

**THE MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009**

Board met as preadjourned. Board members present Kuhse, Campbell and Burke. All Board members voting "AYE" unless noted.

09.230-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to approve agenda and minutes of July 27, 2009. Motion carried.

Mary Jane White, Jeanie Carroll, and Kim Waters present.

Department heads meeting was held with various departments reporting.

09.231-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to accept Dale Reiser's letter of resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

09.232-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to accept Jim Kruse's letter of resignation from the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried.

09.233-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to accept and place on file Kent McCormick's Manure Management Plan annual update. Motion carried.

09.234-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to accept and place on file Gruber Ridge LLC's Manure Management Plan annual update. Motion carried.

LuAnn Rolling, Don Sherman, Chad Gilles, Dave Mellick and Brian Ridenour present.

Chad Gilles, Ludlow Creek Watershed Coordinator, has been talking with Brian Ridenour about using Bob White Drive as a dike for the Ludlow Creek Watershed project. The county will be asked to fund approximately 15% of the project plus the maintenance of the county road. Burke wonders about the maintenance of the landowners share as we have had issues of this with other watershed projects. Rolling stated the landowner signs a 20 yr contract and can amend that it say county has no liability other than the county road. Ridenour feels this would be a good move and beneficial to everyone involved. The road will have to have some additional work to it so there will be rock cost above the \$5,400.00 cost share. Rolling stated they will amend the contract and come back with them for the Board to approve at that time.

Don Sherman inquired about the raises in the Treasurer's office. The Board had received a letter from Lori Hesse with an explanation of the raises and gave Sherman a copy.

Board adjourned to reconvene at 12:45 p.m. for a work session.

Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m. Board members present Kuhse, Campbell, and Burke.

John Smola, Duane Leppert, Kirby Cahoon, Karen Pratte, Bonnie Smola, Deb Winke, Chris Gavin, Brian Ridenour, Jeanie Carroll, Jeff Mitchell, Bill Ziegler, Roger Mohn, and Mary Jane White present.

Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission presented the Board with the amendment recommendations they would like to see in the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance. Discussion was held about the need of the 22' driveways to the single home sites. Jeff Mitchell of the 911 Board has been in

contact with his members by phone on this matter but could not comment for them. Burke would like to have the 911 Board and the P&Z Commission meet together on this.

Further discussions were held on the Ag Legend Amendment. Winke stated the PRC does not see the need of the legend as the Code of Iowa already states ag land is exempt from Zoning. Also wondered about how that will affect farm & estate land that is sold by auction if there is a legend put on, as most of the time they plat these off so can sell as parcels or whole. White feels that if you are subdividing land you are doing so to make it for development. Burke stated that is not always the case and depends on the owners circumstances. White also suggested that Planning & Zoning will come up with a future land use map which can designate where we want growth to take place that does not include cropland, land in the flood plains or bluff lands. Questions brought up about why the Boards picked 3 acres for the lot size and that this is really not conserving our cropland when you can actually get the septic & well in less acres depending on the lay-out of the lots. Burke stated we need to look further to Cluster Development.

Questions about lot size that can be platted if putting the ag legend on and the process to "lift" the legend in the future. Mohn commented about our process and that Form A should maybe go thru the P & Z Commission before the time and money of platting is spent, to make sure the intended use will be permitted. Other discussion was held about claiming the ag exemption legend and does the landowner have a choice in putting this on or not. Jeff Mitchell stated none of these ordinances are an easy process and please remember the residents serving on all the boards/commissions are volunteers who are trying to keep the best interest of the county as a whole in their decisions. The Board agreed and appreciates the hard work put in by everyone.

Board adjourned to meet on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. Allamakee County Board of Supervisors. Lennie Burke, Chairperson ATTEST: Pam Benjegerdes, Auditor