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Susan Miller, County Supervisor



Susan Miller, our new Pottawattamie County Supervisor from Carson, spoke today about the Aug. 1 Special Election regarding how Supervisors will be elected in the future.

This Special Election was brought forward by petition. County Attorney Matt Wilber released a video to all city

clerks who can forward to their groups explaining how the petition was brought forward and what redistricting maps will look like. It describes the three options and the legal effect.

Currently the five Supervisors in Pott Co. are elected at large. The Special Election is whether we want to keep Supervisors elected at large or divide the county into districts by population. Miller stated the effort to change our County Supervisors to district-specific seats instead of at-large offices will fracture the hard-won unity that has made our county strong and successful. She feels the new plan will create more strife and conflict and silence large parts of our county.

By voting for Plan 1, you will ensure:

- *The county maintains its current form of electing supervisors.
- *Every county Supervisor represents every Pottawattamie County Voter.
- *All county voices and communities are heard and represented.
- *Continued cooperation between cities, small towns, and rural areas.
- *County Supervisors work together instead of being bogged down by partisan polls.

The issue is rural versus urban and Miller feels Plan 2 or 3 will be detrimental to the rural area. Last year, the county identified and determined priorities and provided loans for communities. They also added a public section to the Board of Supervisors' meetings for public comments that gives a chance for people to come talk to Supervisors.

Miller says: Vote Plan 1 on August 1! The Iowa code is very specific as to how districts are set up. Basically, she believes we should have equal representation for ALL versus individual districts deciding. Every decision is made with every area in mind. Five people (Supervisors) have discussions and find ways to solve problems. Plans 2 and 3 scare her to death. She stated city mayors are on board with Plan 1.

Early voting begins July 12 at the courthouse (2nd floor of courthouse, auditor's office). Also absentee ballots are to be mailed out July 12. A waiting period of ten years is required before this could be petitioned again, but it can be modified. If Plan 1 is approved, everything stays the same and we elect two supervisors in 2024. Miller expressed that if Plan 2 or 3 goes into effect, we'll vote for five new Supervisors and there's another cost to that, and there's a chance you could have five new people on board not knowing much information and that's scary.

If you have questions, contact Susan: 402-639-2610 or millersum90@gmail.com.

In addition to this topic, Susan spoke about: 1) the Supervisors have been updating ordinances – Wind and Solar, 2) Courthouse construction update, 3) budget update, 4) Mick Gutttau was reappointed to the Veteran's Services Board and Peggy Becker was appointed as Director, and 5) She is preparing an onboarding manual for future supervisors to help with the steep learning curve she has experienced.

Thank you, Kathy Luedke, for taking notes.

Next week's Speaker:

Dar Ray Tripp will talk about her art.

Famous Quote

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, President, called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present. Susan Miller and Mira Dreyer were guests.

The group recited the pledge and a prayer was offered.

Gary Funkhouser, Jordan Campbell, Bill Vorthmann, and Steve Chambers shared jokes.

50/50: Marcia Underwood won.

Attendance: Kirk Vorthmann won, but it went unclaimed.

Birthdays: None. Celebrity birthdays today are Toby Keith and Kevin Bacon.

Anniversaries: None

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

- Chad Gutttau had his picture taken with former VP Pence at a meeting at Arrow Head Park and was also on Channel 6 News Thursday evening.
- Jim Clausen praised Byron Menke for donating coffee cups, can liners, food service gloves, and hot dog items to the club from a business that closed in Shelby, Iowa.

Community:

- St. Paul's Ice Cream Social was last night and Zion's is Sun., July 16 from 5-7 p.m.
- Tristan's Trail 5 K Run is Sat., July 15.

Business:



Mira Dreyer was present to receive her Optimist scholarship. She plans to go to Iowa State and study Human Development and Human Studies. She plans to be a Social Worker or a Counselor. She has 22 credits.

1. Flags will be picked up today. Youth from Zion will help.
2. Can Kennel sorting: Wed., July 12 at 6 p.m. Cub Scouts will help.

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3. Because we don't know yet what Glenwood's plans are for recycling cans, our club needs to work on finding another resource.
4. Gary Gutttau gave an income report.

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

HUMOR

I BURN ABOUT 2000
CALORIES EVERY TIME I
PUT ON FITTED SHEETS
BY MYSELF.

Calendar

Events

July 12 Can Kennel Sorting 6 p.m.

Birthdays

July 23 Jerry Hempel

July 27 Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

July 15 Jordan & Katie Campbell

July 25 Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Programs:

July Chad Gutttau

Aug Jim Clausen (first 2)

Bill Vorthmann (last 2)

Sept Glenrose Meier (first 2)

Judy Gutttau (3rd Sat.)

Steve Chambers (last 2)

Speakers

July 15 DarRay Tripp – art

July 22 YMCA Speaker

July 29 Diane Forristall – Bees and Honey