

## **Minutes of July 26, 2017 Watab Town Board Special Meeting**

The Watab Town Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Watab Town Hall for the special purpose of a phone conference call with Town Attorney Mike Couri. The meeting was open to the public. Those present were Supervisors Craig Gondeck, Lloyd Erdmann, and Todd Waytashek and Clerk Pat Spence.

Mike Couri thoroughly outlined the process for the Public Hearing on August 1<sup>st</sup> and for finalizing a Permanent Easement with Thomas and Joni-Babinski Hanks. He encouraged the board to formulate an offer for the award of damages to Thomas and Joni-Babinski Hanks prior to the hearing. The board reviewed the \$900 estimated market value of the .18 acre of Hanks' land established by Brian Koester, Benton County Assessor. \$200 was accepted by Willard and Joyce Laabs for the .04 acre of permanent easement that was granted on their lot, which is directly east of the Hanks' property.

Since the Hanks' attorney has said they are requesting five times what was offered anyone else, the board decided to offer \$1,000 for the Hanks permanent easement.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence