

August 10th, 2021

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, August 10th, 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: Budget Director Cheryl McVey stated that the 2020 real estate file has been rolled to the Treasurer. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported that there has been an influx of motor vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts between rural areas, Burlington, and Lee County. This morning the Deputies have identified some suspects. He encourages everyone to keep your vehicles locked. The Jail is doing well with a population of 69 (4 out-of-county). Veteran's Affairs Administrator and General Assistance Coordinator Brooke Marland had nothing new to report and has been keeping busy. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported that they had a couple subdivision inquiries and a couple flood plain requests. There is a Flood Plain Advisory committee meeting next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. to review the updated Flood Plain Ordinance and the updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that Gina has been working on for the past couple years. County Engineer Brian Carter stated the Hwy 99 Flint River Bridge is open, but there is still some work to be done. Upper Flint and Highway 61 could close this week. This is a DOT project, and it could be closed from one to two months. Flint Bottom is making headway. Geode project should start next week. It could take up to a month and a half. Pleasant Grove Road will start in the middle of September. This will start later than anticipated due to staffing shortages with the construction company. Crews are ditching on Irish Ridge and mowing. County Recorder Natalie Steffener said that they continue to index old records. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist stated that they are in possession of the 2020 tax file. They are currently stalled due to computer software issues and that the state also caused some earlier issues. Her office should be able to get tax bills out in the next couple weeks. CPC Director Ken Hyndman reported that they have a SEIL meeting tomorrow. They will be using their new "Night Owl" system which should improve the sound quality in their virtual meetings. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller stated that they continue to be busy. They are seeing an uptick in COVID cases. In the last seven days we are at 14% with 75 cases so this is a great time for people to get vaccinated. There will be a drive-thru clinic at Memorial Auditorium on August 20th from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They still have the COVID test kits that people can take home and send to the state or bring back to the Local Health department. They are asking that you call the office from your car, and someone will come out and bring the test kit to you. It takes about 48 hours for the test results to be e-mailed to you. They have all three vaccines available. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated that Friday night is the volunteer recognition dinner and Saturday is the Summer Celebration. They are both being held at Starr's Cave. The Summer Celebration is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and they will do the critter catch. Crews have been doing trail work when weather permits.

Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$1,848.83 was presented. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Approval of Class B Native Wine Permit for Country Treasurers LLC. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Personnel Actions. Auditor – Kathy Housman, Clerk II. 24-month step increase. New rate \$34,396.03 yr., effective 8/18. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell. Recorder – Renae Welborn, Clerk II, 3 hours unpaid for 7/30. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. DESCOM – Brandall Diaz, New Hire, Communications Operator 1, New Rate \$42,120.00 effective 7/12 and Caili Rodeffer, Resignation from full time effective 7/21. Staying on as part-time with a rate of \$25.20 per hour. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. Conservation – Dalton Thompson, New Hire, Part-time Conservation Technician, \$15.00 per hour effective 8/09. Harrison Beeding, Part-time Conservation Technician, 6-month step increase effective 8/13 with a rate of \$15.50 per hour. Derek Hester, Part-time Conservation Technician, 6-month step increase effective 8/13 with a rate of \$15.50 per hour. Cary motioned to approve all three and seconded by McCampbell. Sheriff – Zander James Schweiss, New Hire, Deputy, \$47,107.10 per year, and Jon Michael Gates, New Hire, Deputy, \$47,107.10. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: General Assistance Monthly Report July 2021, Veterans Affairs Monthly Report July 2021, Recorder's Report of Fees Collected July 2021.

Cary motioned to approve the August 3rd, 2021 meeting minutes and seconded by McCampbell. Broeker Abstained.

Other Business: Shane McCampbell reported that the temporary protection from evictions was extended by the CDC until October 3, 2021.

Future Agenda Items: Work session with Della Schmidt, President & CEO of the Chamber, Bob Bartles, Director of Hope Haven and Mike Norris, Executive Director of SEIRPC regarding housing and ARPA funds.

Tom will contact the Chamber and Convention & Visitor's Bureau regarding a future work session to discuss ARPA funds.

Colin Gerst, IT Director, would like to have a closed work session within the next few weeks to go over the 80-page Cybersecurity Assessment report.

Committee Reports: Jim Cary attended a conservation board meeting last week and they went over plans for a 50' X 85" workshop.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

A work session was held after the meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss the County Employee Handbook.

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

Approved August 17th, 2021

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Cheryl McVey, Budget Director