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Development in flood plains governed

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors this week gave initial approval to a proposed revised ordinance governing development in flood plains in rural areas of the county.

The supervisors on Tuesday, Nov. 16, unanimously approved the first of two readings needed to enact the ordinance.

The board will consider the second and final reading at its next meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23.

No oral or written comments on the draft ordinance were received at a public hearing that preceded the board's vote on Tuesday.

Ben Kober, county zoning administrator, presented the proposed ordinance to the supervisors.

He also displayed a series of maps of the county that depict flood plain areas, which are defined as areas that may flood during a 100-year storm or described as a storm whose intensity has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year.

The maps were developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with a mapping company.

The maps also show areas known as floodways, which are areas more prone to flooding and on which development should not occur.

Kober commented that there are two areas of concern in Jackson County, in which development has taken place in a flood plain. Those areas are the Spruce Creek area and the Smith's Ferry area.

Both are north of Bellevue along the Mississippi River.

Kober emphasized that the new ordinance does not flatly prohibit construction or development in a flood plain, but describes where in a flood plain structures may be located.

Kober said he will use the maps when working with property owners and developers.

He noted that the county is required to have an updated flood plain ordinance on the books in order to participate in the National Flood Insur-

ance Program.

The program allows affected property owners to purchase federally-subsidized flood insurance to cover their structures and possessions.

The flood plain ordinance and maps were developed at no cost to the county, Kober noted.

In other business, the supervisors unanimously passed an ordinance reducing the speed limit

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Recount begins for senate seat

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

A recount of the votes for the Iowa Senate seat in District 13 began moving forward this week as recount boards were formed in at least two of the three counties involved.

District Court Judge Bobbi Alpers this week appointed the third member of the recount boards in Jackson and Clinton counties when the initial two members in each of those two counties were unable to agree on the third member.

Alpers selected Susan Croatt of Maquoketa to join state Sen. Roger Stewart of rural Preston and Jean Davidsaver of Bellevue as members of the recount board for Jackson County.

Stewart was appointed by Tod Bowman, a Maquoketa Democrat who, according to the vote canvass, won the seat by a thin 71-vote margin

over Andrew Naeve, a Republican of rural Andover, in the Nov. 2 general election.

Nearly 20,000 ballots were cast in the race in the three counties.

Naeve selected Davidsaver, a Jackson County Republican Party leader, as his representative on the recount boards in all three counties.

Bowman selected former state legislator Robert Carr as his representative in Dubuque County and Clinton attorney Dorothy O'Brien as his representative in Clinton County.

A deputy in the Clinton County Auditor's Office declined to release the name of Alpers' appointee late Thursday, saying the appointee hadn't yet confirmed whether he or she will accept the appointment.

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2010 4-H Recognition Banquet held

Jackson County 4-H members and families were honored during the annual 2010 4-H Recognition Banquet.

The annual potluck event gives 4-H'ers a chance to socialize and review the past year. The event also honors members, leaders, families and 4-H supporters for their work and dedication over the past year.

The Gerald and Marvel Grant family of rural Preston was named Betty Sieverding Memorial 4-H Family of the Year. The award, established in 1989, is in honor of Betty Siever-

ing who was a long-time 4-H volunteer, leader of the LaMotte Sunshine Queens 4-H Club and member of the Jackson County 4-H Youth Committee.

Gerald and Marvel have been active supporters of the 4-H program since they were 4-H members themselves. Gerald was an eight-year member of the Preston Calf Club, where he showed Guernseys. His family's dairy operation was state-of-the-art in the 1950s, including one of the first stainless steel milking parlors in the area. Gerald also held several offices in

his 4-H club.

Marvel was a member of two Clinton County 4-H clubs. She was an 11-year member of the Goose Lake 136 4-H Club, the girl's club. Her projects included sewing, food and nutrition, and home furnishing. She was also a member of the boy's club, known as the Hampshire Sodbusters, where she showed Angus and Shorthorn steers. She was a member of the County Council and held numerous offices in her local 4-H clubs.

Marvel is known for the seamstress and tailoring talents that she learned from her mother while sewing her 4-H projects. She

is now passing these down to granddaughters Erin and Marta. One of Marvel's most memorable moments was sewing and modeling a blue plaid dress made out of feed sacks.

She was active in the beef projects as well, showing her beef projects at the Quad County Beef Show and at the Iowa State Fair.

Grants later led the Preston Calf Club, where their sons joined. They are the founding members of the Jackson County Cattleman and are past presidents of the Jackson County Pork Producers. Gerald was elected to the Preston School Board, and both Grants are active members of St. John's Lu-

theran Church and Tow & Country Twirlers.

The couple have three sons who were all active in 4-H. Oldest son Cliff was an eight-year member of the Preston Calf Club and held various offices. He built furniture and showed market beef and swine.

Cliff married fellow 4-H'er Carolyn Trenkamp in 1986. She was a member of the boys' Preston Calf Club and girls' Preston Jolly Workers, serving in offices and showing Holsteins. Cliff and Carolyn are past presidents of the Jackson County Pork Producers and

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The Gerald and Marvel Grant family of rural Preston were named the 2010 Betty Sieverding Memorial Family of the Year during the Jackson County 4-H Recognition Banquet. Shown are, from left, Greg Grant, Gene Grant and daughter Marta (holding the Honorary 4-H Member plaque awarded posthumously to her mother, the late Krista Grant), Gerald and Marvel Grant, John Grant, Erin Grant, and Carolyn and Cliff Grant.



Connie Weirup was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during the 2010 Iowa State Fair.



Debra Christiansen received the Alumni 4-H'er award during the 2010 4-H Recognition Banquet.



Heidi Lippens, Miles, received the Charles Butterworth Leader Award. She has been leader of the Miles Mavericks for the past seven years.