

# **JOHNSON COUNTY IOWA**

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

**Second Floor Boardroom** 

**Joint Entities Meeting** 

4:31 PM

## JOHNSON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 913 SOUTH DUBUQUE STREET IOWA CITY, IA 52240

Chairperson Porter called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 4:31 p.m. **Members present:** Jon Green\*, Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan\*. \*Denotes electronic participation.

#### Welcome and Introductions

Elected officials introduced themselves as follows:

**Coralville** City Council Members Laurie Goodrich, Jill Dodds\*, Mike Knudson\*, Hai Huynh\*, Coralville Mayor Meghann Foster\*, and Coralville Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Gross\*, **Hills** City Council Member Emily Hudacheck\*, Hills Mayor Tim Kemp\*,

**Iowa City** Mayor Bruce Teague, Iowa City Council Members Pauline Taylor, Laura Bergus\*, John Thomas, Janice Weiner\*, and Shawn Harmsen\*, Iowa City Mayor Pro Tem Megan Alter\*.

Meeting participants said they were having difficulty hearing one another so Porter called for a recess to restore order. *Recessed at 4:35 p.m.; reconvened at 4:49 p.m.* 

Introductions resumed as follows:

Lone Tree City Council Member Dave Wageman\*,

Oxford Mayor Heather Johnson\*,

**North Liberty** Mayor Chris Hoffman\*, North Liberty City Council Members Brian Wayson\*, Brent Smith\*, and Erek Sittig\*,

Swisher Mayor Christopher Taylor\*,

Tiffin City Administrator Doug Boldt\*,

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

Clear Creek Amana Interim Superintendent Joseph Brown\*,

**Iowa City Community School District** (ICCSD) Vice President Ruthina Malone\*, ICCSD President Shawn Eyestone\*, ICCSD Board Members Maka Pilcher Hayek, Charlie Eastham, Lisa Williams\*, and Jayne Finch\*.

Porter announced that agenda item number four, "American Rescue Plan Act Updates from Municipalities" will be moved to last place on the agenda.

Clear Creek Amana Community Schools Update: March 1, 2022 Bond Referendum

Clear Creek Amana Interim Superintendent Joseph Brown presented a PowerPoint about the March 1, 2022 bond referendum for \$65,000,000 for the purpose of building a new 600-student elementary school in Coralville, a vocational addition to the high school, and expansion of fine arts facilities at the middle and high schools. Officials discussed the

placement of the vocational wing in relation to the flood plain and Brown spoke on the matter.

#### **COVID-19 Update from Johnson County Public Health**

Johnson County Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski provided statistics about COVID-19 infections in Johnson County and spoke about face coverings, COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and contact tracing. She said 78.6% of Johnson County's population is vaccinated, but staffing shortages among healthcare providers has not waned. She announced how each household can secure rapid antigen tests that are now available at no charge.

#### Nomi Health, Inc. COVID-19 Testing Clinic

ICCSD President Shawn Eyestone said the Nomi Health, Inc. drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinic at Liberty High School has administered over 1,100 tests. He announced plans for additional clinics within the Iowa City Community School District.

#### Interest for a Childcare Presentation and Discussion at Next Joint Entities Meeting

lowa City Mayor Bruce Teague asked if there is interest to bring in area experts who could provide knowledgeable information about local, state and federal childcare. Green-Douglass and Coralville Mayor Meghann Foster suggested Lynette Jacoby, Deb Dunkhase, and Jennifer Banta would be good resources for such a presentation.

#### Sustainability Working Group of Johnson County Update

Johnson County Planning, Development, and Sustainability Department Sustainability Coordinator Becky Soglin\* presented a PowerPoint about the Sustainability Working Group of Johnson County. The PowerPoint is contained in the agenda packet of this meeting.

### **Proposed Dates and Hosts for Future Joint Entities Meetings**

Board Office Executive Director Mike Hensch suggested the joint entities follow a proposed schedule for future meeting dates and designated hosts. He displayed a schedule on the monitor and via Zoom; absent any objection, the next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022, and to be hosted by ICCSD.

#### American Rescue Plan Act Updates from Municipalities

Johnson County Grants Coordinator Donna Brooks\* reviewed the history and timeline of the development of the American Rescue Plan Act Direct Assistance Program. She noted that the final rule, released by the U.S. Treasury on January 6, contained expanded guidance and flexibility that affected the Direct Assistance Program. Teague, Eastham, and Special Projects Manager Ray Forsythe provided additional information.

Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor

Recorded by Kyle Phillips, Auditor's Office Administrative Secretary

Finalized by Nancy Tomkovicz, Deputy Auditor