

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 31, 2011

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, January 31, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Ron Riley, Robert Jansen, Lois Monday, Bob Brown and Dennis Brown.

AGENDA: Motion by Jansen and seconded by Dennis Brown to approve the Agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Brown and seconded by Monday to approve the Minutes from the January 28, 2011 meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ENGINEER: Steve Akes, County Engineer, presented and discussed the maintenance activity report, updated the board on the 2011 fuel contract and discussed the 5 year construction program. **Real Estate Acquisition Resolution:** Motion by Bob Brown and seconded by Jansen to approve Resolution # 34 Real Estate Acquisition Resolution. WHEREAS on the 31st day of January 2011 the Union County Board of Supervisors has established a new Real Estate Acquisition Policy for the year 2011. REAL ESTATE: The current average assessed valuation of real estate in Union County is \$635.00 per acre. Current market value of real estate in Union County is \$2,560.00 per acre. $\$2,560.00/\$635.00 = 4.03$ Our factor of 4.03 was the assessed evaluation for the true selling price for bare land in Union County with a factor of 1.5 times the assessed valuation for acquisition of real estate for borrow projects. FENCING: Based upon a recent quotation, a barb wire fence would cost \$33.64 and 33.84 to construct. Recommendation of \$34.00 per rod for barb wire and \$48.00 per rod for woven wire fence. In addition, each owner is entitled to an additional \$120.00 per interior corner that he/she is required to build of irregularities in the right-of-way purchase lines. Roll Call Vote: Dennis Brown, aye. Bob Brown, aye. Monday, aye. Jansen, aye. Riley, aye. Motion carried.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS: The Veteran's Affairs Board will be advertising for the open seat and will bring their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at a later date. No motion at this time.

UNION COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION: Mark Ide, Union County Fair Association, presented and discussed the 2011-2012 fiscal year funding request. No motion made at this time.

SUMMIT LAKE SEWER: Dan McIntosh, SIRWA, updated the Board on the Summit Lake proposed time line on a sewer project. SIRWA will be working with the Union County Sanitarian on the project. No motion at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Megan Hogan with the Department of Human Services discussed the 2011-2012 fiscal year funding request. No motion at this time.

SOUTHERN IOWA RESOURCES, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT: Mark Depoy, Coordinator of Southern Iowa RC&D, discussed local businesses and SWCC promoting workshops for new and existing small business. The business training workshop, web based learning modules, and on-site consulting are for the following areas: Business Planning, Small Business Accounting, Accounting for Farms, Small Business Development and Agra Forestry Production. SIDCA: SIDCA (Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority), is a cost share program (75% / 25%) that would help the county with flood control and would benefit the county roads and bridges that are that are down stream. **Local Food Program:** This program is working on getting locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in the Schools, Hospitals, Restaurants and Grocery Stores. The goal is to produce 2% of the state's present consumption of 37 fruits and vegetables that would be sold directly to consumers and food institutions. This could generate a net value of \$1.9 million to southern Iowa's economy that might not otherwise exist. RC & D is asking area counties for help funding these programs.

TRISTAR ADMINISTRATORS: Frank Demarco, TriStar Administrators, discussed the evolution of the county's health insurance plan over the last 14 years. He discussed the benefits of remaining 'self-funded' vs. fully insured, and the benefits of the SimplyWell program. At a future date, DeMarco will discuss possible premium increases that the County is facing and budgeting for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Recess at 1:15 PM.

Reconvened at 2:07 PM.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jansen to go into closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j)- Real Estate Matters. Closed session ended at 3:49 PM. Motion by Dennis Brown and seconded by Bob Brown for the board to authorize Bob Brown and Monday to be a sub-committee to negotiate a purchase offer for a potential DHS Building, and other potential office space. Said offer shall be subject to full board review and full board approval in open session. Roll Call Vote: Dennis Brown, aye. Bob Brown, aye. Monday, abstained. Jansen, nay. Riley, aye. Motion carried.

HANDWRITTEN CLAIMS: Motion by Jansen and seconded by Bob Brown to approve the handwritten claims for the Union County Health Insurance in the amount of \$9,396.80 and \$93.00.

GRANT TOWNSHIP CLERK: Motion by Bob Brown and seconded by Monday to approve Mike Rollings as Grant Township Clerk. All voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE: Motion by Monday and seconded by Dennis Brown to approve Wes Gilbert as the Grant Township Trustee. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT: Motion by Bob Brown and seconded by Jansen to accept the Clerks Report in the amount of \$989.91.

CRESTMoor GOLF CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE: Motion by Jansen and seconded by Dennis Brown to approve the renewal of the Crestmoor Liquor License. Roll Call Vote: Dennis Brown, aye. Bob Brown, aye. Monday, abstain. Jansen, aye. Riley, aye. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF OPEN FORUM POLICY: Motion by Jansen and seconded by Monday to adopt the following open forum policy at the recommendation of Union County Attorney, Tim Kenyon:

Section One: Agenda Items Generally

- Tentative agenda. The term "tentative" is defined as "not fully worked out or developed." Iowa Code § 21.4(1) (2009).
- The sufficiency of the detail on the tentative agenda must be viewed in the context of surrounding events.
- The adequacy of notice turns on what words would mean to a typical citizen or member of the press. It must be detailed enough to identify the issue being addressed and communicate that information to the public/media.
- Violation of the agenda requirements renders a meeting a "closed session" and makes applicable remedies for closed session violations.

Section Two: Board Business

Individuals are encouraged to contact the Auditor's Office (as secretary to the Board of Supervisors) to request that items be placed on the Board's Agenda for discussion and/or action by the Board. The agenda will be prepared weekly and disseminated at approximately 4:30 P.M. each Wednesday for posting for the **Monday** meeting. Items requiring Board discussion or action must be scheduled on the agenda.

The Union County Board of Supervisors, in order to provide public access to county government and comply with the spirit and the letter of the law pertaining to open meetings and open records, will include an agenda item - "Open Forum" - during the regular meeting on the first and third Monday of each month.

- The purpose of the "Open Forum" is to provide members of the public an opportunity to communicate initial information to the Board of Supervisors. Individuals will be asked to identify themselves and indicate the general nature of the issue. Presentation will be limited to five (5) minutes and be subject to general limitation by the chair.
- The Board of Supervisors will **listen** to the information and *may* identify a Board Member who will be responsible for bringing the matter back before the Board for responsive action **OR** *may refer* the information to the appropriate branch of county government and/or agency and/or department for response.

- In order to comply with statutory requirements regarding “discussion” and “action” , the Board of Supervisors **will not** conduct any discussion regarding issues/topics raised during “Open Forum” during the course of that meeting. Similarly, the Board of Supervisors **will not** take action regarding issues/topics raised during “Open Forum” during the course of that meeting.
- “Open Forum” **shall not** be utilized in a manner or with the effect of avoiding the notice and/or agenda requirements of Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa.

This Policy will be posted outside the Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

ATTEST: _____ BY: _____
SANDY HYSELL, COUNTY AUDITOR RONALD J. RILEY, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS