



**CITY OF ANAMOSA**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – SPECIAL SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.**  
**JONES COUNTY COURTHOUSE-BOARD ROOM**  
**500 WEST MAIN STREET, ANAMOSA, IA 52205**

*SPECIAL JOINT SESSION WITH THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS*

- 1.0) **Roll Call**
- 2.0) **Special Joint Session** – Regarding the 28E Agreement, between the City of Anamosa and Jones County, and restoration, repair, and/or replacement of the Dillon Military Bridge.
- 3.0) **Adjournment**

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THIS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING SPECIFIED ABOVE, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF IOWA.



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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May 14, 2024

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

This letter is being sent in response to an article published on May 2, 2024 in the Anamosa Journal Eureka. Within that article, it made clear that the Anamosa City Council has approved the spending of over \$60,000 in funds with regards to the situation involving the Dillon Military Bridge. While it is the intention of Jones County to follow through with the requirements of the 28E agreement currently in place, that agreement places obligations on both the City and the County.

The paper quoted council member Rich Crump in saying "It is my understanding that with that 28E agreement, we are the lead on this project. So, being the lead on this project, we start this, and then go to (the county) and say 'Hey, here's what you owe us.'" We believe that this is a misunderstanding of the obligations of the 28E agreement. Paragraph 4 of the 28E makes clear that "It is agreed and understood that the City shall take the lead in obtaining the services of engineers, consultants and contractors for the maintenance and repair of the bridge, provided that the County has authorized such services in advance in writing to the City."

The County has not agreed to the current course of action the City is undertaking. Indeed, the possible removal or demolition of the Bridge is not maintenance or repair at all, but something wholly different not envisioned by the 28E agreement.

The article makes clear that the City has already voted to move forward with inspection and analysis, at the rate of \$60,300.00. The City did this without authorization of such services in advance by the County in writing, and said services seem to not center on repair and maintenance.

We invite the City to a meeting of the Supervisors at 11:00 a.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, so that we can discuss what to do going forward.

Sincerely,

John Schlarmann, Vice-Chairman Jones County Board of Supervisors