

January 27, 2015

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, with Jim Cary, Tom Broeker and Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Changes to tentative agenda: item 6 F was deleted.

Meet with Department Heads and Elected Officials: County Engineer Brian Carter predicted that county roads will be sloppy on Wednesday as the temperature will be in the 50's. IT Director Gina Erickson is working on a Paper Vision project and the Auditor's office is beginning to scan accounts payable claims in another efficiency project. Community Services Director Ken Hyndman attended an informational meeting on Saturday regarding the Mt. Pleasant MHI. Union rep. Kenton Cole is organizing another meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Broeker moved to award 30% of the salary increases recommended by the Des Moines County Compensation Board. Seconded by Beck.

Position	Current Salary	2016 Salary
Auditor	\$60,402.39	\$61,013.29
Attorney	\$98,083.21	\$99,182.06
Recorder	\$59,974.69	\$60,710.42
Sheriff	\$80,059.57	\$81,184.33
Treasurer	\$60,007.95	\$60,551.51
Supervisors	\$35,465.00	\$35,600.71

A three year contract with Anderson, Larkin and Company of Ottumwa was approved upon motion by Broeker. Seconded by Beck. The contract to conduct the county's annual audit will cost \$52,000 for each of the three years.

Chief Deputy Jeff White presented recommendations for cost savings from a newly formed Budget Committee. There will be a work session next week to discuss the proposals in depth.

Land Use Administrator Jeff Hanan presented the Resolution and Final Plat for Hickory Crest Estates Subdivision. He informed the Board of three variances approved by the Zoning Board and recommended that they approve the subdivision. Motion to approve was made by Beck and seconded by Broeker.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 354.8 of the Code of Iowa states that a governing body shall certify by resolution the approval of a subdivision plat, and,

WHEREAS, the Final Plat for **Hickory Crest Subdivision** has been reviewed for conformance to County standards by the Des Moines County Zoning Commission, and all required county departments, and has been duly recommended by said Commission for approval with the following conditions:

- 1) That a variance from Article IV, Section 1.4(A) be granted;
- 2) That a variance from Article V, Section 2.3 be granted;
- 3) That a variance from Article V, Section 2.6 be granted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Final Plat of **Hickory Crest Subdivision**.

Approved and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jim Cary, Chair  
Tom L. Broeker, Vice Chair  
Bob Beck, Member

ATTEST: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor

The following personnel actions were approved: at the County Attorney's office, Assistant County Attorney Patricia Skeffington has passed her probationary period and will get a 1.5% increase to \$45,675. Effective date is January 23, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Broeker and seconded by Beck. At Community Services, Case Manager Connie Lunning will get a 24 month step increase effective January 14, 2015. Her new rate will be \$36,948.28. Beck moved to approve. Seconded by Broeker.

The Correctional Center Report for December 2014 was received and filed.

Broeker moved to approve minutes for the regular Board meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seconded by Beck.

Committee Reports: Beck attended a SEIRPC meeting. A meeting of the Assessor's Conference Board was attended by all Supervisors.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 AM.

This Board meeting is recorded and the tape is kept on file for two years. The minutes are also posted on the county's website [www.dmcountry.com](http://www.dmcountry.com)

A work session was held with CSD Ken Hyndman to discuss the mental health budget for FY 2016. Not knowing what the State plans for funding services and having a new mental health region makes budgeting uncertain. Following lengthy discussion, it was decided to cut the current levy by half.

A work session was held with County Engineer Brian Carter. Carter has been contacted by BNSF consultants about their plans to build a railroad siding along Old Highway 61 that will sever direct access to the highway for several homes. BNSF wants an access road built on the south side of the planned siding and wants it to be either a county or private road. While Carter would prefer the road be a private road, Carter/Board won't rule out the possibility of it being a paved County road. Carter will have further discussions with BNSF and their consultants. Carter is also negotiating with IAAAP, who is considering using the gate on the south side of the 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue/DMC Hwy. 34 intersection as its primary plant access point. After a 2-week trial use, the plant has identified necessary design changes at the intersection. Initial discussions suggest that the plant will modify the corners of the turn at the gate to improve sight lines and traffic flow. Carter wants a turn lane installed for east bound traffic to turn north on 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Broeker suggested the turn lane be an alternative to the bid. Initial indications are that IAAAP would design the project and pay for all construction except turn lane. County survey crew will do site survey and Carter will review and approve plans. IAAAP funding may not allow for this project to be constructed. Further discussions with IAAAP will be held.

Approved February 3, 2015  
Jim Cary, Chairman  
Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor