

September 26th, 2017

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017. Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker were present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads and Elected Officials: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported the filing period for the City Elections has ended. A Notice of Equalization Order was received from the Iowa Department of Revenue. County Assessor Matt Warner explained the Equalization Order. He stated every odd year is an equalization order year. The State reviewed the 2016 sales and added the 9% increase to Commercial Classed property. This will apply to the 2017 values payable 2018/2019. The State originally set the increase to 26% and the Assessor appealed the increase. It was then reduced to 9%. He stated letters will be sent to each Commercial property owner and a notice will be published in the papers. Property owners will have an opportunity to appeal the increase with the Assessor by October 31st. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported 1st half property taxes are due by October 2nd. County Engineer Brian Carter reported his crews were busy working on the low water crossing on Hawkeye Road. Safety Director Angie Vaughan will be sending a Declaration Report form to department heads to use for employee incidents not requiring medical care at that time. It will not prevent the employee from seeking medical care later. The form will cover insurance requirements. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported on October 4th the Health Department will host the Healthiest State Walk. The event starts at the Port of Burlington at noon for a 30 minute walk. Land Use Administrator Jeff Hanan reported he will have some upcoming zoning requests in October and reported he attended the FEMA meeting last week with Tom Broeker and Flood Plain Advisory Board members Vicki Stoller and Bob Prall. County Attorney Amy Beavers reported her office is busy with two jury trials. Her office will be hosting a "Meet Your Neighbor Day" on October 14th, to encourage community involvement. Community Services Director Ken Hyndman reported Mental Health Disabilities Services is busy providing services for people and working on the final cost report for case management unit closed in June.

Public Input: Several concerned citizens spoke in regards to the Title X Family Planning services Clinic. Sarah Goff, 1911 River St., Burlington stated Great River Health Systems approved a onetime \$75,000 donation to cover the cost of operation the first year for the Title X Clinic. Mary Costello with the Iowa Department of Public Health stated between 2014 to 2016 the gonorrhea rate has increased 40% and expect those numbers to increase this year. Several HIV patients has moved into the community. STD's are reported to her and she is seeing an increase in visits to GRHS and CHC. She supported the establishment of a clinic. Keith Turrill, 127 Greenwood stated he is holding \$9,000 in funeral costs for the death of Neal Busse on a public roadway. He was not impressed with workman's comp thru the State. Alexandra Rucinski, 812 Court St., Burlington spoke as an advocate for Planned Parenthood. She stated the County needs the Title X Clinic. Tobin Krell, 703 W. Agency Rd., West Burlington, read a statement to the Board. Nationally STD rates are high and the County's rate is one of the highest in the State. He talked about several groups that have less access to health care. Other entities do not have hired clinicians and requested the Board to approve the Clinic. Dr. Dan Clark, 100 Clay St., stated he supported Planned Parenthood for over 50 years. He urged the Board to help those in need the most and encouraged the Board to support reproductive health. John Riessen, 10982 Wood Duck Cove Dr., West Burlington stated we have an opportunity to meet an unmet need in the county. Mary Hightower, 13412 127th Ave., Burlington is a former health educator for Planned Parenthood of Heartland. She supports the clinic for the educational services to teens. Dennis Kuster, 114 Grand St., Burlington stated we have an opportunity to show the community it is more than dollars and cents. He was not sure the population of Burlington is not against the clinic. He encouraged the Board to do the right thing. Ryan Rogers, 1101 Summer St., Burlington read a statement with statistics. He stated the National Drop Out Center of Clemson University, 27% of females drop out of school due to pregnancy and 6% males to raise a family. He referred to Burlington's lowest graduation rate in the State the last two years and the high STD rate. He encouraged the establishment of the clinic. Dianne Lerud-Chubb, 2429 Gnahn St., Burlington stated Planned Parenthood closed because it lost federal funding. She further stated approximately 2200 people lost health care when Planned Parenthood closed. Discussed the sliding scale fee they provided. She urged the Board to fund the clinic. Christa Poggemiller, Public Health Administrator stated STD outreach services are provided by different providers but not at one location. The biggest challenge is trying to determine the budget. There are lots of variables in determining the budget and locations. The Board of Health looked at how do we fill the gaps. The grant for the clinic was available quickly but not much time to review. The Board stated previous Planned Parenthood budgets were not

available and impossible to find to determine a budget for a new clinic. Sarah Goff stated they had contacted others in trying to determine a budget and equipment needed for the clinic. She stated it would be a huge disappointment if the Board does not approve the clinic, to at least give it a try. Michael Cecil, 2815 Herblo, Burlington was concerned we did not have access to the budget for Planned Parenthood that provided a service in Burlington. Mary Costello stated they were a part of a larger unit and their budget was not specific to one county. Mr. Cecil understood but stated the clinic should have been able to break down the budget for each clinic. He stated the Board had to be accountable financially to the County. He wondered what would happen after today if the Board does not approve the clinic. The need is out there. Don Harter, 1018 Monticello Dr., Burlington was a strong supporter of Planned Parenthood work. He encouraged the Board to try the clinic. He also stated that over 50% of the registered voters in Des Moines County are female and the clinic is geared toward the female population and many men would also use the facility. Beck spoke in response to the Federal Grant dictating the clinic and requirements to comply with the grant. Dianne Lerud-Chubb stated the Title X grant would help establish the clinic. The grant would be \$64,000 for the first six months and double the following year. Mary Hightower stated she worked at the Planned Parenthood Clinic for eight years and the proposed clinic would be a benefit to the youth. Mary Costello supports the clinic and feels there is a real need in this community. She stated there are no strings attached to the federal grant. There will be free test kits, lab testing, medications, counseling with no strings attached to fear the grant and only support the community. She stated to start with a small clinic and people will come, even people outside this community from other small rural areas because they have nowhere else to go. She will continue to support the community to establish a clinic. Michael Cecil stated he knew the final decision would come down to money but to consider the kids. Cary stated groups may have been working on a clinic for several months but it was only recently brought to the Board for review as a last resort. He wanted to know if they have talked to other county boards. Sarah Goff stated our community has the larger need and that is why they brought it to Des Moines County. Angie Vaughan asked why GRHS and CHC would not take on the grant, why put it on the Board and county taxpayers. Mary Costello stated because CHC is a federally qualified health center and there are some things under the Title X grant they are not allowed to do because of the way their money comes in. They can support this but cannot take on the entire entity of this grant. GRHS has been very supportive but don't want to be a Title X Clinic. It was determined it was more of a community issue. Jane Earhardt, 421 E. Wheeler, West Burlington talked about the budget and grant money and wanted to know as a taxpayer what is the bottom line and what would the county have to put forth? She understood all the funding would be thru the grant and to start the clinic it only takes approval from the Board to apply for the grant. Is the issue just the upfront cost? Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller stated parts of the budget are unclear and the challenges are the projections. It does not include the cost for a building location, utilities, etc. Alexandra Rucinski pleaded with the Board to approve the clinic. They are supposed to represent their constituents and if they vote no they are not. She promised the Board they will not keep their seats if they ignore them. Dennis Kuster stated he thought the Board is just confused on what the clinic will cost because of the maybes and buts. He said the Board does not know what it will cost and GRHS is offering money the first year. He asked the Board to take a chance. Mary Hightower commented the County will pay more without prevention services. Public comments ceased and the Board moved on to Discussion and Vote.

The Board discussed the Title X Planning Services clinic. Broeker had concerns about the financial burden on the County and startup costs. The Title X grant was offered to other medical facilities but they declined. The County is an administrative arm of the state and tasked with providing state mandated services with local funds. The clinic funds would come out of the general basic fund and raise the levy and the levy is maxed. Financing additional services would require the county to reduce spending on services the state requires the county to provide. The primary and overriding responsibility of this Board is to maintain Des Moines County's financial ability to provide the services the state has mandated we provide. Beck stated it also comes down to the small amount of time they have had to think about it. They don't move fast and never will or they will get chastised. Beck and Cary agreed with Broeker. Cary had concerns the other facilities were not willing to take on the clinic. Cary had concerns about the startup financial costs from the county. Cary further stated he felt there is a need for the clinic but financially the County cannot do it. Broeker motioned to decline the Title X grant consideration and advise the local health department Des Moines County will not financially support the operation or creation of the clinic. Cary seconded. More public comments were made after the motion was made to decline and voted.

Cary motioned to approve Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$1130.50. Broeker seconded.

A Resolution Approving Financial Support for Dankwardt Park Swimming Pool Dome Project was presented. Broeker motioned to approve. Cary seconded.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
DANKWARDT SWIMMING POOL DOME PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Des Moines County, Iowa has been requested to pledge financial support for improvements to the Dankwardt swimming pool, including a dome, (hereinafter "facility") located in Burlington, Iowa so that use of the facility can be extended for a longer period each year and so that residents who otherwise may not be able to afford to use and enjoy the facility have access, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Iowa Swim Club, Inc. is the entity responsible for building the dome and operating the facility, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Southeast Iowa Swim Club, Inc. will be providing free and integrated access to the facility to all residents of all Residential Care Facilities, Habilitation Homes, and Medicaid Waiver Site Homes located in Des Moines County, Iowa during its nine (9) month period of operation of the facility each year, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Des Moines County would benefit from such improvements.

THEREFORE, with the understanding, in reliance of, and agreement to the averments above, Be It Resolved that Des Moines County pledges and commits \$5,000.00 in FY19 and \$5,000.00 in FY20, for a total of \$10,000.00, to the Dankwardt Swimming Pool Dome Project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Robert Beck, Chairman
Jim Cary, Supervisor
Thomas L. Broeker, Supervisor

County Engineer Brian Carter presented the Iowa Department of Transportation Preconstruction Agreement for 2018-C-037 a Highway 61 Iowa DOT Project. The agreement had been reviewed at two prior work sessions. It is a standard DOT Agreement with additional paving on county roads intersecting with new Hwy 61. The cost for paving these intersections will be approximately \$200,000. The County Engineer recommended approval. Cary motioned to approve the agreement. Broeker seconded.

The Board canvassed the Official Results for Southeastern Community College election held on September 12th. Broeker motioned to approve the canvass for Southeastern Community College. Cary seconded. The results were as follows:

**SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCHOOL ELECTION - 9/12/2017
Canvass 9/26/2017
OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Director District #2	Myra Bruegger	Lanny Hillyard	Write-Ins
DMCo	261	497	9
Louisa Co	90	234	5
TOTAL VOTES	351	731	14

Director District #3	Jeff M. Heland
DMCo	356
Scatterings	8
TOTAL VOTES	364

PUBLIC MEASURE "A" Continue to levy a \$0.06 tax for a period not to exceed ten (10) consecutive years beginning July 1, 2019

	ALL COUNTIES	
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Des Moines County	1,012	372
Henry County	636	207
Lee County	752	234
Louisa County	200	155
TOTAL	2,600	968

The following report was received and filed in the Auditor's office: Recorder's Miscellaneous Receipt, September 2017

Cary motioned to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on September 19th, 2017. Broeker seconded.

Broeker motioned to approve the minutes for the School Canvass held on September 15th, 2017. Cary seconded.

Other Business: The Board set the Dog Ordinance hearing dates for October 17th, 24th & 31st. The Auditor will place the notice in the newspapers.

Committee Reports. Cary attended a Southeast Iowa Area Juvenile Detention meeting. From July 1st to September 23rd, juveniles spent 177 days at \$160 a day at detention centers. He attended an Early Childhood meeting and discussed preschool scholarships available for low income families. He attended a Community Action meeting and reported they have an offer of \$99,000 for the six plex they have been trying to sell for a few years. Broeker attended a Mental Health and Disabilities meeting. He stated the new DHS Director is concerned about services and how they are managed differently. Beck attended a Landfill meeting, a Board of Health meeting (no quorum) and a Hwy 61 Coalition meeting. Highway Commissioners are coming to town the 2nd Tuesday of October.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Following the meeting was a work session between the Board of Supervisors and County Conservation Director Chris Lee regarding project updates. A budget amendment will be needed for projects being finished this FY. The sewer system and water system is done. The camping numbers at Big Hollow have been increasing. Revenue has increased even through the construction projects. The foundation and footing for the shower house will be poured this fall and the shower house pre-fab walls will be installed next spring. The trails thru Starr's Cave should be done before the Highway 61 construction.

Following this work session, the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer took a project tour.

This Board meeting is recorded and kept on file for two years. The minutes are posted on the county's website www.dmcountry.com

Approved October 3, 2017
 Bob Beck, Chairman
 Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor