

December 6th, 2016

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016, with Tom Broeker, Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: Deputy Auditor Terri Johnson reported that 60 absentee ballots have been sent for the Danville School Special Election and 54 have been returned. That election is being held today. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported that he and his crew are working on the plumbing in the ladies restroom on first floor and it is closed. They are also replacing the walk-in freezer at the correctional facility. County Attorney Amy Beavers attended a community meeting regarding violence in Burlington. CDS Ken Hyndman reported that Ted Kuechmann is training for his new position as mental health advocate. Kuechmann was formerly a case manager. Hyndman also thanked Angie Vaughan for coming to his location and training his staff on CPR. He stated that Angie was a very thorough teacher and the training was the best he had ever taken.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$463,702.81 were approved upon motion by Cary. Seconded by Beck.

Beck moved to approve taxable payroll claims reimbursements in the amount of \$457.49. Cary seconded.

Motion to appoint Duane Worthy to a full four year term on the Des Moines County Compensation Board was made by Beck and seconded by Cary. Worthy represents the Board of Supervisors on the Compensation Board.

Rex Troute, Burlington, presented a proposal to raise the minimum wage in Des Moines County. Troute stated that the Burlington metro area is gaining a lot of positives with new factories and businesses but the facts show that 14% of the population is at poverty level. Minimum wage of \$7.25 equates to a \$15,000 yearly income. A couple needs \$45,000 to be considered middle class. He would like to see the hourly wage go to \$8.25 and gradually go to \$10.10. Broeker responded that this is a small rural county and can't enforce an exception to the minimum wage laws. Additional costs to the taxpayer would include printing posters stating the new wage level and hiring staff to enforce the compliance of businesses. The State wouldn't enforce any variation to its law and could possibly sue counties for not complying with state law. The Supervisors thanked Troute for his input.

The following personnel action was approved: at the Correctional Center, Jason Lee Sims resigned as part time correctional officer effective November 28th, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Cary. Beck seconded.

The November report for Veterans Affairs was received and filed.

Beck moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on November 29th, 2016. Seconded by Cary.

During other business, Beck asked Lt. Brett Grimshaw if the person who escaped after being remanded into custody has been caught. Grimshaw responded no, but procedures have been changed to cuff the prisoner in the courtroom instead of in the hall following sentencing.

Committee reports: Beck attended a meeting of the Joint Fair Board / Community College. They are working out details to exchange property in order to build a sports complex on the fairgrounds. Broeker attended a meeting at Faith Temple Church regarding violence in the community. All members attended Fall School in Des Moines last week.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 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.dmcourty.com

Approved December 13, 2016
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor