

April 22, 2025

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, with Chair Jim Cary, Vice Chair Shane McCampbell and Member Tom Broeker present. This meeting was also held 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.

Meeting with Department Heads: Budget Director Cheryl McVey stated that budget amendment requests for the current budget are due on Monday. IT Director Colin Gerst reported that they are keeping busy. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported the jail population at 99 with 22 out-of-county. They met with the new ASO for the state-wide mental health district. Within three months of July 1st, the ASO will start covering the mental health medications in the jails. There is still a lot to figure out, but they are getting the region advisory groups in place. Maintenance Director Rodney Bliesener stated that the mowing season has begun, and we didn't have any damage from the storm that rolled through. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported that it's business as usual and they are getting a lot of calls. Jarred is at the Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting on a first reading of a wind, solar, battery energy storage system ordinance. They may do a work session with the board to reevaluate some of our ordinances. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller had a Board of Health meeting last week. The Board of Health website is still active. They have applied for more grants and talked about health trends. The measles vaccines (MMR) have been released at no cost. They also have vaccines for adults. You can do walk-in from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. There was discussion on redistricting. Emergency Management Coordinator Shannon Prado said that the severe weather on Sunday was 80-90 mph straight line winds. Tonight, there could be more severe weather. There may be siren testing today. She put out a press release for feedback on Hazard Mitigation Plan that they are going to update. There are a few questions to answer on the survey. Safety Director Angie Vaughan has a meeting in Des Moines tomorrow sponsored by Iowa League of Cities. Recorder Natalie Steffener reported that the past Friday the Library put on a Genealogy tour and their office was one of the stops. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated that they are still chasing the water leak at the Nature Center. The concrete on the ADA walkways have been poured and they should reopen in a couple of days. Engineer Brian Carter stated that Danville Road and North Gear are still closed due to bridges, but they are moving right along. Avoid Middletown today if possible due to milling on Highway 34. Dust control on the county program will start tomorrow. This is not private pay dust control.

No correspondence was received.

A Public Hearing on the FY2025/2026 County Budget was held. McCampbell made a motion to go into a public hearing and was seconded by Broeker. Broeker asked if we received any questions or comments by mail. There was none received. He asks if anyone present has any questions. Gregory Mangold, 2216 Seneca St., Burlington, showed concern about the unassigned fund balance. He handed out a chart. He asked the board to consider a plan for fund balance. Broeker explained the revenue that the county receives in the General fund. He explained that the projected fund balance always ends up higher than budgeted due to the Department Heads underestimating revenues and giving back funds that are not expended. He stated that the Board focuses on putting downward pressure on the levy rates. The hospital value inflated the anticipated revenue. He explained that the ARPA funds of over \$7 million were deposited in the General Basic fund and have been allocated to different projects over the past two years. Cary stated that the Department Heads deserve a lot of credit for giving back some of their budget to the General fund. Martha Wolf, 206 N. 4th St., Burlington, appreciated the explanation on ending fund balance. More discussion was held. Sheriff Glendening and Engineer Carter showed appreciation to the Board for the position the county is in financially due to hard decisions that the Board and past Boards have made over the years. Cary mentioned that since 2010, the levy has gone down, and they work for the taxpayers. Cary asked if we received any phone calls or emails. There were none. Broeker motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by McCampbell.

Approval of Resolution #2025-022 Approving FY2025/2026 County Budget was presented. McCampbell made a motion to approve and was seconded by Broeker.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FY2025-2026 BUDGET
RESOLUTION #2025-022**

WHEREAS, the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY2025-2026 county budget, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing concerning the proposed county budget was held this date, April 22nd, 2025, now

BE IT RESOLVED by the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors that the County budget FY2025-2026 as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted, and the County Auditor is directed to make the necessary filing of said budget and to establish the accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 2025.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

ATTEST: Sara Doty, Auditor

Appointment of Charles Walsh to the Airport Authority Board. Cary thanked Charlie for his service. Charlie explained that they should have flights going to Chicago soon but will lose St. Louis. McCampbell made a motion to approve and was seconded by Broeker. The board thanked him again.

Approval of 2025 Tactical Response Unit 28E Agreement. Cary read the 28E Agreement. Broeker made a motion to approve and was seconded by McCampbell.

Personnel Actions – County Attorney, Brandon Weddle, Administrative Assistant, End of Probationary Period Step Increase, new rate of \$51,378 yearly effective 4/7/25. Broeker made a motion to approve and seconded by McCampbell. Cassandra Kilby, Promotion to Assistant County Attorney, new rate of \$75,000 yearly effective 4/10/25. McCampbell made a motion to approve and seconded by Broeker. Sheriff – Eric Kramer, New hire, 74.77 hours, new rate of \$52,102.02 effective 4/28/25. McCampbell made a motion to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Report – Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Annual Report FY2024

McCampbell motioned to approve April 15th, 2025, regular meeting minutes and was seconded by Broeker.

Committee Reports – Cary attended a Local Health meeting that Christa Poggemiller covered earlier.

Public Input – John Newberry, 18525 205th Ave., New London, attended a meeting last night in Danville about alternative energy. Main discussion was on wind turbines coming to Des Moines County. He is asking for a two year moratorium on alternative energy projects to give the supervisors the opportunity to adequately review the county's existing ordinances, research any proposed ordinance changes, and allow the citizens to present to the county our suggestions, concerns, and requests to the ordinance changes. Cary had planned on going but had a family visitation to attend. There were 36 petitions handed out at the meeting. The video of the meeting is on the facebook page "Des Moines County No." Melanie Patton was the speaker. Cary stated that he is not for it. Mr. Newberry mentioned the comprehensive plan that deals with ag land. The Board explained that there is no zoning in the plan. Land Use Administrator Zach James stated that the comprehensive plan is a vision or blueprint on how you want to grow in the next 10 to 15 years. Ours is over 20 years old. It's more of a guide. Broeker mentioned that the county taxpayers filled the room against county zoning several years ago. Cary gave instructions on how to obtain the county ordinance on our website. Tracey Lamm stated that she was at the meeting and there's a list of 16 things that they want changed in the ordinance. A copy was given to the Board. McCampbell is concerned about how much interest there will be in them if the government stops handing out money. Cindy Newberry, 18525 205th Ave., New London, stated that they need the moratorium. She stated that we need to protect the land.

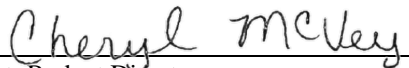
The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

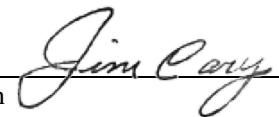
Following the meeting the County Engineer took the Board of Supervisors on a Project Tour.

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

April 29, 2025

Date Approved


Attest: Budget Director


Chairman