

## REGULAR SESSION

January 30, 2012

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, January 30, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Bob Jansen, Lois Monday, Dennis Brown, Ron Riley and Bob Brown.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Monday and seconded by Riley to approve the Agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Dennis Brown and seconded by Jansen to approve the January 23, 2012 minutes. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM:** Karon Finn expressed concerns about Area on Aging and the Mental Health Budget changes.

**CPC:** Lori Nosekable, Central Point Coordinator, discussed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year budget and the concerns on the changes that the State is wanting to make in Regionalizing Mental Health. No motion at this time.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:** Darin Thompson, DHS, discussed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year budget and up grading the phone system. No motion at this time.

**GIBSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** Ann Coulter, President of the Library Board, Jean Ide, Union County Representative, and Marilyn Ralls, Librarian, discussed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year request of \$20,000. No motion at this time.

**FLOOD AND EROSION:** Karla Focht, NRCS, discussed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Funding request of \$3,000. No motion at this time.

**COUNTY SHERIFF:** Rick Piel, County Sheriff, discussed moving Josh Christensen to Assistant Chief Jailer and his salary from \$16.04 to \$17.21 per hour. Motion by Monday and seconded by Dennis Brown to approve promotion and salary request. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR:** Sandy Hysell, County Auditor, discussed the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year budget. No motion at this time.

**COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE:** Skip Lowe, Bernie Lowe and Associates, discussed the County Health Insurance and made recommendations for the upcoming open enrollment. No motion at this time.

**Recess for lunch at 12:15 PM**

**Reconvened at 1:04 PM**

**HANDWRITTEN CLAIM:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Dennis Brown to approve the handwritten claims for Southern Iowa Council of Government for \$8,351.00, and Employee Benefit Systems for \$74,603.98. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER:** Steve Akes, County Engineer, presented and discussed the maintenance activity report, the Fiscal Year 2013 Construction Program, and the Grading Agreement language. No motion at this time. **Real Estate Acquisition Resolution:** Motion by Jansen and seconded by Dennis Brown to approve Resolution # 21 Real Estate Acquisition Resolution WHEREAS on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012 the Union County Board of Supervisors has established a new Real Estate Acquisition Policy for the year of 2012. REAL ESTATE- The current average assessed valuation of real estate in Union County is \$761.00 per Acre. Current market value of real estate in Union County is \$3116.00 per acre  $\$3,116.00 / \$761.00 = 4.09$  Our factor of 4.09 was the assessed evaluation for the true selling price for bare land in Union County with 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 \$34.71 and \$35.73 to construct. Recommendation of \$35.75 per rod for barb wire and \$50.00 per rod for woven wire fence. In addition, each owner is entitled to an additional \$125.00 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. Monday, aye. Jansen, aye. Riley, aye. Bob Brown, aye. Motion carried.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT:** Motion by Monday and Seconded by Riley to approve a letter of support for the FSA Office.

The Union County Board of Supervisors writes this letter in support of our Union County FSA office. We ask the US Department of Agriculture to make an informed decision, recognizing our office's total work load requiring four staff. Union County was down two employees: Our executive director retired and one employee left for other employment. The building, home to our FSA office, also houses two FmHA employees, and the NRCS office. This is a one-stop shop for our farmers and agricultures community, our county's most important industry. Iowa is the breadbasket of the world, and to lose our offices, our advisors and our friends is a step in the wrong direction at the wrong time. The protection of our soil, water quality, and land stewardship should be of utmost importance to our government. Our Union County FSA, FmHa and NRCS offices were instrumental in the completion of 3-Mile Lake, an 880 acre lake to help a 7- County rural water system. This partnership between our offices, farmers and other government entities is part of the future of building lakes and infrastructure and controlling watersheds to provide quality water, control erosion and improve flood control. This helps our communities, our counties, our states and keeps Iowa's dirt in Iowa instead of Mississippi delta and dead zone. Please help us support our future. Our Board of Supervisors is made up of farmers, railroaders, and business owners. We urge our government to support our Union County FSA office for the citizens of Union County. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**OLD CONSERVATION HOUSE:** Bob Jansen reported the findings from Todd Jackson on the asbestos on the Old Conservation House. No motion at this time.

**Recessed at 2:30 PM**  
**Reconvened at 3:53 PM**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION:** The Board of Supervisors worked on 2012-2013 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
SANDY HYSELL, AUDITOR

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS