

June 7, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of Shelby County, Iowa, met pursuant to law and rules of said board in special session at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Panama, Iowa, with the following members present: Delbert Hull, Chairman; Roger Schmitz, Vice-Chairman; James Burmeister; and Marsha J. Carter, Clerk.

It was moved by Burmeister, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the agenda. AYES: Hull, Schmitz, Burmeister NAYES: None

The Board of Supervisors was invited to a meeting led by Ron Chamberlain to discuss County/Township responsibilities regarding the maintenance of cemeteries. A few township officials and various other interested parties were in attendance.

Gene Cavanaugh, Veterans Affairs Officer, reported on the Board's policy to subsidize the maintenance of Veterans' graves in Non-Perpetual Care cemeteries at a cost to the County of \$5.00 per year per grave.

A discussion was held on the possibility of the County levying a county-wide cemetery tax to help with the maintenance of those cemeteries that qualify as Pioneer Cemeteries, or ones that have not had more than twelve burials in the last fifty years.

Since it is the Township Trustees responsibility to care for cemeteries within their boundaries, the Board inquired if the Township Trustees for each township in which there is located a Pioneer Cemetery had been approached about increasing the cemetery levy to pay to clean up these cemeteries. Ron Chamberlain reported that no one had contacted any trustees. Various volunteer groups were named as being willing to donate man hours to help.

The Board recommended that a group of interested people get together and develop a plan on how to proceed.

There being no further business appearing, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Delbert Hull, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marsha J. Carter  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors