

August 4th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Bob Beck present. This meeting was held with limited capacity due to COVID-19 and electronically via Webex and YouTube live streaming. Public input was available through board email or call in.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported 584 absentee request forms have been received for the November General Election and absentee voting for the Mediapolis School Special Election will begin Monday, August 10th. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer stated IT is helping her office on the Karpel System implementation, it should be running in October. She is currently attending meetings with judges to discuss how to conduct jury trials when they start in September. CDS Director Ken Hyndman attended SEIL meetings and discussed Mental Health & Disabilities services and changes in directors at the State level. Sheriff Mike Johnstone and Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw were present. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Upper Flint Road is moving along. The Mediapolis Road bridge contractor is getting ready to pour the 2nd bridge deck. Road crews will start some road pinching near Danville. They may complete up to 10 miles. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported they are busy and reviewing a minor subdivision. He attended an ICAP meeting to discuss zoning and issues. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported her office is busy. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her office is busy and continue working on COVID contact tracing. The positive numbers keep changing because labs are confusing the City of Des Moines with Des Moines County. She is working with school nurses and colleges for their return to school. Via Webex: Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department is keeping busy. They are finishing work at the Care Facility for Hope Haven's dual diagnosis program. CDS Director Ken Hyndman stated Hope Haven is currently hiring staff for the program. Clerk of Court Jackie Myers reported both offices are busy. She is working with the State on safety procedures for jury trials slated to begin in September. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy. They are gearing up to start the tax billing process. Mary Beaird, Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority (SEIRAA) Director reported on Runway 18/36 progress. Completion date should be at the end of October. She stated they have been planning and working on this project for about 5 to 6 years and encouraged the Board to come to the airport to see the progress.

Correspondence. Received notification from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources about a construction permit application for a hog confinement feeding operation called Junk Yard Site in Washington Twp. This is for a new 2496 swine finisher facility. The public notice for comments will be published in the newspapers. Received an email from Stacy Fox regarding a fireworks permit. His original permit was approved for July 18th. However, due to COVID it had to be postponed. The email stated the rescheduled fireworks date will be August 8th.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$852,630.30 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Compensation Board Appointment. Carol Copeland was appointed to a 4-year term as the County Recorder's representative. Her term will expire in July 2024. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Keokuk Ashley Wedding on 8/6 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Personnel Actions: Community Services – Brooke Marland, General Assistance/Office Coordinator Part-time. 6-month step increase. New rate \$17.72 hr. effective 8/3. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. Conservation – Erik Murry, Natural Resource Manager. Resignation effective 8/6. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. Sheriff's Office – Brent Vogelgesang, Deputy. New hire, new rate \$51,833.06 yr., effective 8/24. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Beck motioned to approve the July 28th, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Cary. Note: the 7/21 minutes approved by the Board at the 7/28 meeting should have stated Broeker abstained since he was absent from the 7/21 meeting.

No Committee Reports. Public Input – Michael Cecil, 2815 Herblo Dr., Burlington was present.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM.

A work session with the Sheriff's Office followed the meeting. Sheriff Mike Johnstone and Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw were present to discuss reimbursement to the Ft Madison Police Department for academy training cost for the new deputy the sheriff hired. During budget hearings the Sheriff had requested and was approved to reimburse other sheriff or police departments for any academy trained officers in the amount of \$5,000. Ft Madison is requesting a \$6,650 reimbursement. The Sheriff wanted to make the Board aware of the increased amount and the Board was OK with the amount.

This Board meeting is recorded. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county's website www.dmcountry.com

Approved August 11th, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor