

July 27th, 2021

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, July 27th, 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 preparing for elections this fall. The Burlington City Election candidate filing period begins on August 9th and ends on August 26th. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported everything is going well. The jail population is 75. He stated the Des Moines County Fair starts this week and National Night Out will be held August 3rd. County Engineer Brian Carter reported his department is busy. The Hwy 99 Flint Creek bridge is still making progress. Rip rap, black dirt and guard rail work needs to be done. The contractors on Flint Bottom Road are making headway. Hwy 61 traffic has moved over to the new lanes heading north out of Burlington and is still a two-lane road. The Iowa Department of Transportation received one bid for the Hwy 61 expansion around Mediapolis. Carter had a pre-construction meeting for the Geode Road hill project. August 16th is the late start date, and the road will be closed for about 1-1/2 months. Pleasant Grove Road project, he is unsure when the project will start since the contractor approved for the project is also working on Hwy 61. When this project starts, it will take about two months to complete. Road crews are ditching on Irish Ridge Road and working on culvert projects. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported Lake Geode beach and camping is fully open. Big Hollow continues to have an algae issue on the lake. The fish are biting but the shoreline is congested with algae, making it difficult to fish from the shoreline. This is not a health issue but just gross. Lee stated the backside entrance to Starr's Cave, along Hwy 61, is closed due to construction. Access to the trail will be from Starr's Cave until the Hwy 61 construction is complete. Volunteer recognition day will be held August 13th at Starr's Cave. County Recorder Natalie Steffener reported her office is busy. She encouraged everyone to attend the Des Moines County Fair and stated she is working on the ATV brochure. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office is busy and she is finishing up plans for the National Night Out event to be held on August 3rd. Food and prizes will be available at the event. She stated the jury docket of backlogged cases has less than 100 cases to complete. She is advertising for the misdemeanor position open in her office. The next murder trials are set for September 28th, 2021 and January 11th, 2022. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported her office is busy and she is working on the annual report. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy and they are gearing up for the tax season. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener stated his department is busy.

Correspondence: Chairman Broeker read a letter from FEMA stating the new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) have been completed for the County. The new study and maps will become effective on October 21st. The letter further stated the County needs to implement these documents through the appropriate measures by ensuring our community's flood plain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by October 21st.

Public Hearing for Road Petition for grading and granular surfacing upgrade to 235th Street beginning at 90th Avenue and running west 750 +/- feet in the East ½ of Section 20 in Yellow Spring Twp. Landowner is Kay Wirt, 23575 90th Ave., Mediapolis. Cary motioned to open the public hearing and seconded by McCampbell. County Engineer Brian Carter spoke about the road petition and the owner's responsibility for the upgrade. During research Carter became aware the 66' right-of-way requirement already exists, it was dedicated in the 1950's but never improved. If the right-of-way had not already been established the petitioner would have been responsible for 100% of this cost. The petitioner will pay 50% of the rock and dirt work, which their portion is estimated to be \$6,000. A site survey has been completed. Carter recommends approving the petition. No comments written or oral were received regarding this public hearing. Cary motioned to close the public hearing and seconded by McCampbell. Cary motioned to approve the road petition to upgrade the road and seconded by McCampbell.

The County Treasurer presented Sixteen (16) Tax Sale Certificates to be assigned to the City of Burlington. All are empty lots and their reason for purchase is to sell to an adjacent property owner for consolidation, sell lot(s) for development or combine the adjoining lots for development. The following certificates were presented: #06-0505, #06-0507, #06-0510, #07-0448, #09-0530, #09-0531, #10-0400, #10-0403, #10-0407, #10-0408, #11-0435,

#11-0436, #11-0437, #11-0438, #12-0443 and #17-0389. The City of Burlington is not offering to pay anything for these assignments, along with all real estate taxes included in the tax sale. They additionally asked for all real estate taxes be cancelled along with their special assessments in the event a deed is issued to the City. They will pay the \$10 assignment fees. McCampbell motioned to approve all sixteen certificates and seconded by Cary.

Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$149.80 was presented. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Personnel Actions. Recorder – Renae Welborn, Clerk II. Unpaid time off 7/27 for 7.5 hrs. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell. Secondary Roads – Larry Poggemiller, Jr., Maintenance. New hire. New rate \$21.27 hr., effective 7/26. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor’s Office:

Jail Stats, June 2021

Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission, June 2021

Cary motioned to approve the July 20th, 2021 meeting minutes and seconded by McCampbell.

Other Business. McCampbell stated the Early Childhood Center will be opening at the Corse School Building at 711 S. Leebrick St., on August 26th at 9am.

Committee Reports: Cary attended a SEIRPC meeting. They will be building a new bus barn.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Two work sessions were held after the meeting. The first work session included Mike Norris with SEIRPC, County Engineer and Budget Director to discuss administration of American Rescue Plan Act. Norris stated they did not have the personnel to administer the plan. Discussion was then held on how to use the funds. County projects were top of the list, such as a new Health Department Building, County Phone system, Digitize real estate transfer books, grantor/grantee books, deed books and supervisor minute books. Other possibilities are SEIRPC/housing, Grow Greater Burlington tourism and Danville and Mediapolis Telephone Companies broadband. The County with assistance by SEIRPC will work on a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the Health Department building to get the process started. The Budget Director stated a budget amendment will be needed before any funds can be spent.

The second work session was held on Meekers Landing Road on Carl Stonoff’s property at 2pm to discuss his concern about a culvert under the road. Present was the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor, County Engineer, Carl Stonoff, Randy Meeker and Kirk Siegle (Two Rivers Levee & Drainage). Stonoff stated the culvert was installed in the 1970’s and he felt it was not installed properly. The north end is higher than the south end. Mr. Stonoff had attended a board meeting in January 2008 regarding the same issue. The County Engineer stated the culvert is corrugated pipe with no failure issues. The County does not replace culverts with no issues, and he would not replace the pipe without consulting the Drainage District and he does not want to tear up the concrete road until necessary.

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

Approved August 3rd, 2021

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Terri Johnson, County Auditor