

September 29th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, September 29th, 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 7,748 absentee request forms have been processed and preparing for in-person absentee voting to begin on Oct 5th the same day absentee ballots can be mailed. Johnson stated two precincts will have temporary polling locations for the General Election. Pct 2 – Autumn Heights will be temporarily moved to Optima Life Services office at 910 Cottonwood and Pct FM – Conservation Office will be temporarily moved to the Middletown City Hall at 120 Mechanics St. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter stated the contractor is working on the last section of Starr's Cave Road at the intersection with Irish Ridge Road. The new shop site on Iowa City Road is ongoing. Road pinching is continuing, and crews are ditching on Irish Ridge Road. County Attorney Lisa Schaeffer reported her office on their 3rd jury trial and busy. A new assistant county attorney has been hired, but still has one more position to fill. Safety Director Angie Vaughan was present. Sergeant Kevin Glendening reported the jail population is 62. CDS Director Ken Hyndman stated his office is busy with CARES Act applications. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported Des Moines County has 800 positive COVID cases with 588 recovered. Immunization clinics are open, and the Drive-Thru Flu clinic will be held on October 14th from 10am to 3pm at St Mary's in West Burlington. Via WebEx: Clerk of Court Jackie Myers stated the 3rd jury trial is taking place and busy. They are bringing in smaller groups for jury panels and everything seems to be going smoothly. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy. The 1st half property taxes are due September 30th and penalty interest is added on October 1st. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported they are receiving lots of subdivision questions and inquiries. They will be sending the ordinance updates to departments to review. Broeker reported the EOC will hold a meeting this afternoon.

A Proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Month was read into record by Broeker. Beck motioned to support and seconded by Cary. Alta Medea Peters via Webex discussed programs and stated support is highly needed. She stated 96% of victim survivors feel safer working with this organization.

Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2020

Whereas, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds, causing long-term physical, psychological, and emotional harm; and

Whereas, one in three Americans has witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

Whereas, children who experience domestic violence are at a higher risk for failure in school, mental illness, substance abuse, suicide, and may choose violence as a way to solve problems later in life; and

Whereas, domestic violence in rural communities exists as a hidden, silent, and often unrecognized crime that is often underreported; and

Whereas, through the inspiration, courage, and persistence of victims of domestic violence, their children, and advocates, our communities are learning to recognize the impact of violence in the home and within intimate relationships; and

Whereas, the Domestic Violence Intervention Program has worked to end violence in intimate relationships for more than 40 years through the collaborative partnerships of advocates, volunteers, local municipalities, criminal justice, health and human services, faith communities, business leaders, and private citizens; and

Whereas, our community's achievements should be commended, and we must continue our commitment to respect and support victims of domestic violence and to prevent future violence in our community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month

of October 2020 to be:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Des Moines County, Iowa, and urge all people to work together to eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from our community.

Signed this 29th day of September 2020, in Des Moines County, Iowa

Tom Broeker

Chair Des Moines County Board of Supervisors

Jim Cary

Vice-Chair Des Moines County Board of Supervisors

Bob Beck

Member Des Moines County Board of Supervisors

Personnel Actions. County Attorney – Kollan Kolthoff, Assistant County Attorney. New hire, new rate \$65,000 yr., effective 10/5. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck. Local Health – Brigitte Davis, Nurse. Unpaid leave 1.5 hrs. and Stefanie Gall, Disease Prevention Specialist. New temporary part-time at \$23.88 hr., with position ending 1/31/21. Beck motioned to approve both actions and seconded by Cary. Sheriff's Office – Kolton Atkins, Deputy. 18-mo. Step increase. New rate \$54,882.04 yr., effective 10/22, Thomas Seitz, Deputy. 18-mo. Step increase. New rate \$54,882.04 yr., effective 10/23 and John Mercer IV, New Reserve Deputy at \$1 yr., effective 9/29. Beck motioned to approve all three actions and seconded by Cary.

Report received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Jail Stats, August 2020

Cary motioned to approve the September 22nd, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Broeker. Beck abstained.

Committee Reports. Broeker attended a DESCOM meeting.

Public Input. Hawkeye Reporter - Bob Saar thanked the Burlington Police Department for their quick response to a break-in at his house while he was out of town. Michael Cecil commented on the break-in and how efficient the Police Department was in conducting the investigation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 AM.

Following the board meeting was a work session with the County Engineer to discuss construction project updates. The Engineer discussed the Road Use Taxes and Local Option Sales Tax revenue during the epidemic. There does not seem to be a change (maybe minimal) in funding for projects. Currently the Local Option Sales Tax has increased. The Engineer would like to bid the Flint Bottom Road project when the Iowa DOT bids the next 10 miles of the 4-lane Hwy 61 project in December. He stated competition is good to get the best prices for the project. The board agreed, the Engineer will finalize the plans for this project to bid in December.

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

Approved October 6th, 2020

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor