

April 14th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Bob Beck and Jim Cary present. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic declaration, this meeting was 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.

Item 6.E.6 Sheriff's office personnel action was removed from the agenda.

Meet with Department Heads: County Budget Director Cheryl McVey gave a June 2nd Primary Election update. The ballots are in and can be mailed starting April 23rd. There have been 86 requests received so far. The Secretary of State's Office will be mailing absentee request forms to all registered voters. McVey encouraged anyone interested in voting at the Primary Election to vote by mail. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener thanked Tom Nelson for his 10 ½ years of service. The Board thanked him and congratulated him on his retirement. Recorder Lisa Hazell stated that they are busy and down to four employees. Two employees are working from home and two are working in the office. She stated that marriages cannot be done on-line, they must be performed in person. County Engineer Brian Carter had a skype meeting with the DOT regarding the 61 coalition. Iowa City road is closed and concrete could be poured this week. Gear Avenue has had some concrete poured and traffic will be shifted to the new pavement as that progresses. Mediapolis Road is closed due to bridge work. With the school being closed, there is less traffic. They are still hauling rock and roads have dried out. Tom Broeker asked how long the Iowa City road will take to complete. Carter thought two to three months, but local traffic would be allowed through before that. Gear Avenue will take longer, possibly four to five months. Mediapolis Road is estimated to take four to five months. Two bid packets were sent last week for Upper Flint and intersection at Starr's Cave. These will bid on April 30th. Flint Creek bridge on Highway 99 bid will be sent out this week and it will be bid on May 7th. Carter thanked IT Director Colin Gerst for setting it up so that contractors can view the bid openings on YouTube. IT Director Colin Gerst stated that they have been keeping busy. Via Webex: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported that they have been working on projects at the Nature Center and in the field. The conservation board will meet by conference call tomorrow evening. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported that he will be meeting with the crisis assessment team this week. They are using telehealth and screening everyone before they enter the crisis homes. They are having contract meetings over zoom this week. His office is using phone and e-mails to conduct business. Sheriff Mike Johnstone stated they are limiting access to the Jail. They are receiving more PPE. The hospital may be able to supply some things for them. Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist complimented her staff and thanked the public for their patience while they transact business by phone, mail and e-mail. The phone number for motor vehicles is 753-8273 and tax is 753-8252. Attorney Lisa Schaefer stated her office is splitting time at home and the office. She thanked Rodney for delivering boxes from the basement for them to sort through while they have time. They are preparing for the rush in mid-July. Land Use Administrator Zach James stated that the office is closed to the general public and they are working from home. Supervisor Beck asked if SEIBUS is going to receive any assistance from the federal government. Mike Norris stated that they will receive just shy of \$1 million from the Federal Transit Administration. They are making general plans on how to use the funds.

COVID-19 update: Chairman Broeker reported that hopefully the last iteration of the Des Moines County Communicable Diseases COVID-19 Policy e-mailed last week. It has been a work in progress and is hopefully taken care of now. Broeker spoke with Gina Hardin yesterday regarding a grant for Des Moines County for emergency housing to protect the homeless by taking them off the street during the duration of the crisis. Cary had concerns regarding Des Moines County taxpayers paying for housing people that are not residents of the county. Broeker felt there wasn't much we could do about it once they are here, and we need to get them off the streets. Beck asked if the grant would cover the costs. The county would have to pay a 15% match for the grant. Broeker will keep the board updated. The college offered the dorms to emergency responders that don't want to go home and potentially expose their family members. The board appreciates the college for doing this. There are hotel rooms available to the emergency responder's family members.

Correspondence. Broeker stated Director Hal Morton of the Des Moines County Regional Landfill recommended that we table the rural Spring Clean-up until further notice due to concerns with social distancing. Discussion was held. The board will bring it up again later.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

**Child Abuse Prevention Month 2020
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2018, 4.3 million reports were made to child protective services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

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

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Des Moines County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2020.

Thomas L. Broeker, Chairman
Jim Cary, Vice-Chair
Robert W. Beck, Member

Emergency Management Coordinator Gina Hardin joined the meeting via Webex after technical difficulties. Mississippi River is cresting and should start going down tomorrow or Thursday. The Emergency Operations Center is still open. They have PPE arriving today. They are working on a system to track volunteer hours so that it can be used by local high schools as the local match or in-kind contribution for grants. The list of entities that received the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant can be found on the Iowa Economic Development website. Several businesses in Des Moines County have received the grant to help them stay in business. Broeker mentioned that it was his understanding that we had 45 cases of hand sanitizer that were ready for shipment hit by tornadoes. Broeker asked Hardin if she could find out how many people are being housed under the emergency housing grant that are from other counties. She will get back to him.

Young House Community Development Block Grant application was presented. Due to COVID-19, tele-health is being used to limit exposure. The grant will help with costs associated with hardware/software, supplies, and training. Via Webex: Mike Norris stated they need a letter of request signed by the Chairman of the board requesting the grant. There is no local match required. Shawna Freitag stated they have seen a major increase in

services due to coronavirus. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Appointment of Randy Burgus to the Des Moines County Zoning Board of Adjustment with term expiring November 2024. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Beck. Via Webex: Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarrod Lassiter explained that Chris Roberts had served on the board since 2010, but moved outside the county. Randy Burgus will replace Chris.

Resolution setting time and date of FY20 Budget Amendment Hearing was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND DATE OF FY20 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING
Resolution # 2020-023

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the time and place for a public hearing on the FY20 budget amendment for Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Des Moines County Courthouse. The Des Moines County Budget Director is hereby directed to publish the notice and estimated summary as required by law. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2020.

DES MOINES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tom Broeker, Chairman
Jim Cary, Vice-Chairman
Bob Beck, Member
ATTEST: Cheryl McVey 1st Deputy / Budget Director

Personnel Actions: Conservation-Marcus Nack, Naturalist, new hire, new rate \$39,254.79 yr., effective 5/6/20. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck. Correctional Center-Nicholas Jeffries, CO-FT Sergeant, 6-mo step increase. New rate \$48,949.66 yr., effective 4/16/20. Michael Hayes, CO-FT, 24-mo. step increase. New rate \$41,191.09 yr., effective 4/23/20. Bradley Koenig, CO-FT 24-mo step increase. New rate \$41,191.09 yr., effective 4/24/20. Beck moved to approve the Correctional Center actions and seconded by Cary. County Attorney-Hayley Hamelton, Clerk I, 12-mo. step increase. New rate \$32,741.56 yr., effective 4/15/20. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. Maintenance-Tom Nelson, Lead Maintenance, retirement effective 4/17/20. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck. Broeker read a letter of resignation from Renae Wellborn. Recorder-Renae Wellborn, Clerk-PT, resignation effective 4/10/20. Beck moved to approve and seconded by Cary. Recorder Lisa Hazell expressed that Renae was an excellent worker and would really be missed. Renae took a full-time job. The board asked Hazell to give Renae their best wishes.

Cary motioned to approve the April 7th, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by Beck.

Committee Reports: Beck attended a Highway 61 coalition meeting. He expressed appreciation to Dan Wiedemeier. Broeker attended a SEIL on-line meeting. They approved claims and discussed COVID-19 issues. Attended daily meetings at the Emergency Operations Center. Will receive PPE today.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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

Approved April 21st, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Cheryl McVey, 1st Deputy/Budget Director