

Joint Meeting Minutes

Johnson County Board of Supervisors, University of Iowa, Iowa City Community School District Board, Clear Creek
Amana Community School District Board, Coralville, Hills, Iowa City, Lone Tree, North Liberty, Oxford, Shueyville,
Solon, Swisher, Tiffin, and University Heights

Monday, July 19, 2021

Meeting via Zoom

View Meeting Recording at: <https://youtu.be/2q-NN8fy6bc>

Present:

Iowa City City Council Members: Mayor Bruce Teague, Janice Weiner, John Thomas, Mazahir Salih, Laura Bergus;

North Liberty City Council Members: Chris Hoffman, RaQuisha Harrington,

Coralville City Council Members: Mayor John Lundell, Laurie Goodrich, Meghann Foster, Mitch Gross

Iowa City Community School District: Ruthina Malone, Shawn Eyestone, Charlie Eastham, Lisa Williams

Johnson County Board of Supervisors: Rod Sullivan, Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter, Jon Green,
Pauline Taylor

University Heights: Mayor Louise From

Swisher: Mayor Chris Taylor

Staff: Doug Boldt, Geoff Fruin, Kelly Hayworth, Ryan Haier, Kellie Fruehling, Cami Rasmussen, Sam Jarvis, Brad Kunkle

Guests: James Lacina, Josh Busard, Jon Nania, Judith Thomas

Call to Order

Shawn Eyestone called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Eyestone welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Facilities Master Plan (ICCS)

Matt Degner provided an update on preparations for the Facilities Master Plan 2.0.

- FMP 1.0 was on time and on budget
- Timeline for FMP 2.0 shared
- Portrait of a Graduate
 - Engaged to determine what competencies and skills we want our students PK-12 to education with
 - Ties into FMP 2.0
 - Shared POG competencies
- Community Engagement Sessions
 - Projects rooted in what learning looks like
 - Engage District stakeholders to ensure the priorities of FMP 2.0 reflect our community's educational values and beliefs.
 - In Fall will ask community to support extension of two levies
 - Already in place, extensions of two revenue streams that already come to the district
 - Revenue Purpose Statement and PPEL
 - Allows to borrow against the money long term to fund FMP 2.0
 - Community Engagement Session dates
 - Tuesday, July 6: 5:00-6:30 pm
 - Tuesday, July 20: 5:00-6:30 pm

- Thursday, July 22: 12:00-1:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 3: 5:00-6:30 pm
- Thursday, August 5: 12:00-1:00 pm
- Each of the community engagement sessions will be held virtually using Zoom and will present the same information. The meetings can be accessed using the following link: <https://iowacityschools-org.zoom.us/j/97403132570?pwd=Mm1mWEkvK3VZY01kQWtEQVR5eVRNdz09>
- For those unable to attend a community engagement session, we still want to hear from you! You may use the following link to provide your valuable feedback to the FMP 2.0 development process: https://iowacityschools.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0oneVBW2FmscDv8
- We are excited about this important step in our facilities planning and look forward to your participation in this process. Additional information can be found at www.IowaCitySchools.org/FMP2.0

Discuss potential partnerships to conduct a follow-up study of the 2005 *Hydrogeology and Simulation of Ground-Water Flow in the Silurian-Devonian Aquifer System, Johnson County, Iowa* to be completed by the USGS Central Midwest Water Science Center (Johnson County)

Josh Busard provided a presentation on the Silurian-Devonian Aquifer study.

Silurian-Devonian Aquifer Study

- Discuss potential partnerships to conduct a follow-up study of the 2005 study
- Previous study completed in 2005
 - Studies the primary source of ground water for Johnson County and its municipalities
 - Quantitative assessment of ground water availability through 2025
 - Modeled inflow and outflow
- Participants
 - Johnson County Board of Supervisors
 - Iowa Department of Natural Resources
 - Cities of Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty, and Solon
 - University of Iowa
- Cost shared amongst agencies
- Johnson County gauging interest in partnerships for a follow-on study 2025-2050
 - Estimated cost based on computer modeling needs
 - Existing model
 - New and improved model
 - Time frame for report conclusion
 - 2-3 years new model; less time if using old model
 - Cost in 2005 was \$350,000 split between the gov't partners and ISGS
- Existing model answered
 - Is the current ground water supply adequate based on current trends
 - How does increased development impact the ground water supply
 - How would long lasting drought conditions impact the ground water supply
- Everything that the previous study answered through 2025+
 - Climate change effects on groundwater supply
 - Predictions based on various development trends (slower development vs. faster development)
 - How will water conservation efforts impact groundwater supply (green building techniques)
 - Evaluate outflow changes (i.e. a new quarry)
 - Evaluate new inflow changes (increased average precipitation)
- Reasons a new study might be important

- Plan development, education, conservation, finding new water resources
- Interest in partnerships and cost sharing
 - Coralville, Iowa City, North Liberty, Solon and Tiffin are all interested in starting conversations

COVID-19 update (Johnson County)

Sam Jarvis provided a COVID-19 update for Johnson County.

COVID-19 update

- 2% positivity rate in Johnson County
- Still in single digits of cases per day
- Small steady increase, Delta variant dominant strain
- Still younger people
- Investigations no longer required as of July 1
 - Johnson County will continue these investigations and tracing

Review of fireworks policies from cities and counties (City of Iowa City)

Municipalities reported on July 4th and use of fireworks.

Iowa City

- Not permitted to set off in Iowa City
- Some fireworks sales are illegal
- Police Chief and Fire Chief's report of responses
 - Calls were down
 - 1 citation issued and 12 verbal warnings
 - Most callers unable to locate users
- Is there a need to come up with a consistent policy

Coralville

- Not permitted to set off in Coralville
- Some success from changing ordinance on where fireworks are allowed to be sold
 - Allowed in industrial zones only

Johnson County Sheriff

- Navigates rural and all small towns too
- Calls are low priority
 - Difficult to enforce as you have to see them light and ignite the fireworks

Solon

- Majority of council supports fire works and they are allowed
- Two major issues to address
 - Lighting on public property
 - People closing off public streets to so this

Swisher

- Does not allow without permission of council
- Consistency of jurisdictions would be helpful

Report out from cities/counties on American Rescue Plan Act public engagement and spending decisions (City of Iowa City)

Bruce Teague stated they wanted to ensure that conversations are being held within municipalities and also wanted to see about starting conversations regarding what a partnership might look like.

Iowa City – Geoff Fruin

- Kicked off public engagement efforts in early July
 - Some online and some in person
- Intend to take a synopsis of the public input to the City Council in September
 - Input will help in process of prioritizing use of the funds

Johnson County Board of Directors – Pat Heiden

- Committee has been meeting since February
- Structure and process in place and ready to go
- Public engagement
 - Very important
 - Online survey
 - Will be at Johnson County fair next week distributing surveys
 - Six or seven public sessions planned throughout the county
- Have had some conversations with City of Iowa City and will be able to collaborate on a few things

Ray Forsythe – Johnson County

- On staffing leadership team with the county
 - Have reached out to all municipalities in Johnson County to offer assistance
 - Able to share information from the survey by zip code
 - Here to assist communities as they need it
 - Want to make sure all communities know to request their funds
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Other Business

Sara Barron –Eviction moratorium expiring at the end of the month

Mohammed Traroe – American Rescue Plan Act

Eric Harris – American Rescue Plan Act

Chris Taylor reported that Iowa is sending four athletes to compete in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and two are from Johnson County. Erin Kerkhoff of Solon and Jessica Heims of Swisher will compete in the Paralympics in August.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.