

December 27, 2011

At approximately 10:15 A.M., the Hancock and Winnebago County Boards of Supervisors met for a public hearing regarding the road abandonment on 340th Street located on the county line between Winnebago and Hancock Counties. Present were Winnebago County Supervisors Mike Stensrud, Willie Wubben and Terry Durby; Hancock County Supervisors Tlach, Hall and Greiman; Hancock County Auditor Bellinghausen, Winnebago County Engineer Jim Witt, Hancock County Engineer Bill Waddingham, Hancock County Attorney Karen Salic, Deb Coates with the Department of Natural Resources, and the following persons from the public, Mike Korth, Rod Tripp, Tom Lillquist, Trevor Wolf, Tim Dakken, Larry Carney, Richard Miller, Peggy Senzarino and Rebecca Peters.

On motion by Stensrud, seconded by Tlach, the Boards unanimously voted to appoint Greiman as Chair. On motion by Hall, seconded by Stensrud, the Boards unanimously voted to appoint Bellinghausen as Secretary.

The meeting began with County Attorney Salic explaining to the Boards that the request from Winnebago County Attorney Adam Sauer asking for a formal opinion from the Iowa Attorney General's office on the manner of voting had been declined. However, an informal letter of advice from the AG's office advises that a joint board would need to hold the hearing and that any action would require a simple majority of the members of the joint boards of supervisors, not a majority of each individual board.

The meeting was opened for comments from the floor. Much discussion followed with all given the chance to voice their reasons on the pros and cons for the abandonment of the road.

On motion by Supervisor Wubben, seconded by Supervisor Tlach, to abandon the joint county road known as 340th Street, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wubben, Tlach, Hall and Greiman. Nays: Stensrud and Durby. Motion carried.

On motion by Supervisor Wubben, seconded by Hall, the Boards unanimously voted to adjourn the joint public meeting.

These minutes were provided by the Hancock County Auditor as the meeting was held at the Hancock County Courthouse in Garner, Iowa.