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Joint Minutes, July 14, 2003
City/County

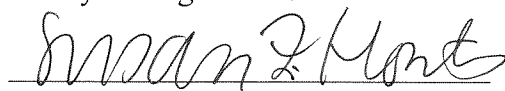
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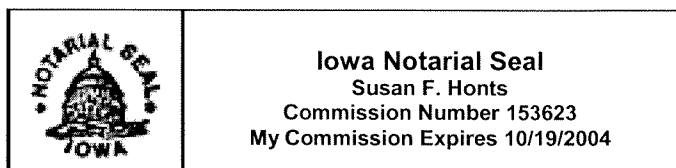
July 24, 2003


Beth Lester

STATE OF IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
4th day of August 2003


Susan F. Honts, Notary Public



CITY OF MUSCATINE/ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JOINT MINUTES

**City Hall Council Chambers
5:30 p.m. - July 14, 2003**
The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting of elected officials throughout Muscatine County on Monday, July 14, 2003, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Representing the Muscatine City Council were Mayor Dick O'Brien and Councilmembers Root, Fitzgerald, Lange, Lesnet, Trent, and Day. Councilmember Gray was unable to attend. Also representing the City of Muscatine was City Administrator A.J. Johnson.

The purpose of the meeting was to review with the elected and appointed officials in the county the effect on reduction of funding for fiscal year 2003/2004, state credit for homestead, and military and elderly tax credits for property tax relief. County Board Chair John Oberhaus, invited comments from the officials gathered at the meeting concerning these issues.

After several comments from a number of elected and appointed officials concerning this matter, the Board did take action to pass along the loss of revenue from the homestead tax credit shortfall to the property owners, for Muscatine County to absorb the total loss of the state credit funding shortfall, and to ask all of the political subdivisions of the county to absorb 1/3 of the anticipated loss of state tax credit funding under the elderly category. For the City of Muscatine, this means a total reduction of \$5,026.33. A vote was taken by the County Board of Supervisors with Supervisors Marr, Watkins, and

Dean voting to approve this recommendation and Supervisors Oberhaus and Morris voting against. The motion was passed on a 3-2 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A.J. Johnson
City Administrator