

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 with Chairman Tom Broeker and Vice-Chair Jim Cary present. Member Bob Beck was absent. 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 7,222 absentee request forms have been received. Ballots will be mailed on October 5<sup>th</sup> the same day in-person absentee voting begins at the office. Johnson asked that anyone who has requested an absentee ballot to be mailed to not show up at the office the same day to vote in-person. She does not want to jeopardize the current ballot supply. Any voter can hand deliver their voted ballot to the office, mail it or place in the tan drop box next to the courthouse. Johnson stated she is working on alternate locations for Pct 2 and Pct FM. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department is busy and reported Hope Haven's Dual Diagnosis Center is open at the county care facility. County Engineer Brian Carter reported work is continuing on Starr's Cave Rd and moving out to the intersection with Irish Ridge Rd. There will be traffic control for one lane during the day. The project should be completed in two weeks. Road crews are pinching 10 to 11 miles of gravel road. This process pulls in the shoulders, crowns the road and adds gravel. They continue to blade roads after the much-needed moisture. A concrete patch is being done on Golf Course Road. The 1<sup>st</sup> week in November, the contractor will start on the Flint Creek Hwy 99 bridge construction. This will require a full road closure. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine stated everything was good at the jail and the Crime Commission has began jailor school. The population is 66. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported SEIL is accepting CARES Act applications from mental health providers and schools. They are also working on a new website for the Region. Sergeant Kevin Glendening stated everything is going well. The Sheriff is taking applications for deputy positions thru October 1<sup>st</sup> with testing on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He was pleased to announce they were able to put K-9 Tank to work last week. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported Des Moines County has 740 positive COVID cases with 479 recovered. The EOC will hold a meeting this afternoon. The Health Department will hold a Drive-Thru Flu clinic on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm at St Mary's in West Burlington. Via WebEx: Conservation Director Chris Lee commented "To Please Buy Some Pumpkins" at the Conservation Office on Washington Road. They have four large bins full of pumpkins. They were planted in anticipation of the Big Hollow Halloween event which was cancelled due to COVID. His crew is installing a kiosk in the parking lot off Hwy 61 used for trail access. One of his Park Rangers deployed this month. Big Hollow camp sites are still a big hit and very busy through October. Depending on weather, the parks usually close at the end of October. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her department is busy with motor vehicle transactions and property tax payments. Tax payments are due September 30<sup>th</sup> and can be paid in the office, online (up until midnight) or placed in the drop box provided for county business. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported land use is busy with subdivisions and flood plain permits. The Zoning Commission will be reviewing the ordinances and several county offices will be requested to review the ordinances. They will also discuss whether to address solar panels, small or large and wind farms.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$197.42 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Resolution Authorizing Des Moines County to Financially Support the Great River Housing Trust Fund for FY22 was presented. Zach James, SEIRPC via Webex discussed the trust and grant process and how the county has been provided funding since 2011. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-043**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DES MOINES COUNTY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE GREAT RIVER HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, that said Des Moines County is a duly recognized governing body acting under the laws of the State of Iowa; and,

**WHEREAS**, that said Des Moines County in assisting this regional development activity will sustain a viable housing program for the entire region and,

**WHEREAS**, Des Moines County is a member of the Great River Housing Trust Fund, a regional housing nonprofit corporation that assists low- and moderate-income households in the region,

**WHEREAS**, Des Moines County residents and businesses have benefitted economically through sustained taxes and supply purchasing through the Great River Housing Trust Fund's Programs,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT:**

Des Moines County will contribute \$10,000 cash match to the Great River Housing Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2022 thus benefiting low to moderate income households in the county and the region.

PASSED and APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2020.

Thomas L. Broeker, Chairperson  
Jim Cary, Attest

Class C Liquor License LC for Spirit Hollow Clubhouse was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #17-0398 to Byron Gashler, 14876 Washington Rd., Lot 23, West Burlington. He is offering to pay 100% of all delinquent taxes of \$1,614 plus \$10 assignment fee. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #18-0436 to Byron Gashler, 14876 Washington Rd., Lot 23, West Burlington. He is offering to pay 100% of all delinquent taxes of \$1,551 plus \$10 assignment fee. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Personnel Actions. Correctional Center – Sabrina Rana, Part-Time Correctional Officer. New hire, new rate \$12.88 hr., effective 9/24. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Maintenance – Gauge Johnson, Lead Maintenance. 6-mo step increase. New rate \$33,272.03 yr., effective 9/23. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Treasurer's Cash on Hand report, June 30, 2020 and Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report, June 2020

Cary motioned to approve the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Broeker.

Committee Reports. Cary attended a Southeast Iowa Crime Commission meeting. Broeker attended a COBCO meeting online. They approved a new wellness program "Naturally Slim".

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

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

Approved September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor