

SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in a Special Session on Friday, May 1, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM with the following members present: Dennis Brown, Lois Monday and Ron Riley by speaker phone.

EMA Director, Jo Duckworth, requested an emergency meeting. Ms. Duckworth reported the discovery of an infection of poultry by the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Madison County. Because of the proximity of Madison County combined with the unknown method of transmission, it was recommended that Union County declare a state of an emergency. Duckworth felt the Board of Supervisors should be proactive in passing a resolution for the safety of the Union County Residents.

RESOLUTION #26 FY14/15: Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to go into effect immediately, with the expectation that a formal resolution will be confirmed at the Regular Meeting on May 4th, 2015: Resolution #26 FYR 14/15 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CIVIL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING CHAIRPERSON TO ISSUE ORDERS OF ROAD CLOSURE AND/OR EMBARGO. WHEREAS, Union County, Iowa, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas thereof, is currently experiencing significant risk of infection of its poultry by the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI); and WHEREAS, Union County may, pursuant to its home rule authority, exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the County and/or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents; and WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Supervisors on 05-01-15 declared a State of Emergency in Union County in an effort to take a proactive, preventative approach to the widespread Highly-Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI); and WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Supervisors has determined that it is necessary to order the mandatory closing of certain roads of unincorporated Union County and restrict movement of any poultry or poultry waste products within 0.5 miles of any poultry facility not owned by that facility, in order to protect or preserve life or property; to assist in disaster mitigation, response or recovery; and to generally preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of its residents. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of Supervisors that due to the current risk of infection of its poultry by the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Union County, Iowa, there is proclaimed to be a State of Emergency in the unincorporated areas of the County; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors may, in response to this state of emergency, issue Orders of Road Closure and/or Embargo for any part of unincorporated Union County that the Chairperson deems advisable as necessary to protect or preserve life or property or as necessary to assist in disaster mitigation, response or recovery; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such Order of Road Closure and/or Embargo shall be made in writing and communicated in such a manner as to reasonably apprise the affected residents and the general public of the specific time and location of the roads to be closed and/or any restrictions on the movement of any poultry or poultry waste products; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ingress and egress to and from any road designated by the County shall be limited to authorized law enforcement, emergency management personnel and other persons specifically designated by the County. All other vehicles are prohibited from travel on designated roads; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the movement or transport of any poultry or poultry waste products is hereby prohibited within 0.5 miles of any poultry facility. This prohibition shall not apply to a poultry facility moving or transporting on or

near its own facility; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State of Iowa issue an embargo and/or take action to prohibit the movement or transport of any poultry or poultry waste products within 0.5 miles of any poultry facility in Union County. Roll call vote: Riley aye, Brown aye, Monday aye, motion passed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 5:35pm