A joint government meeting of the Buchanan County Supervisors, Independence City Council and Independence Community School Board was held at the Independence Public Library Community Room, Independence, IA, on October 29, 2017. Robert Hill, Council Member started the meeting at 6:00 pm.

School Board Members Present: Brian Eddy, Kim Hansen, Jennifer Sornson, Gina Trimble.
Superintendent: Russell Reiter
Representatives from the Buchanan County Supervisors, Independence City Council and Bulletin Journal were also present.

The County discussed their involvement with current road and bridge projects. Assisting the Veterans who are starting a new memorial in the spring. They also talked to Representative Craig Johnson about their concern over the lack of Mental Health in the region and the increasing costs of mental health.

Supt. Reiter mentioned that the school has no immediate large projects but are looking at a road on the West edge of West Elementary. The school is also looking at budget concerns for the upcoming year with our decreased spending authority. Legislative concerns include IPER's and low SSA. The school is looking for ways to share equipment, reduce costs, and be more efficient.

The city then to discuss the number of projects:

- The Trail / Sidewalk near the South Casey's and plans for 1st ST West by the school district
- Street construction is a primary concern and a goal for the council.
- 1st St East of the Wapsie Bridge will be tore up and redone. This will cause issues for the school and busing.
- 2nd St NE will be worked on by the old Malone Creek Elem.
- Curb and gutter work throughout town
- Discussion for the need of a new Police Station

Meeting ended at 7:03 pm.

Kim Hansen  Russell Reiter
Board Vice President  Superintendent