

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment January 16, 2020, with Board of Supervisor members John Hughes (Chairman), Dennis Amoss (Vice-Chairman) and Michael R. Beary present.

Attorneys Michael Galloway and Ann Smisek of Ahlers & Cooney, PC were present to discuss the hearing scheduled with the magistrate for 1 pm later in the day. The hearing is regarding a notice and petition for a money judgement of \$6,500 that was served to the County on November 1, 2019, from plaintiff Juanita Murphy of Albia, Iowa. Petition SCSC017266 states the following: *On 9/4/18 the Monroe County Board of Supervisors terminated my appointment as Zoning Administrator. The B of S failed to follow 331.321 of the Code of Iowa, thereby causing permanent and irreparable damage to my reputation.*

Galloway advised the Supervisors to consider going into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c), "To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation."

Motion by Beary and seconded by Amoss to go into closed session at 11:05 am pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c).

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Amoss and seconded by Beary to come out of closed session at 11:45 am.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Galloway and Smisek represented the county during the hearing. The Supervisors were advised that a decision would be made in 30 days. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

(John Hughes)  
John Hughes, Chairman

ATTEST: (Amanda R. Harlan)  
Amanda R. Harlan, Monroe County Auditor