

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 her office is busy and stated SF413 not only affected Auditors but also affected Treasurers. They will be required to add wording to the tax statements with the hours which polling places are open on election days until November 2024. The tax statements are full so not sure how this additional wording will fit on the statements. The County Treasurer agreed. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw stated the Sheriff's office has a new fully functioning evidence process room. He thanked Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener and his crew for all of their work on this project. Grimshaw reported the Jail population is 71. County Engineer Brian Carter reported projects are ongoing. The construction crew on Flint Bottom Road are removing more concrete. Construction on the Hwy 99 Flint Creek bridge continues. They will have a pre-construction meeting soon regarding pending concrete pours on the deck. A bid opening will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Pleasant Grove Road project. Road crews are blading. The full rock program will start Wednesday, Tier 1 roads will be done first. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener mentioned they are working on several projects. He thanked the sheriff's office for their help on the new evidence room. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the campgrounds are open. They are dealing with septic issues at the shops and plumbing issues at the office. He stated there are red flag warnings this week due to winds and dry conditions, so no burns will be conducted. A full moon hike was held at Starr's Cave. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy and stated the second half property taxes are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Via Webex: Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported new subdivision and zoning inquiries are coming in. The zoning commission is moving forward with the zoning ordinance review. A redline copy will be sent to the County Attorney and other departments for review.

Correspondence. Chairman Broeker stated he received a call about the force main under construction from the landfill to the West Burlington lagoon. The County Engineer understood the issues. The county gives utilities permits to construct within the right of way, but this contractor is leaving a mess and has gone outside the right of way.

The Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation was read by Chairman Broeker. Arin Jones, Quad-County CPPC Coordinator works on child abuse prevention programs and spoke about the proclamation via Webex. Cary motioned to approve the proclamation and seconded by McCampbell.

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month 2021 Proclamation**

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of Des Moines County:

WHEREAS child abuse and neglect directly harms children and increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

WHEREAS, children suffering from child abuse are more likely to: engage in risky behavior, perform poorly in school, develop unhealthy relationships, suffer from depression, attempt suicide, and express violent aggression, and

WHEREAS, only \$1 is spent on preventing child abuse in Iowa for every \$50 spent on treating it; and

WHEREAS, Iowa is leading research efforts to better understand the negative long-term outcomes of child abuse and neglect among adults through the Adverse Childhood Experiences study (ACEs), which shows that poor physical health, mental health, and financial health in adulthood is attributed to adverse experiences in childhood, including abuse and neglect, poverty, and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the risk of child abuse is reduced through strong social supports in a kind, empathetic community for adults and children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the presence of one caring relationship in a child's life mitigates negative outcomes and reduces risk factors, resulting in better physical health, mental health, and financial health; and

WHEREAS, research shows there is hope because prevention is possible and positive social supports for children and adults are key factors to improving well-being for all in Iowa; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Des Moines County and urge all citizens in our community to increase their participation in building caring connections with families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

Tom Broeker, Chariman  
Jim Cary, Vice-Chair  
Shane McCampbell, Member

Payroll Reimbursement Claims for 3/26/2021 in the amount of \$128.39 was presented. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Appointment to Des Moines County Board of Health. Reverend Orlando R. Dial submitted a letter of interest to serve on the board. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. Dial's term will expire December 2024.

An Agreement between Des Moines County and Great River Medical Center was presented. Great River Medical Center and Fort Madison Community Hospital have agreed to merge effective July 1, 2021 to form one sole community hospital on two campuses called Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center. The hospital will continue to provide benefits under Title XVIII. This agreement still provides services under the new name. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Nudd Wedding 4/22/2021 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Approval of Supplemental Agreement for Final Design of Des Moines County Bridge T-17/BRS-SWAP-CO29(86)—FF-29 was presented by County Engineer Brian Carter. This is for the Dry Branch Bridge Project and funded thru Farm to Market funds. This bridge is in the construction program. Cary motioned to approve the agreement and seconded by McCampbell.

Personnel Action. Correctional Center – Cody Reynolds, Correctional Officer Full-Time. Unpaid leave for 16.5 hrs. on 3/27 thru 3/28. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

McCampbell motioned to approve the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and seconded by Cary.

Future Agenda Items. Next week – Five-Year Road Construction Program and a work session with Bob Bartles regarding solar power.

Committee Reports. Cary attended a SEIRPC Zoom meeting and a Juvenile Detention Meeting. McCampbell attended a Quad County DeCat Meeting. Broeker listened to the virtual State Ways & Means Committee meeting. They discussed the proposed tax/mental health bill. It proposes phasing out the tax backfill for counties over six years, the state taking over mental health and eliminating the conservation tax credit for donations and eliminating the forest reserve tax credit.

Public input. Michael Cecil, 2815 Herblo spoke about voting rights and the United States struggling to get

people to vote. After the last election we saw record turnouts and now the State and National Legislators have lost track of right to vote and changing laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

A work session was held after the meeting. The Board and County Engineer took a road tour of the 5-Year Construction Program Projects.

This Board meeting is recorded. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county's website [www.dmcountry.com](http://www.dmcountry.com)

Approved April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor