

Minutes of the Joint Meeting between Johnson County Board of Supervisors, University of Iowa, Iowa City Community School District Board, Clear Creek Amana Community School District Board, and the following Cities: Coralville, Hills, Iowa City, Lone Tree, North Liberty, Oxford, Shueyville, Solon, Swisher, Tiffin, and University Heights

**Monday, April 15, 2019
Iowa City Community School District
Educational Services Center
1725 N. Dodge Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52245**

Present: Iowa City City Council Members: Mayor Jim Throgmorton, Pauline Taylor, John Thomas, Mazahir Salih; North Liberty City Council Members: Mayor Terry Donahue; Coralville City Council Members: Mayor John Lundell, Laurie Goodrich, Meghann Foster; Iowa City Community School District: Ruthina Malone, Shawn Eyestone, Phil Hemingway, Paul Roesler; Johnson County Board of Supervisors: Rod Sullivan, Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter Tiffin; Mayor Steve Berner; Brad Comer, Iowa City Assessor; Tom Van Buer, County Assessor; Geoff Fruin, Iowa City City Manager; Kelly Hayworth, Coralville City Manager; Ryan Haier, North Liberty City Manager; Simon Andrew, Assistant to the Iowa City City Manager; Janet Lyness, Johnson County Attorney; Nicole Novak, Assistant Research Scientist University of Iowa College of Public Health; Marcela Hurtado, Vice President Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa

Call to Order

Paul Roesler called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Roesler welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Public Comment

There was none.

Facilities Work Update (ICCSA)

Roesler provided an update on facility work in the school district. He reported on projects at Grant Elementary, Mann Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Alexander Elementary, South East Jr. High, North Central Jr. High, West High School, Liberty High School, and Tate High School.

Budget Planning Update (ICCSA)

Murley clarified the certified budget for the tax levy and maximum budget due date is today. The District continues work on budget reductions, which is how the money is spent. The District has been working the last five months on reductions due to a \$5.25 million gap by bringing ideas to the Board for feedback on what works and what does not. There is a work session tomorrow afternoon and then the Board will affirm the reductions at the April 23, 2019 Board meeting.

Schedule of Graduation Events (ICCSA)

Roesler provided graduation dates as follows:

May 22, 2019 – Transition Services Center 11:00 AM at the Education Services Center

May 24, 2019 – West High School 7:00 PM at Carver Hawkeye Arena

May 25, 2019 – Liberty High School 1:00 PM at Liberty High School

May 25, 2019 – City High School 7:00 PM at Carver Hawkeye Arena

May 28, 2019 – Tate High School 7:00 pm at The Englert Theater

Johnson County Community ID Program Update (Johnson County Board of Supervisors)

Hurtado, Novak and Lyness presented an update on the Johnson County Community ID program. When the Center for Worker Justice was formed, they wanted to find out what the needs and priorities of the community were. Part of their mission is to empower and educate the community so they started a project called the Immigrant Voices Project and conducted a survey. One of the priorities that emerged was a way for people to identify themselves. A successful campaign resulted in the ability to obtain a county ID. They thanked those that helped to get it implemented and wanted to make clear that to get the ID you apply and show documents however, they do not keep copies of the documents. The impact of the ID program was documented by inviting people to participate in a survey on their ID application day and the results were shared. An ID can be obtained at the Assessor's Office and the County website provides information regarding the documents that are needed. Children are able to obtain an ID and a renewal celebration will take place on July 11, 2019.

Property Assessments (City of Iowa City)

Comer and Van Buer provided an update on property assessments. Assessments are done every two years and were sent at the end of March. They reported that values changed quite a bit. The State requires equalization and they explained that process. The protest period runs from April 1-25 and to date they have not had many.

Legislative update (City of Iowa City)

Andrew reported on two bills. HF773 is a bill for an act establishing budget limitations for counties and cities and including applicability provisions. It is problematic in that it places a 2% cap on the increase in property tax revenue, caps the general fund balance at a level lower than what Moody recommends for solid financial planning, is subject to reverse referendum, and is currently written to include pensions and employee benefits.

HF718 is a bill for an act relating to the power of cities to regulate certain building restrictions. It would take away a city's ability to place rental permit caps and seems to be an effort to control Ames and Iowa City. This property tax bill was lifted directly from Texas, who is doing the exact same thing, which has been devastating to Austin and Austin suburbs. Berner stated the Iowa League is working to get input from smaller communities as they are just as much, if not more, at jeopardy.

Mobile Home Park Acquisition Update (City of Iowa City)

Fruin reported that two mobile home parks in Iowa City were recently purchased and new owners placed a significant increase to lot rent, much like what happened in North Liberty. This seems to be a nation-wide phenomenon. North Liberty had a conversation with the individual that purchased Golf View Mobile Home Park and were not very hopeful as they seem to have done their homework and are within their legal rights to do what they are doing. Salih reported that Center for Worker Justice is organizing an association at Golf View Mobile Home Park and are working with lawyers regarding the legality of what is taking place. She stated there is a meeting Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Coralville Rec Center.

State of Poverty in Johnson County (City of Coralville)

Jacoby reported more than 25,000 in Johnson County live in poverty. Another 25,000 are struggling to make ends meet while working. In Johnson County, 31.5 percent of children were eligible for free and reduced school lunch last year. Poverty stretches across all generations and cultures in our community.

Johnson County hosted a public forum, "The State of Poverty in Johnson County" on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 and more than 90 community members and Johnson County staff participated in the event. The forum included presentations by state

and local experts and kicked off a series of action planning meetings focused on collaboratively developing strategies to address issues of poverty in our community. Action planning included raising awareness that poverty is an issue and identifying how poverty affects the entire community. Lunch and learn trainings are being hosted and a follow up meeting is planned for the summer.

Other Business

Hemingway provided information regarding a monetary donation the City of Hills donates to Hills Elementary School each year and encouraged other municipalities to do the same.

Next Meeting

Coralville will host the next meeting on July 15, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.