

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT ENTITIES MEETING BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – IOWA CITY, 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 UNIVERRITY HEIGHTS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017  
IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PENN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – LIBRARY  
230 N. DUBUQUE ST.  
NORTH LIBERTY, IOWA 52317**

Call to Order

Chris Lynch called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Lynch welcomed everyone to Penn Elementary noting the additions and renovations they have benefited from the Facilities Master Plan.

Elected Officials introduced themselves as follows: Iowa City City Council Members: Mayor Jim Throgmorton, Susan Mims; North Liberty City Council Members: Chris Hoffman, Brian Wayson, Terry Donahue; Coralville City Council Members: Mayor John Lundell, Jill Dodds, Mitch Gross, Laurie Goodrich; Iowa City Community School District: LaTasha DeLoach, Chris Lynch, Brian Kirschling; Johnson County Board of Supervisors: Rod Sullivan, Kurt Friese, Mike Carberry, Lisa Green-Douglass; Hills: Mayor Tim Kemp, Cathy Knebel; Swisher: Mayor Chris Taylor

Discussion/Update

**Legislative**

Local legislative priorities (City of Iowa City)

Simon Andrews reported on a resolution establishing the City of Iowa City's 2017 Legislative priorities, which was adopted on December 6, 2016. The legislative priorities include:

- Ensure the continued funding of commercial & industrial property tax replacement payments
- Protection of public sector employee collective bargaining rights
- Protect Home Rule authority for local governments
- Advocate for additional water and wastewater infrastructure funding
- Support the continued excellence of the State's primary, secondary, and higher education institutions and advocate for additional education funding
- Support the legislative efforts of the Iowa League of Cities and the Metro Coalition

Throgmorton stated that many Republican controlled State legislatures are trying to take Home Rule authority away from city governments and what is happening in Iowa is consistent with several other states.

### 2017 Legislative issues and updates affecting local governments (Board of Supervisors)

Carberry reported the County legislative priorities are almost identical to the City priorities. He stated backfill is very important and what they have been told is the Governor is taking backfill off the table for this year. This is the third year of ten years they promised to backfill so there are seven more years to fight for that backfill. He stated Home Rule is so important to Johnson County, especially when it comes to minimum wage. He stated collective bargaining is important and water quality is very important. He stated he sits on a water quality committee for the Iowa State Association of Counties and they were not happy last year when they were trying to tie the SAVE extension to water quality. The Urban County Collation and the Iowa State Association of Counties signed on to the three eights cent Iowa Coalition which puts at the next sales tax increase, three eights of a cent guaranteed to go to funding for natural resources and about two thirds of that is water quality. He stated that one of the most important things for the county is mental health and disabilities services funding. They are in a region and the levy is capped. The cap needs to go away as it is hurting the county so much that they are \$1,000,000 short of the money they are going to be able to put into the region. A brochure of Johnson County's 2017 legislative priorities and issue was distributed.

### Legislative priorities (Iowa City Community School District)

Lynch reviewed the Iowa City Community School District's legislative priorities, which included:

- Supplemental State Aid: Provide adequate and timely funding as the State's first priority in order to allow responsible budgeting by school districts. There is no greater economic investment than a highly educated workforce.
- Pay or Postpone Unfunded Mandates: Pay or postpone any unfunded mandates such as Early Literacy Implementation and Smarter Balanced Assessments. These initiatives directly draw dollars away from the classroom.
- Extend SAVE Funding: Extend SAVE funding and ensure the whole penny goes to education. SAVE funding allows districts to responsibly plan for infrastructure needs and lowans in all 99 counties approved the penny tax for that purpose. Let's keep it that way.

### Facilities Master Plan/GO Bond (Iowa City Community School District)

Lynch stated that the intent of the Facilities Master Plan is to transform the learning environment. The ICCSD Board of Directors recently held three listening posts to receive further input from the public regarding the Facilities Master Plan. Feedback was initially gathered through Thought Exchange where approximately 1,700 people participated and HVAC was overwhelmingly the largest theme. Lynch presented an overview of the timeline of the FMP planning process, historical progress on air conditioning in buildings, progress of building projects, and projects that are G.O. Bond dependent He stated that SAVE is so important as if it were extended to 2049, in theory, ICCSD could do the back half of the plan with zero tax impact.

