

February 3, 2015

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, with Jim Cary, Bob Beck and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: Recorder Lisa Schreiner stated Record Transfer Services is sending notices to the public. The letter states they can obtain a copy of their deed for an \$83 fee. The Recorder wants property owners to know they can get a copy of their deed for \$1 at the courthouse. County Engineer Brian Carter reported that crews worked a full day on Sunday during the recent snow event. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his crew was busy over the weekend clearing snow. The new front steps worked great keeping the snow off. County Attorney Amy Beavers stated she will give a presentation at SCC on February 4. Community Services Director Ken Hyndman stated he will be attending a Judicial Meeting on February 6 at 2PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Courthouse. Duane Worthy and Ken will talk to the Clerks and Providers to discuss how to make services better. He will also attend an MHI meeting on February 7 from 12PM-2PM at the Mt Pleasant Library. They discussed the Crisis Stabilization Unit, which is full most of the time and the possible closing of MHI in Mt Pleasant and its effect on county services.

Correspondence was received from the Regional Utility Service System (RUSS). The letter encouraged the Board of Supervisors to approve an exit agreement allowing Mahaska, Wapello and Washington Counties to exit the RUSS organization. The Board had approved the agreement by resolution on January 20. The Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission submitted the 2015 Commission membership. A letter was received from an Iowa resident regarding soil and water contamination near the IAAP and how Minnesota got the Army to pay for cleaning up contamination. Bob Beck stated he thought the IAAP was doing a good job of taking care of contamination in our area.

Public Input Session #1 – Bob Bartles, Hope Haven Executive Director, wants the county to refrain from reducing the tax levy for those with mental disabilities. He was concerned this would reduce resources. The State has started a waiting list for services and those residents then turn to the County for support in the absence of state funding. He spoke about the state possibly closing MHI in Mt Pleasant. The closure would be a great strain on local resources. Beck agreed with him but was concerned if the county did not lower the rate and spend some of the surplus, the state would take the money. Broeker stated the County has not cut services and does not intend to cut services for Mental Health. Steven Vance, Bridgeway Administrator said they provide services similar to Hope Haven. He supports services for those with disabilities. He is pleased with how the County has handled all of the changes the State has handed down. The concept of deinstitutionalization and moving individuals into smaller homes was discussed. It does not work for everyone. Mary McAllister, 2521 Sunrise Ln, appreciated everything done by the Community. She was concerned about those who do not have services. Ken Hyndman suggested anybody who does not receive services to apply at the MHDD office.

Broeker moved to approve accounts payable claims in the amount of \$353,319.94. Seconded by Beck.

Duane Worthy, Jail Administrator, presented an Inmate Telephone Service Agreement Amendment Two from Lattice Inc. This is a renewal five-year contract. Video visitation will be added and recorded. Conversations with legal counsel are not recorded. The services generate approximately \$2,000 a month based on number of calls. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract. Beck moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Broeker.

Budgeting for Outcomes - FY16 Request for Offers from the General Basic Fund were reviewed as follows:

Auditor's Request for Election Equipment at \$60,000 a year for three years, no interest. Current equipment is approximately 16± years old and in need of replacement. New equipment annual operating cost for license and maintenance is \$11,850. Beck moved to approve the offer. Seconded by Broeker. Request approved.

Auditor's Request for ScanPro Model 3000 microfilm converter at \$3,080. This equipment will convert

microfilm images into digital files. This represents 40% of the cost; the Recorder will pay 60% of the cost. Broeker moved to approve the offer. Seconded by Beck. Request approved.

Auditor's Request for Salary Increase of \$1,220.13 for Stephanie Lathrop, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy. This would raise her from 73% to 75% of the Auditor's salary. Broeker moved to deny the request. Seconded by Beck. Roll call vote: Broeker nay, Beck nay and Cary nay. Request denied.

