

February 9th, 2021

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Shane McCampbell 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 the new payroll deputy has started, absentee voting is available for the Danville Community School Special Election on March 2 and County offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th for President's Day. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy and they are making headway on the audio/video equipment installation in the 3rd floor courtroom. A vendor is setting up and programming equipment. Gerst thanked the Maintenance crew for installing speakers, mounting TV's and running cables. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer thanked IT and Maintenance for the update and this will be a great contribution to the Des Moines County court system and will be greatly appreciated to show evidence during trials using modern technology. Trials will begin February 16th. County Engineer Brian Carter reported the weather has been the main issue lately. Road crews have been out due to more snow received than anticipated. Crews have been very busy and appreciated all of their time. The Hwy 99 bridge construction continues to make headway by adding rip rap and might start setting beams late next week. After the beams are set they will start forming the bridge deck which is a long process. Carter stated the Legislators have introduced HF32 – Roads salt use reduction program. Carter discussed the Legislators requirement for a 5% mandatory reduction each year on using salt on roads each year and to use organic/natural products. He stated there are not many or even good products available to replace salt and any county who wants to watch their budget wants to use less salt and we don't need this additional oversight and reporting process. Conservation Director Chris Lee Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the Hike a Park series kicks off this afternoon. The Owl Prowl events are all filled. Internships and Part-time positions available with Conservation have been posted on the website. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported SEIL meetings will be held on Wednesday. Sheriff Kevin Glendening stated everything is going well. The jail population is 79. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her department is busy. She thanked the Auditor and IT for posting notices regarding COVID Vaccinations. On Saturday they gave over 500 vaccinations at a clinic held at Great River Medical Center. They had about 20 to 25 volunteers helping with the clinic and it went well. It was cut short due to the weather. Those vaccinated were on the Health Departments list. She stated anyone calling into their office to be added to the list needs to make sure they have good cell phone reception as this has been an issue in getting the information needed to be added to the list. Poggemiller stated there is over 3,000 on the list. They are getting more vaccine hopefully tomorrow or Saturday then they will call start contacting the next group of people on the list. This will be a short notice process to people. So far 4,043 doses have been administered in Des Moines County with 3,698 being Des Moines County residents. 1,239 have completed the two-shot series. Currently the 7-day positivity rate is 6% with 49 new cases and the 14-day rate is 8%. Mitigation is working and she encouraged everyone to keep using safety precautions. Via WebEx: County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported several new subdivisions are pending review and will submit a reappointment to the Board of Adjustment next week.

Budget Director Cheryl McVey presented levy rates. General Basic will remain at the State allowable level of \$3.50. General Supplemental will increase \$0.64 which reflects DESCOM's decision to discontinue per capita funding and shift funding responsibility for the entire \$1,116,468 DESCOM budget onto the County General Supplemental Levy. The change in DESCOM funding will reduce the County Rural Services Levy by \$0.34, which reflects the elimination of the rural portion of the previous per capita funding formula. The proposed property tax levy notice required by the state will indicate a 17.93 percentage increase in Requested Tax Dollars in the General Levy Total. The Requested Tax Dollars in Rural Services Total will decrease 6.32 percent. The explanation of the increase in the budget will state the following: DESCOM is now funded by the General Supplemental levy through the Emergency Management budget. After discussing the levy rates a resolution was presented to set the date and time of SF634 Total Maximum Property Tax Dollars Public Hearing. Cary motioned to approve the date and time of the public hearing and seconded by McCampbell.

**RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND DATE OF SF 634 TOTAL MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX
DOLLARS PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION #2021-007**

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the time and place for a public hearing on the total maximum property tax dollars public hearing for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Des Moines County Courthouse.
- 2) The Des Moines County Budget Director is hereby directed to publish the notice and estimated summary as required by law.
- 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 9th day of February 2021.

DES MOINES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tom Broeker, Chairman
Jim Cary, Vice-Chairman
Shane McCampbell, Member

ATTEST: Terri Johnson, Auditor

Request from City of Burlington to release property taxes for 1321 Gnahn St., (Parcel 11-32-179-005) was presented. The taxes totaled \$20. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Jackson Township Trustee – appointed Mike Poggemiller to a four-year term expiring on 12/31/2024. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

2021 Pioneer Cemetery Commission Officers and Members was presented. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

County Engineer Brian Carter presented a letter for the Board Chairman to sign a waiver of conflict of interest for Lynch Dallas PC. The firm will review/revise a Mutual Aid Agreement on behalf of Lee County. The agreement is between Lee County and Des Moines County and the law firm represents both counties. The agreement is between county road departments to serve as backups for each other should the workforce be reduced due to COVID. Lynch Dallas will work on the 28E Agreement. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office:
General Assistance, January 2021
Recorder's Report of Fees Collected, January 2021

McCampbell motioned to approve the February 2nd, 2021 meeting minutes and seconded by Cary.

Committee Reports. Broeker attended a Mental Health Region stakeholder meeting and they discussed the work force shortage.

Public Input. Michael Cecil, 2815 Herblo thanked everyone for their tedious work on the county budget. Conservation Director Chris Lee asked the board to help him understand the DESCOM situation. Lee stated he understood previously DESCOM was spread between the cities and the county. Broeker explained that funding responsibility was previously calculated on a per capita basis and that the DESCOM board voted to shift 100% of the funding responsibility onto the County General Levy. He then briefly explained some of the issues involved in the decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Following the meeting the Board conducted employee evaluations for the CDS Director and County Engineer. Closed sessions were requested by each employee according to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Following the evaluations, the County Engineer took the Board members on a road tour.

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

Approved February 16th, 2021
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor