

CITY OF BRITT – BRITT IOWA – MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

The City Council of the City of Britt, Iowa met in pursuant to law and the rules of said Council in special joint session with the cities of Hancock County and the Hancock County Supervisors in the lower level of the Hancock County Law Enforcement Center, 855 State Street, Garner, IA at 6:00 o'clock P.M. the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arndorfer, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Curt Gast, Dwight Leerar, Paul Verbrugge and Chad Luecht

ABSENT: Stacy Swenson

The Mayor presented the agenda. It was moved Luecht and seconded by Gast to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Also present: City of Corwith, Garner, Goodell, Kanawha, Klemme, & Woden

City Administration Randy Lansing of Garner opened the meeting at 6 PM to discuss with other cities of Hancock County the terms of a 28E Agreement for dispatching service for ambulance, fire, and law enforcement between cities in Hancock County and Hancock County. The proposed 28E Agreement was discussed by section.

The following changes were presented by the County Supervisors.

- Section 1: addition of the language “per Section 5 of this agreement”.
- Section 2: addition of the language “in Hancock County, Iowa”
- Section 3, 4 & 5: no changes
- Section 6: addition of the language “increases in dispatching fees to the Cities shall not exceed 6% from year to year”
- Section 7: addition of the language “the County will invoice the Cities 30-days in advance of their respective bi-annually dispatching fees”
- Section 8, 9, & 10: no changes
- Section 11: remove language “upon default, a city shall have ninety (90) days to remedy any deficiencies in payment. After ninety (90) day period, the County shall terminate law enforcement services for non-life-threatening emergencies and said calls shall be forwarded to the Mayor of the defaulting city. After six (6) months of default status by a city, the County may terminate all dispatching services to the defaulting city. This provision shall not nullify any obligation of parties not in default and shall not render this agreement null and void if services are terminated to a defaulting city.”
- Section 12, 13, & 14: no changes

The group then placed a question to the County Supervisors as to a proposed reorganization of the Communication Center so they would qualify to be an Emergency Management Commission as outlined out in Iowa State Code Chapter 29C. Once they are reorganized, they could pass a countywide levy to pay for the operations of the center. Supervisor Jerry Tlach felt that was not a fair distribution as the rural area would be paying for a majority of it. A representative from Kanawha stated that a majority of the fires and accidents happen in the rural areas not the cities. Tlach noted that a majority of the calls for law enforcement are from within the cities.

The Supervisors stated they would be discussing the changes requested at their next meeting and will make a decision then.

With no further business it was moved by Gast and seconded by Verbrugge to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Debra R. Sawyer, City Administrator/Clerk

Ryan L. Arndorfer, Mayor

“These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular meeting.”