Throgmorton inquired if Lynch were aware of any discussion at the State level regarding SAVE. Lynch stated there has been discussion however, he is not aware of any bill yet. He stated the hope is that if you could resolve water quality you could quickly find a way to approve SAVE. Carberry stated that the House passed a bill last year on water quality and that seems to be what they are going to do again. He stated it does not use any existing fund; it rearranges funds from rural water and a few other things. If that goes through, and they get that water quality piece, the Governor's option on tying it to SAVE becomes a moot point and then the focus is just on SAVE.

Lynch reported that feedback received from the listening post and recently from the community is to stick to the plan for the full amount of the G.O. Bond. He reviewed when bonds would be issued and the incremental impact of the G.O. bond series. He presented a tax rate comparison to other districts in the state noting we are

the lowest and taxes have actually gone down. He reported that the ICCSD Board of Directors would need to make a decision tomorrow regarding the G.O. Bond.

Throgmorton inquired how detailed the referendum language need to be. Lynch stated you have to identify the projects and then only those projects can be done. You can choose not to do a project, but you cannot add any.

Carberry stated the County would be getting tax dollars back from TIF districts and inquired if the school district would get any additional funds back from TIF districts. Lynch stated they would get the valuation and that Craig Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, has all of that in his model.

Gross inquired if new developments are factored into the model. Lynch stated only those developments that were platted.

The interest rate on the bond is stepped in and incremental based on economic projection. Lynch stated the revenue purpose statement is written in a way that SAVE could be used to pay down debt.

#### Local immigration policies (City of Iowa City)

Throgmorton reported that becoming a sanctuary city was a topic at a January work session. The City decided not to become a sanctuary city but went ahead with a resolution reaffirming the public safety function of local law enforcement. He indicated that feedback from those outside of Iowa City was hostile and threatening regarding the discussion of looking at becoming a sanctuary city and that most of the feedback was provided prior to the decision vs. after. Lundell stated he felt the City did a nice job of describing what the resolution was and was not.

#### Iowa City Climate Mitigation Plan (City of Iowa City)

Throgmorton reported that the City has adopted a resolution authorizing creation of a Climate Action Steering Committee. The City Council established a greenhouse gas emissions target of 26-28% from 2005 levels by 2025 and 80% by 2050, and seeks to create its first Climate Action and Adaptation Plan to develop strategies to achieve these targets. They will solicit applications to fill the positions and the goals pertain to all activities responsible for greenhouse gas emissions. RFP proposals are being reviewed now and the committee application will be on line soon.

#### Implementation of crisis intervention training, programs and facilities (Board of Supervisors)

Jessica Peckover presented an overview of Access Center, centers or campuses to provide a more appropriate solution for individuals in behavioral health crisis or experiencing other psychosocial issues. She stated they would be meeting with councils and boards individually to provide an in depth overview but provided highlights for the sake of time. She reviewed members of the Steering Committee, partnership opportunities, and the request. The request was by March 1 identify a decision-making representative to join the Steering Committee.

#### Hiring of a Mobility Manager to assist residents with transit related needs (Board of Supervisors)

Carberry reported that last summer it was identified that there was some money from the Iowa Department of Transportation for mobility managers that had not been used and was going away. A mobility manager is a like a transit or transportation social worker who helps those in need negotiate transportation throughout the county. The County has met with Iowa City Transit and Johnson County SEATS and came up with a plan. There is an 85% match for two years on this grant. The money is split three ways with Johnson County taking the vast majority and Iowa City and Coralville graciously chipping in as well. It will be a part time job housed in the Social Services Department.

Applications for the position close tomorrow with interviews to follow shortly after and the desire to have someone in place by the end of February.

Other business

There was none.

Schedule next meeting

North Liberty will host the next meeting on April 17, 2017. Iowa City will host the meeting following that.

Discussion from the public

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.