



**JOHNSON COUNTY IOWA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, July 17, 2023**

<b>Cultivation Station</b>	<b>Joint Entities Meeting</b>	<b>4:33 PM</b>
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**JOHNSON COUNTY HISTORIC POOR FARM**  
**4811 MELROSE AVE**  
**IOWA CITY, IA 52246**

Vice Chairperson Sullivan called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Cultivation Station at 4:33 p.m. Members present: V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Royceann Porter, Rod Sullivan. Members absent: Lisa Green-Douglass.

Sullivan announced that agenda item B [Public Comment] will take place after agenda item C [Welcome and Introductions].

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Johnson County:** Executive Director Guillermo Morales, Local Foods Assistant Cassidy Beamer, Local Food and Farm Manager Ilsa DeWald, Media Production and Technology Specialist J.J. Johnson, Assistant Attorney III Ryan Maas, Emergency Management Coordinator Travis Beckman and Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Wilson

**City of Coralville:** City Council Members Laurie Goodrich, Hai Huynh, Keith Jones and City Administrator Kelly Hayworth

**City of Hills:** Mayor Tim Kemp

**City of Iowa City:** Council Members Laura Bergus, Andrew Dunn, Shawn Harmsen, Pauline Taylor, and John Thomas

**Iowa City Community School District (ICCSd):** Superintendent Matt Degner, ICCSD Board Members J.P. Claussen, Charlie Eastham, Jayne Finch, and Maka Pilcher Hayek

**City of North Liberty:** Mayor Chris Hoffman, North Liberty City Council Members Ashley Barrel and RaQuishia Harrington and City Administrator Ryan Heiar

**University Heights:** Mayor Louise From, City Council Member Stepheny Gahn

**City of Tiffin:** City Administrator Doug Boldt

**Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development:** Executive Director and Farm Manager Jason Grimm

**Hawkeye Area Community Action Plan:** Johnson County Coordinator Debbie Ackerman

**Global Food Project:** Manager Will Kapp

**Better Together 2030:** Executive Director Cady Gerlach

**Johnson County Community Foundation:** President and CEO Shelly Maharry

**Johnson County Historical Society:** Executive Director Alex McKendree

**Land Access Program:** Farmer Nasr Mohammed

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Iowa City Council Member Andrew Dunn reported that union negotiations broke down between the North American Central School Bus, ICCSD drivers, and Teamsters Local 238. Dunn stated that ICCSD bus drivers plan to strike when classes resume if negotiations are not resolved. Dunn recommended contacting Teamsters Local 238 Principal Officer Jesse Case with any questions.

## **DISCUSSION/UPDATES**

### **Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride across Iowa Update**

Coralville Council Member Kelly Hayworth thanked area residents who signed up to volunteer in Coralville during Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride across Iowa (RAGBRAI) in late July. Hayworth confirmed that volunteers filled all RAGBRAI rider housing requests.

### **Smart 911 Update**

Iowa City Council Member Pauline Taylor discussed the limitations of 911 during a mental health crisis and said residents can call the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator Travis Beckman discussed the Johnson County Emergency Notification System (JCENS), known as Johnson County Alerts, and part of the Alert Iowa System. He said JCENS uses the Smart911 app that allows residents to sign up online and receive targeted emergency alerts. Beckman said the app allows residents to share lifesaving information to 911 and specify their primary language. He noted the special needs registry is not available online. Beckman said municipalities could request administrative access to Johnson County Alerts in order to have targeted emergency alerts for their specific department.

### **Bus Rapid Transit Update**

Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County (MPOJC) Executive Director Kent Ralston discussed the Bus Rapid Transit Study in the CRANDIC corridor. He said the study will review using electric buses, and that the results can be compared to the completed Passenger Rail Study. Officials asked for funding details. Ralston stated the total funding needed for the study is \$250,000 and that more details will be forthcoming.

### **Manufactured Housing Taskforce Update**

Johnson County Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz spoke about the Manufactured Housing Taskforce and the poor living conditions of manufactured housing residents. Fixmer-Oraiz noted the taskforce's limitations due to lack of local control on the issue in addition to discussing outreach plans. Iowa City Council Member Shawn Harmson discussed ways entities can support residents. Officials spoke about having the Manufactured Task Force speak at the Iowa Housing Conference.

Sullivan announced that agenda item five [Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Overview] will be moved to the end of the agenda.

### Discuss Schedule and Host for Upcoming Joint Entities Meetings

October 16, 2023: Iowa City Community School District

January 15, 2024: Coralville

April 15, 2024: Iowa City

July 15, 2024: North Liberty

October 21, 2024: University Heights

January 13, 2025: Johnson County

### Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Overview

Johnson County Board Office Food and Farm Manager Ilsa DeWald presented information about the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm including an overview of the site, the 10-year Master Plan, and current projects. After adjournment, the Historic Poor Farm Staff provided an informal tour of the site.

### **Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.**

Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor

Recorded by Auditors Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board