

August 25th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, August 25th, 2020 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Bob Beck 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 over 3,000 absentee request forms have been received for the November General Election. The Mediapolis School Special Election is September 8th. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw introduced new Deputy Brent Vogelgesang to the Board. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Mediapolis Road is still closed, the contractor is working on grading, etc. and maybe the road will open next week. Work will begin on the Starrs Cave and Irish Ridge Road intersection project next week. One lane will remain open and depending on the weather should take less than a month to complete. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated since there are no programs at the Nature Center due to COVID the construction work will not be an issue. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported West Burlington is looking at their ordinance to add a road safety section to keep their workers safe when working on streets. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported the SEIL Region is discussing how to use the CARES Act funding recently received. They are looking at options for children and adult services. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office is gearing up for jury trials which will increase courthouse traffic. District Court trials will be held three weeks a month and Associate District Court trials will be held one week a month. Schaefer is meeting with Maintenance and IT to discuss how to update the Courtroom to present paperless evidence. More video and audio will need to be installed. Schaefer stated they are still actively seeking resumes for the open Assistant County Attorney position. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported their office is busy. Sheriff Mike Johnstone and Sergeant Kevin Glendenning were present. Via WebEx: Clerk of Court Jackie Myers reported her office is busy and she is working with Judge Brown to fine tune procedures to resume jury trials. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported the property tax statements were mailed last Thursday and they are beginning to receive payments and answering many phone calls. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department is busy. They finished projects at the care facility and the Dual Diagnosis Center should open the 1st week of September. Recorder 1st Deputy Natalie Steffener reported they have been busy. COVID-19 update - Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her office has been busy with contact tracing follow ups and the County has 432 positive cases with 130 recovered. The recovery rate is higher, but it takes 28 days to be removed from the website listing as recovered. The positivity rate is 14.4%. She is working with a facility that had an outbreak. The EOC is meeting monthly but may move to weekly to support the hospital with the recent increase in cases. Poggemiller requested a work session with the Board next week to discuss CARES Act Funding. County Engineer Brian Carter thanked Christa for all her help in giving advice for his office.

Correspondence. Broeker read a letter from the Department of Natural Resources regarding a new confinement facility to be built by MCTA Pork, Inc. The new facility will be located in Franklin Township. The Board will not hold a public hearing on the facility but will provide a public notice to receive any comments to be forwarded to the IDNR.

Public Hearing for Ordinance #59 – Tanning Facilities and Devices. Beck motioned to open the 2nd public hearing and seconded by Cary. No public comments were received. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller stated the Board of Health is requesting the County to pass this ordinance. The State is leaving it up the County's to pass an ordinance to enforce the state code on tanning facilities. Broeker stated he is not in favor of over regulation and not in favor of the ordinance. Beck motioned to close the public hearing and seconded by Cary. Beck motioned to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance and seconded by Cary. Broeker voted nay. Cary motioned to waive the 3rd hearing therefore approving the ordinance and seconded by Beck. Roll call: Cary – yes, Beck – yes, Broeker – nay. Ordinance passed with a majority vote.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$274.97 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

City of Burlington is requesting tax abatement on three parcels deeded to the City with no purchase price. The three parcels are derelict properties in very poor condition and in need of demolition or substantial rehabilitation. The Parcels are: 16-09-183-010 (114 Harrison) in the amount of \$774, 11-32-286-014 in the amount of \$2,203 and 11-32-402-004 (1116 Spring) in the amount of \$2,408. Beck motioned to approve all three abatements and seconded by Cary.

Homestead and Military Exemptions were presented. Homestead value is \$51,647,649 and Military Credit value is \$3,807,712. These exemptions are for the 2019 taxes payable 2020 and 2021. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Resolution and Final Plat for Schnupper Subdivision was presented by Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter. This is a one-lot subdivision containing 5.06 acres in Section 23, Danville Twp. Owner is Donald & Jean Schnupper, 515 West Glasgow St., West Burlington and the Subdivider is Corey Fraise, 205 North Cottonwood St., New London. Lassiter recommended approval. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

**DES MOINES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION #2020-039**

WHEREAS Section 354.8 of the Code of Iowa states that a governing body shall certify by resolution the approval of a subdivision plat, and,

WHEREAS the Final Plat for Schnupper Subdivision has been reviewed for conformance to applicable County standards by the Des Moines County Health Department, Secondary Roads Department, County Auditor, Zoning Commission Chair and Land Use Department and has been duly recommended by the aforementioned entities for approval,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Final Plat of Schnupper Subdivision.

Approved and adopted this 25th day of August 2020.

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Tom L. Broeker, Chair
Jim Cary, Vice Chair
Robert W. Beck, Member
ATTEST: Terri Johnson, County Auditor

Resolution and Final Plat for Beckman Heritage Farms Subdivision was presented by Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter. This is a one-lot subdivision containing 5.86 acres with 2.94 acres in road right-of-way in Section 9, Flint River Twp. Owner is Earl & Mildred Beckman, 5175 West Ave., Burlington and the Subdivider is the Estate of Earl Beckman c/o Douglas Beckman, 13984 N Prairie Grove Rd., Burlington. Lassiter recommended approval. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

**DES MOINES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION #2020-040**

WHEREAS Section 354.8 of the Code of Iowa states that a governing body shall certify by resolution the approval of a subdivision plat, and,

WHEREAS the Final Plat for Beckman Heritage Farms Subdivision has been reviewed for conformance to applicable County standards by the Des Moines County Health Department, Secondary Roads Department, County Auditor, Zoning Commission Chair and Land Use Department and has been duly recommended by the aforementioned entities for approval,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Final Plat of Beckman Heritage Farms Subdivision.

Approved and adopted this 25th day of August 2020.

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Resolution Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT
RELIEF FUND
RESOLUTION #2020-041**

A resolution by Des Moines County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Des Moines County requests reimbursement of \$494,023.90 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Des Moines County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

HEREBY RESOLVED but the Board of Supervisors for Des Moines County on this 25th day of August 2020.

Tom Broeker
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attested: Terri Johnson

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Brant Wedding on 9/3 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Class B Native Wine Permit for Country Treasures LLC was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Class C Liquor License for Yarmouth Filling Station was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office:
Des Moines County Agricultural Extension Report FY20
Jail Stats, July 2020
Sheriff's Monthly Report, July 2020

Beck motioned to approve the August 18th, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Cary.

Future Agenda Items: Work Session with Local Health and Closed Work Session with County Attorney regarding pending litigation.

Committee Reports. Beck attended an ISAC Supervisors Legislative Committee meeting via ZOOM. Cary

attended an Iowa Workforce training session. Des Moines County will still have a local office available.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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

Approved September 1st, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor