

**City of Decorah City Council special work session meeting minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 4:00pm**

The City of Decorah city council met in special session with the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 4:00pm. Mayor Don Arendt called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Chuck Lore, Gary Rustad, Andy Carlson, Dan Bellrichard, Randy Schissel, Kirk Johnson, and Steve Luse.

Others in attendance included city manager Chad Bird, city clerk / treasurer Wanda Hemesath and IT director Chopper Albert.

The county was represented by Chair John Logsdon, Dean Thompson, Floyd Ashbacher, John Beard, and Mark Kuhn. County Auditor Ben Steines and county IT director Steve Smith were also in attendance.

Agenda

1. Discussion regarding shared IT equipment

Mayor Arendt opened the meeting stating that he hoped each side could be open minded about the issues at hand and that a sharing agreement could be worked out.

Steines distributed copies of the proposed draft 28e agreement and led the meeting through the agreement. Thompson noted the agreement was clear to exclude sharing of the VMware servers.

Logsdon and Thompson noted that they believed network and server security was the main issue and concern for the county.

Rustad asked those in attendance where things went wrong and what issues led to this meeting even taking place. He believed the creation of the MetroNet network was to share services and resources across municipalities.

Logsdon noted he believed the discussion should focus on separate issues of any monies owed to whom and the issue of sharing and servers. He sees them as separate issues to be discussed independently.

Steines noted that the two organizations should never have purchased equipment together without an agreement.

Thompson and county IT director Steve Smith noted that one does not simply share servers and information in the IT world.

Bellrichard asked if a new 28e agreement could be written to identify sharing equipment and personnel to operate and administer the equipment together.

Kuhn asked if the equipment could be shared for the remaining useful life at a 60/40 cost share and if the city would pay the monies ask by the county for the previously purchased equipment.

There was general discussion regarding this approach.

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Steines noted he would work on drafting an amended 28e.

Thompson and Logsdon noted they would bring the issue up at the Monday, September 25, 2017 county board meeting.

There was some additional general discussion.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.
Respectfully submitted,

