011, the Board has a Work Session scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting scheduled at 4:30 p.m. The next Formal and Informal Board Meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2011.

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Rettig said the Board has recently traveled to hold joint meetings with the Cities of Solon, Tiffin and Swisher. She reported that the Swisher City Council decided to contribute \$5,000 to the Swisher Community Library to make it a city library. The Board is expecting the library to participate in the County library program.

Rettig said there is a Dottie Ray Women Build for Habitat for Humanity in Iowa City. Any group of women should contact Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity because they are really desperate for volunteers on that project.

Rettig said she, S. Stutsman and Neuzil attended the 21-year celebration of the ADA, at which she read the proclamation which the Board voted on at today's Formal Meeting.

Rettig acknowledged the Johnson County staff working at the Fair this week and thanked them all for their service.

Rettig said she does not understand what is happening in Washington, D.C., but she knows it is a crisis and a tragedy. She thinks Americans should join together and contact their Congress members to ask them to find a compromise and get this debt ceiling fixed. This is the budget they passed, and now they have to pay their bills. That is what Americans do.

Rettig said RAGBRAI will be coming into town July 29, 2011. While it is a big hassle to have 30,000 guests in the county, the event will boost the local economy. Rettig will be joining RAGBRAI for one day, riding the 75 miles to Coralville. She thanked RAGBRAI for coming to Johnson County and said the County appreciates the business.

Sullivan said this meeting began with a national award for Secondary Roads for Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management. He announced that Johnson County received another award for outstanding achievement in emergency planning. Johnson Sullivan congratulates Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Wilson, Emergency Management Planner Billy Dvorak, and everyone involved.

Sullivan said some upcoming Board discussions will include zoning ordinances as they apply to the gardens on Newport Road. They will also discuss University Heights and Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

S. Stutsman said she and Harney attended a forum held by the food pantries in Johnson County in North Liberty last week. She volunteered at the Liberty Centre Blues and BBQ on July 23, 2011 in North Liberty. S. Stutsman said she thinks the Board should plan to hold a meeting at the Fairgrounds every year. Sullivan said the audience should give them feedback on how this worked so they can improve in the future.

Neuzil said he counted over 40 people in attendance at today's meeting. A lot of residents who had a chance to watch the Board meeting today do not have cable television or do not get the opportunity to see their government at work. He thanks everyone who took the time to organize today's meeting at the Fairgrounds, including Todd Woodburn, who worked the sound system, Video Center Owner/Operator and Board Videographer Andy Small, and everyone who attended the meeting. He too hopes holding a Board meeting at the Fair becomes a tradition.

Harney acknowledged the Clear Creek Amana girls and the Regina High School girls for competing in the Iowa High School Softball Tournament. The Joint Emergency Communications Center (JECC) experienced a power glitch on July 23, 2011. It caused a lot of the equipment to burn up. Power lines between Frytown and IWV Road were

knocked down. The wind also knocked out some of the heating and cooling pumps for Secondary Roads and JECC. Specialists have been working on fixing everything.

Harney said several individuals have collaborated to buy a heifer at the auction on July 29, 2011. Ruzicka's Meat Processing, Inc. has agreed to donate their services to process the heifer. The beef will be processed into hamburger, packaged in one-pound packages and distributed to the Crisis Center of Johnson County Food Bank. The individuals who contributed to this are Retired Major General Robert Sentman, Don Wilson, Ronald Stutsman, First Trust and Savings Bank in Oxford, Bob Boyd, King's Material, Inc., Bob Saunders, U.S. Bank, Gary Hamdorf, Tom Scott, Dan Steines, Midwest Bank, Billion Auto and the University of Iowa Community Credit Union. Harney and his family will contribute the remainder of the funds.

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC

Member of the public Caroline Dieterle thanked the Board for having an Informal Meeting at the Fairgrounds. The Fair is the essence of Johnson County. Some of these families have lived here forever. There are a lot of traditions that go with the Fair, and it was nice that the Board came out to participate too.

Dieterle said she wants to touch on the TIF issue. The Board may have received a request from the City of University Heights concerning this. Her understanding was that TIFs were originally created to try to help communities deal with drowned fields, depressed areas, and other pieces of property developers were not willing to take up. She said it seems this intent has been perverted. The law is being used by developers to make a profit. When taxes are deferred this way, then someone else has to make it up, usually the taxpayers. A glaring local example is Coralville. So much of its property is in TIFs and Dieterle said her understanding is that the rest of the county is subsidizing their uses of social services and law enforcement. It has affected Iowa City Community Schools and the Clear Creek Amana Schools as well. This is blatantly unfair to the rest of the county. She thinks a jurisdiction has to take initiative to say that is enough and to go back to using the law the way it was originally intended and not give TIFs to areas that do not need them.

Iowa Wind Energy Association Board Member and Green State Solutions Director Mike Carberry said he hopes the Board enjoys their tour of the Story County wind farm. He applauds them for showing an interest in wind energy. Iowa is ranked second nationwide in total wind energy production. Iowa is ranked number one in wind energy per capita. It is great to see Johnson County moving forward into a clean energy future. He encourages the Board to pass the ordinance to build a wind farm locally.

Harney said the Board received requests to develop a wind farm in the area between Newport Road and up to the northeast side of Solon. The entity requesting to build the wind farm predicts building 12 to 15 wind generators, so the Board is looking into the possible effects of this and an ordinance that could help regulate those.

Adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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