

Waterloo, Iowa July 8, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Black Hawk, in the State of Iowa, met in regular adjourned meeting at the Courthouse in Waterloo, County Seat of said County, at two-thirty o'clock (2:30) p.m., pursuant to law, to the rules of said Board, and to adjournment. The meeting was called to order and on roll call there were present: Craig White, Chair; Scott Jordan, Tom Little and Frank Magsamen.

Absent: John Miller.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously, Miller absent.

RECEIVE PROJECT UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS. Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Lorie Glover said the area received rain on July 7 in a range from .94 to seven inches. She said her agency had received many calls on flooded basements, and was setting up a call center. She was calling on those county residents sustaining damage to provide a record that includes the damage, its location and contact information, since this data was often lacking during the 2008 floods. Magsamen said that documenting damage is important, and assessments would be made of needs so that necessary resources can be identified. He said the county had met with area governmental entities to identify infrastructure damage to establish the cost of the damage as needed for a disaster declaration. Ms. Glover said that her agency would contact non-profit partners who may be able to help low income individuals with expenses that aren't eligible for other aid. Magsamen said that the Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD) would be involved.

Health Department Director Bruce Meisinger said his department had issued a press release relating to technical assistance for environmental health issues involved with cleaning basements. He said tetanus infection was a danger, and said individuals should contact their own physicians, unlike in 2008 when the Health Department procured supplies to respond to a widespread need, vaccinating 4,000 people. He said tetanus vaccinations were good for ten years.

County Engineer Cathy Nicholas showed pictures of roads and bridges affected by the flooding. She thought repair costs would be under \$20,000.

Waterloo Building Official Debra Anderson said that MidAmerican Energy had to shut off gas and electric utilities in some areas (including unincorporated areas for which the county engages the city to conduct inspections), and asked if the supervisors wanted her department to follow the usual procedure of inspecting the properties before utilities are turned on again. Little asked if she recommended this. She said she did. He recommended following this practice. Ms. Anderson asked if the Board would be reimbursing permit fees related to the flooding, as it did following the 2008 disasters. Magsamen said that they would have to evaluate the issue after the magnitude of the problem was better known.

Heather Keesburg, who owns a house in Washburn, said she had recently remodeled it for resale and now it has been damaged again. She said that the Board should meet with Washburn residents to discuss options for dealing with flooding. Little said that the Board has met several times with Washburn residents and continues to work on a number of issues relating to both sewer and water problems. Magsamen said that engineering guidance is needed, and that the county wants to help but that there would be a pricetag.

Jordan moved the following resolution seconded by Little.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that Black Hawk County is in imminent threat of or has suffered from the effects of a flood/flash flood that occurred on July 7, 2010 causing damage to public and private property, disruption of utilities, with an adverse affect on commerce, local government and public health and safety.

AYES: Jordan, Little, Magsamen, White.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Miller.

Resolution adopted.

Magsamen thanked county employees who had been instrumental in responding to the flooding, primarily Secondary Roads and the Sheriff's Office.

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned.