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### Brian Shea, Chm of Board of Supervisors



Brian Shea, Chairman of the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors, spoke.

Jeff Jorgensen joined Shea in front to answer questions. Jeff stated that in his first year as a Supervisor, it has been a straight up learning curve.

The economy and inflation presented challenges as they tackled the budget first thing. He is excited about being elected and about what is happening in Pott Co. Other Supervisors include Susan Miller, Tim Wickman, and Scott Belt

Shea grew up in Crescent and continues to live there. He got involved in city council, helped raise money for the Veteran's Memorial Park in Crescent and served 9 years as mayor. He stated, "Good things happen in little town, Iowa."

Pott Co is the 2nd largest county per square mile in Iowa with almost 94,000 residents, and there are 14 cities, including Carter Lake. Seven towns are growing well. Four towns are not accredited due to not having the tax base to qualify: Bentley, Weston, Honey Creek, and Loveland, but they are starting to come back.

Pott Co. has 450 employees and a \$31MM payroll. There are just under 40,000 housing units in the county.

The Supervisors deal with the following Departments:

**County Assessor – Penny Ravlin.** Assessments are mandated by the state every 2 years.

Supervisors don't control the assessors' office.

**County Attorney – Matt Wilbur,** includes court and jury duty assignments. **County Auditor - Melvin Houser,** includes elections, finance, real estate, and drainage. **Buildings and Grounds – Jason Slack.** The court house is being finished up. **Community Service Group** is funded by the state. Mental health is a huge issue right now.

**Conservation – Mark Shumacher.** Pott Co. Parks include Botna Bend, Old Town, Arrow

Head, The Narrows, and Hitchcock. Over 200,000 people/yr. use the parks. Crescent Ski Hills had a \$469,000 return last year. Funding for conservation in the state is \$.06 per person. Pott Co. has one of the lowest averages at \$.02 per person. This department feels parks and conservation can be improved. It was noted that Botna Bend has a white buffalo and calf now. **Trails** –Development is working out to Neola. Land acquisition is the toughest part of trails. Young families want trails for walks and bike rides. **Emergency Mgt.** –If we have a crisis, this department controls cops, rescue, etc.

**GIS** deals with mapping. **Human Resources** is a huge department and also includes Safety and Risk Management. **Information Technology - David Bayer** is working to keep all cybersecurity-safe. **Medical Examiner** investigates certain deaths. **Planning & Development** deals with permits, usage studies of land, well and septic. **Public Health - Matt Wyant.** It was a city department, but now a county department. **Public Relations – Craig Carlson. County Recorder – Andrew Moats,** includes marriage licenses and housing,

**Secondary Roads – John Rasmussen.** There are 251 mi. paved, 1231 mi. unpaved roads, 346 bridges, and 1700+ culverts and approximately 17,000 signs. Bridges and culverts get inspected every two years. There are 46 that are structurally deficient and the goal is to fix 4-7 bridges each year.

**Sheriff - Andy Brown** has 51 sworn officers, plus investigators, and 100 people helping in the jail, also taking care of 911 and helping with court security. Interpreters are required for all the foreigners in jail that can't speak English.

**Treasurer – Lee Voss** – tax money, license for cars. **Veterans Services of Pott Co. – Peggy Becker.** (Locally Mick Gutttau, Jim Murray serve.)

The Board bought all new radios, and pagers for all of the small fire departments in the county using ARPA funding of \$4MM. In addition, each little town got \$125,000 from the county, plus \$125,000 from ARPA.

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**Next week's Speaker:**

To be announced

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**Famous Quote**

**"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."**

**Helen Keller**

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**Meeting Minutes**

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Eighteen members were present. Our guest was speaker Brian Shea.

Ken Graham offered the prayer.

Keith Denton, Bill Vorthmann, and Brian Shea shared jokes.

On this date in 1853 President Franklin Pierce the Gaston Purchase was agreed upon between the US to pay Mexico \$10 million for land that later became Arizona and New Mexico.

