

May 25th, 2021

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Shane McCampbell present. This meeting was electronically available via Webex and YouTube live streaming. Public input was available through board email or call in.

Changes to Tentative Agenda. The County Attorney stated item 5G should be listed as “Pending Litigation” instead of “Possible Litigation” per Iowa Code. 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. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail population is 72. Emergency Management Coordinator Gina Hardin stated they are changing the alerting system for the public since the State of Iowa has a new vendor. The public will have to sign up for the new system even if they were previously signed up for the old system. Anyone wanting cell phone coverage needs to sign up. There will be more options with the new system and the changeover will take place June 30th. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated his department is gearing up for the busy holiday weekend. Campgrounds are full at Big Hollow and 4th Pumping Station. The Flotilla and Big Hollow Open House is rescheduled for June 5th along with National Trails Day and the Optimist Club Kids Fishing Tournament. Payroll Deputy Sara Doty was present. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported a Zoning Commission is scheduled for May 26th at SEIRPC Office. County Recorder Natalie Steffener stated her office is busy. Sheriff Kevin Glendening stated everything is going well. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer stated her office is working on catching up with jury trials. Deadline of July 31st is approaching for those asking for speedy trials prior to Feb 1st and Jan 31st, 2022 for those waiving a speedy trial prior to Feb 1st. Schaefer has interviewed several candidates for the legal intern position in the office and will make an offer next week. She stated the Des Moines County Attorney’s Office and Sheriff’s Office is partnering with the Burlington Police Department to sponsor a National Night Out event scheduled for August 3rd from 6pm to 9pm. It will be held on the riverfront and include all 1st responders. Assistant County Attorney Trent Henkelvig was present. Safety Director Angela Vaughan was present. Secondary Roads Administrative Assistant Becky Purchase reported projects are moving ahead in spite of the rain. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy and they are working on the tax sale list for publication. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department is working on several projects. On June 7th, repairs to the alley behind the courthouse will begin. June 14th – 18th, the 1st floor courtroom will have audio/video equipment installed by the state vendor. Installation of the new backup generator at the jail should start June 1st. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported the 7-day positivity rate is 4% with 22 cases in the last 7 days. 33,900 vaccine doses have been administered with 16,100 completed. The COVID Mobile clinic will be around town to different sites and be at the Farmers Market on Thursday. The Board of Health is working on a public health website.

A Correction to 5/21/2021 Payroll Claims Reimbursements was presented. The amount was corrected from \$314.02 down to \$270.72. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Appointment of Lee Robertson as Huron Township Trustee for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring on December 31, 2024 was presented. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Cheshmore Wedding at Barn on the Ridge for 6/3 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Wells Wedding at Barn on the Ridge for 6/10 was presented. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Personnel Actions. Correctional Center: Kendra Whalen, Asst. Cook. New hire, new rate \$8.84 hr., effective 5/25. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary. Conservation – Jessica Johnson, Seasonal Day Hire – Naturalist Asst. New rate \$13.00 hr., effective 6/1. Cora Ransford, Seasonal Day Hire – Naturalist Asst. New rate \$10.00hr., effective 6/1. Cary motioned to approve both actions and seconded by McCampbell.

Cary motioned to approve the May 18th, 2021 meeting minutes and seconded by McCampbell.

Closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1) (c) – McCampbell motioned to go into closed session and seconded by Cary. The board members, County Attorney, Assistant County Attorney, Maintenance Supervisor and County Auditor moved to the Board’s office to discuss pending litigation and conduct the closed session. After discussion, the Board moved into the meeting room. Cary motioned to go out of closed session and seconded by McCampbell.

Other Business. The Board discussed opening the front entry of the courthouse after it was closed in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The CDC rulings have changed due to vaccination availability. Masks will still be provided for those wanting to use a mask. The front entry will officially open May 26th.

Committee Reports. Cary attended a Board of Health meeting and stated they are working with a vendor for a health department website. Cary attended a Fair Board meeting. McCampbell attended a Workforce

Development meeting. Broeker attended via Zoom a Mental Health & Disabilities Service meeting and they approved claims for the Region.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am

Two work sessions were held after the meeting. The first work session was with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss the American Rescue Plan and the \$3.8 million in funding the County received. This is a first half payment, and the second half will be received in a year. The Board is still waiting on clarification on how the funds can be used. Funds must be appropriated by 12/31/2024 and spent by 12/31/2026. Possible uses of the funds could be a new public health building since the current building is 90 years old and lacks space for clinics and social distancing. Other options may include lost revenues, internet access to Starr's Cave Nature Center, and continuation of Jail Diversion program. The County will continue to discuss options and hopefully get more input from ISAC and NACO on usage of the funds. The second work session included everyone from the first work session. The group discussed the HIPAA program provided by Carosh and changing to Compliancy Group to provide HIPAA training.

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

Approved June 1st, 2021

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Terri Johnson, County Auditor