

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
September 18, 2012**

9:30 A.M. Present are Supervisors Pam Jordan, William Leupold, Chairperson David Gottsche, Vice-Chairperson Mardi Allen. Absent is Paul Johnson.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

Canvass of Special Spirit Lake School Election held on September 11, 2012. The question presented to the voters was to adopt a revenue purpose statement describing the use or money from the penny sales and services tax received by the Spirit Lake Community School District. The result of the vote was: Yes-271 and No-11. Complete returns can be found in the Auditor's office election record book.

The Board discussed the recent legislation concerning the delivery of mental health and disability services and the joining and forming of a region. Discussed was the joining with the other counties in the NW IA Contracting Consortium to form a region or to join with other counties forming a region. Moved by Leupold, seconded by Allen to send a letter of intent to begin discussions with the consortium to form a region. Auditor was instructed to send a copy of the following resolution to Clay County Supervisors, to the NW IA Consortium and to DHS at the state department: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FO DICKINSON COUNTY LETTER OF INTENT FOR REGION

WHEREAS, The Iowa Legislature has passed and the Iowa Governor has signed SF2315, an Act relating to the Redesign of Publicly Funded Mental Health and Disability Services; and

WHEREAS, SF2315 expresses the intent of the Legislature that Mental Health and Disability Services shall be provided by counties operating together as Region; and

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors finds it is in the public's best interest to make informed decisions on entering into a Region based on sound planning; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have begun planning for the development and delivery of Mental Health and Disability Services through a Regional Structure;

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants set forth herein, the above counties agree to use best efforts in jointly developing a Region under the following terms:

BE IT RESOLVED that Dickinson County commits to participate in the planning and development of this Region, which includes (list all counties involved) (the Region),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Counties have determined that the Region complies with the requirements in Iowa Code Section 331.438B (3), as enacted by SF2351

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dickinson County hereby authorizes the county CPC and ant members of the Board of Supervisors to attend and participate in all planning meetings throughout the planning process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dickinson County agrees to negotiate in good faith with the Counties to enter into a 28E agreement acceptable to the Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dickinson County understands that this is an exclusive letter of intent for planning purposes and the County will not at any time during the effectiveness of this letter of intent, solicit or initiate any further discussion or enter into any agreement with any other counties or entities and concerning forming a region under SF2315.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this letter of intent shall be effective upon its execution by the Board of Supervisors for each of the Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon effectiveness, this Letter of Intent shall be promptly submitted to the Department of Human Services for approval.

BE IT RUTHER RESOLVED that after effectiveness, this Letter of Intent shall remain in effect until any of the following occur:

1. The Department of Human Services rejects this Letter of Intent
2. Any one of the Counties provides a resolution from its Board of Supervisors to all the other counties that are a party to this letter of intent, that it has determined it is no longer in its best interest to commit to the planning and participation in the Region; or
3. The Counties execute and enter into an effective 28E Agreement to finalize the formation of a Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this letter of intent may be amended by mutual agreement for the counties, provided that such amendment shall be incorporated in a written addendum hereto executed by the Boards of Supervisors of each County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012. All present voted aye with Johnson absent. Carried.

Board members gave committee and other board meetings updates.

There being no further items for business presented before the Board, it was moved by Leopold, seconded by Allen to adjourn. All voted aye.

_____ David Gottsche, Chairperson

_____ Nancy Reiman, Auditor