Also in 2010 the longest tennis match was played at Wimbledon, which lasted 11 hr. and 5 mins. over 3 days. In the 5<sup>th</sup> set the score was 70-68 because there wasn't a tie breaker at that time.

**50/50:** Kevin Underwood won.

**Attendance:** Gary Gutttau won.

**Birthdays:**

**Anniversaries:** Mick and Judy Gutttau will celebrate their 55th anniversary this week.

**Bragging Rights:** (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Mick Gutttau contributed for the great Nonpareil article about Treynor Days which also gave free advertising about the bank and us.
- Keith Denton bragged on Lily making the All-CB Soccer team. She's a freshman.
- John Klein announced that son Hans is arriving back today from Mexico City, where he was a speaker at a National Landscape Conference.
- Jordan Campbell bragged on the Treynor Girls Softball Team beating Mo Valley, a top team, 11-5, scoring 6 runs in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning! On June 14, we had lost to them 10-2.

- Keith Denton contributed because of so many good games in the College World Series.
- Jeff Jorgensen paid \$2 for the group not to sing for his birthday which was on the 20<sup>th</sup> and he forgot to announce it last week, stating since he retired, "One days goes into another, etc." He's 69 and was born in Audubon. A memorable birthday cake was one his mom made for him long ago – a really long train cake. She used orange juice cans to make tankers.
- Dale Willenborg paid because he hired a couple high school students to help him around the house with projects and they wore him out!
- Brian Shea contributed to announce he had a new grandbaby girl a week and a half ago.

**Community:**

1. The Council Bluffs Optimist Club is hosting a fundraiser on Sun., July 9 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. "Classics on the Water" 6865 Gifford Road, CB. It will be a non-judged Show n' Shine of classic cars and the Pancake Man will begin serving at 10 AM. Free will donations will go to support the CB Optimist Club.

**Business:**

1. Can Kennel sorting report: Gary Gutttau stated all but two bags were picked up by the Resource Center. The Silver Keg Feeders set records with 45 bags of cans, 19.5 bags of plastic.
2. Gary also announced \$8228 has been received for 202 flag. Last year we set up 222 flags.
3. Jordan Campbell stated there have been offers to help us set up other payment options and he believes more flags would be purchased since many do not use checks any longer.
4. Treynor Days is today. Helpers are needed for Bingo from 2:15-3:30. Many volunteered.
5. John Klein stated the hydrant sprayer party today is cancelled due to water restrictions in the city. A glow stick party is scheduled instead.
6. Gary Gutttau stated a check for \$2300 was received from Trees Forever.

7. Flags will be left up until July 8 to cover all holidays and Treynor Days.
8. Monday, June 26 our club along with many other Optimist clubs in the metro area are invited to join the Riverside Optimist Club at the Carson Community Center at 6:30 p.m. for a catered meal (free will offering). Please RSVP to 712-310-6379.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

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## HUMOR

**Billion Dollar idea.**

**A smoke detector that shuts off when you yell, "I'm just cooking!"**

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## Calendar

### Events

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| June 26 | Optimist Clubs from the metro area are invited to join the Riverside Optimist Club at the Carson Community Center – 6:30 PM |
| June 27 | Kids/Parents/Anyone Fly Kites 2-4 PM at The T   |
| July 8  | Take down flags.  |

July 9 "Classics on the Water" sponsored by CB Optimists at Long's Landing. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pancake man. Free will offering.

### Birthdays

July 14	Gary Guttau
July 23	Jerry Hempel
July 27	Jim Clausen

### Anniversaries

June 28	Mick & Judy Guttau
June 29	Dave & Linda Danker
July 15	Jordan & Katie Campbell
July 25	Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

### Programs:

July	Chad Guttau
Aug	Jim Clausen (first 2) Bill Vorthmann (last 2)
Sept	Glenrose Meier (first 2) Judy Guttau (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.) Steve Chambers (last 2)

### Speakers

July 1	To be announced
July 8	To be announced
July 15	DarRay Tripp – art
July 22	Susan Miller & Starlyn Purdue representing Non-partisan group regarding the Aug 1 Special election
July 29	Diane Forristall – Bees and Honey

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