Domestic Violence Shelter Request for \$6,000 for financial support. Broeker stated this is not a mandated service. Beck and Cary felt this is a needed service. Beck moved to approve the request. Seconded by Broeker. Roll call vote: Beck aye, Broeker nay and Cary aye. Request approved.

Food Bank of Southern Iowa Inc Request for \$1,500. They are funded thru Veteran's Affairs and CPC. Beck moved to deny the request. Seconded by Broeker. Roll call vote: Beck nay, Broeker nay and Cary nay. Request denied.

Correctional Center's Request of Pay Schedule increase for Part Time Correctional Officers, Transport Officers, Assistant Jail Administrator and Jail Administrator. Broeker moved to deny the request. Seconded by Beck. Roll call vote: Broeker nay, Beck nay and Cary nay. Request denied.

Milestones Area Agency on Aging Request for \$19,483.84 for financial support. Broeker stated this is not a mandated service and is currently funded thru the Local Health Department. Beck moved to deny the request. Seconded by Broeker. Roll call vote: Beck nay, Broeker nay and Cary nay. Request denied.

Recorder's Request for an increase in Telecommunications from \$650 to \$800. The increased request is for MIFI as an internet connection when out of town to connect to the county system. Broeker moved to approve the request. Seconded by Beck. Request approved.

Recorder's Request for an increase in Postage from \$2100 to \$3,000. The increase is needed for returning recorded documents and boat renewals. Broeker felt the current cost could be managed. Broeker moved to deny the request. Seconded by Beck. Roll call vote: Broeker nay, Beck nay and Cary nay. Request denied.

Recorder's Request for Office and Data Equipment/Maintenance increase to \$4,500. This covers an increase in maintenance cost. Broeker moved to approve the request. Seconded by Beck. Request approved.

Maintenance Request for two Salary Increases totaling \$3,948.75. This is a 4.5% increase for the Maintenance Supervisor and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant. Broeker praised Bliesener for his work but stated no large raises at this time. Broeker moved to deny the request. Seconded by Beck. Roll call vote: Broeker nay, Beck nay and Cary nay. Request denied.

Human Services' Request for the Steamboat Senior Center at \$4,500 for operating expenses. Cary stated this is not a mandated service but attendees of the center are taxpayers. Beck moved to approve the request. Seconded by Broeker. Roll call vote: Beck aye, Broeker nay and Cary aye. Request approved.

Non-Departmental Request for Grow Greater Burlington Tourism at \$500. This pays for the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association membership. Broeker moved to approve the request. Seconded by Beck. Request approved.

The Annual Approval of Tax Suspension List was provided by the Treasurer's Office. The list is provided to the Department of Human Services for their annual review to verify the continued eligibility of each name on the list. The list is returned to the Board for approval. Broeker moved to approve the list. Seconded by Beck.

The following reports were received and filed:  
Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, December 2014  
Veterans Affairs, January 2015

Beck moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seconded by Broeker.

The Board of Supervisors, Conservation Board and County Engineer will take a Conservation Tour on Friday, February 6 at 2:30PM.

During committee reports, Broeker had attended a COBCO meeting where he learned that health insurance premiums will increase by 2.7%. This is lower than estimated. He attended a Des Moines County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan meeting. The Mitigation Plan must be updated every five years to remain eligible for FEMA funds. Beck attended Transportation Day in Des Moines with the County Engineer to request more funding for roads. It was a full but productive day. Cary attended an Iowa Workforce meeting. Deb Dowell will be retiring in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

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

A work session was held after the meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the Budget Committee. The Committee provided a list of twenty-one recommendations on cost savings. After reviewing all of the items with the Board, the committee asked the Board to review the list and give feedback in writing.

A work session was held between the Board of Supervisors and the Budget Director. She presented preliminary budget numbers to the Board. The final budget and levy rate will need to set soon to allow for public notices prior to hearing dates.

Approved February 10, 2015

Jim Cary, Chairman

Attest: Terri Johnson, Deputy Auditor