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Community, Allamakee Emergency Management; religious leaders, more rally to help those in need

Following the filing of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy by Agriprocessors, Inc. it has been several weeks since many displaced workers have received a paycheck. The Multicultural Center, located on the corner of Opalen and Tilden Streets, which shares space with KPVJ Radio Postville, became the first site for a daily outreach source to provide food and personal items to those in need. Postville and many surrounding areas have come together and shown an outstanding support for those in need. At the电台 station much clothing and food items have been donated.

Those picking up food items have said they prefer foods that are already prepared. For many, who have no electricity or water, these types of meals are the easiest to prepare.

Many workers, workers boots and jackets are also needed to help with the fast approaching winter season.

Volunteers, some of whom are employees of Agriprocessors, also have been preparing the hat room once a day for displaced workers and their families. The local radio station, KPVJ, (99.1 FM) and its manager, Jeff Affles, is overwhelmed with the response from the local churches, individuals, organizations and people from surrounding communities. Assistance is also extended to the City of Postville for the use of the Multicultural Center. A volunteer at the Center said, "The efforts of the community and surrounding areas will show a good light on Postville."

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The City Council of Postville, Iowa, held a special meeting on November 19, 2008, to hear feedback on the creation of a Community Coalition. The meeting was held at the City Hall in Postville, Iowa, and was called to order by Mayor Lennie Burke at 8 p.m. The meeting was attended by members of the public, including City Clerk Radloff.

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved.

The City Manager reported that the City of Postville had been granted a tax abatement for Devon Schulte, who had purchased a property in the city of Postville.

The City Manager also reported that the City of Postville had been granted a grant from the Eastern Iowa Community Development Corporation for the development of the Postville Bike Trail.

The City Manager also reported that the City of Postville had been granted a grant from the State of Iowa for the development of the Postville Community Pantry.

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