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Timothy Huey Director

To: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: April 19, 2011

Re: Public hearing on the request of Habitat for Humanity for the transfer of County tax deed property Parcel #E0003-02 located at 1630 Belle Avenue.

County policy on the disposal of tax deed properties states that prior to offering such properties at public auction the county may transfer such properties to the city, school district or a community based non-profit agency following a public hearing to take comments on the requests.

Habitat for Humanity has submitted a request to acquire the County Tax Deed property at 1630 Belle Avenue in the City of Davenport. The required time for the prior owners of the property to redeem the property by paying the back taxes due has expired. County policy on the disposal of tax deed properties states that a community based non profit agency can request transfer of such properties if they can show how those properties will benefit a community program or serve a public good. The property then may be transferred to the non profit agency if the Board of Supervisors determines such transfers are in the best interest of County residents. Over the years County tax deed properties have been a good source of development lots for Habitat for Humanity and the County has previously transferred many properties to Habitat.

All back taxes, interest and special assessments have been previously abated on this property.

A copy of the letter received from Habitat for Humanity of the Quad Cities and the plat of the property are attached.

Following the public hearing and pending any comments, staff would recommend the Board approve a resolution transferring the requested property to Habitat for Humanity..



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...Building Hopes

... Building Dreams

March 10, 2011

Tim Huey Scott County Planning and Development 500 W 4<sup>th</sup> St Davenport IA 52801

Dear Tim,

We are writing to request that Scott County donate the lot located at 1630 Belle Ave (Parcel # E0003-02) to Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. We would also request that all liens on the property be forgiven. We are very interested in building a single family home on the property and then selling the home to a low income family in our community. We appreciate the support you have provided us over the years and hope you will consider this request. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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