

Mitchell County

Resolution # 501-01

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapters 84A and 84B created the Iowa Department of Workforce Development rural and satellite office network, which now consists of 71 Iowa Workforce Development Centers maintained statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Workforce Development rural and satellite offices provide many essential services for employers and businesses, including recruitment; application processing; screening services; and workforce consulting; and many valuable services to Iowa citizens, including job development, referral and placement; unemployment insurance services; job training for welfare recipients; and labor market information; and

WHEREAS, the employers, businesses and residents of this county and surrounding counties have benefited greatly from services provided by the Iowa Workforce Development rural and satellite offices; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that mass closure of the Iowa Workforce Development rural and satellite office network will have a lasting negative affect statewide, causing small and rural businesses more hardship in an increasingly unstable economic period;

WHEREAS, the unemployment insurance surcharge, which funds 56 of the 71 Iowa Workforce Development rural and satellite offices throughout Iowa is currently set to sunset on June 30, 2001, unless there is further action by the Iowa Legislature during the special session scheduled to convene on June 19, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors supports and endorses the Behn amendment, Senate Amendment 3698 to House File 696, which would extend the unemployment insurance surcharge and allow the continued operation of the Iowa Workforce Development rural and satellite office network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor's office shall forward a copy of this resolution to state legislators serving this county and to Senators Jerry Behn and Stewart Iverson, and Representative Brent Siegrist, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Motion by Tanner and seconded by Walk to adopt this resolution.

Ayes: Walk Tanner Jahnke

Nays: _____

Dated this 19th day of June, 2001.

ATTEST: Lorell Desch
County Auditor