

February 28, 2012

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, with Tom Broeker, Dan Cahill and Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Changes to Tentative Agenda: the work session for a personnel action has been postponed indefinitely.

Meet with Department Heads: the County Auditor explained that voter registration cards had been mailed to all registered voters due to changes in some polling places. Some precinct lines were changed because of revised census numbers. Also, the law now allows for super precincts, which will combine nine Burlington precincts into three for local elections. County Engineer Brian Carter reported gravel roads are still very soft. He has scheduled a bid opening for rock on Thursday. Carter also stated that if rural residents want to be omitted from roadside spraying they must contact his office and pick up signs to post in that area. CPC Ken Hyndman updated the Board on the Mental Health redesign. He was encouraged by the wording of HSB 646, which will move away from regionalization and support funding by residency. Jail Administrator Duane Worthy added that cutting services for low income people will impact the jail. County Attorney Pat Jackson reported that there is legislation in process to have county attorneys represent the Department of Human Services, essentially making them unpaid employees of the State.

The following correspondence was received: letter from Energy Independence Partners re: tour of the Wastewater Pilot Project at Carlisle, IA.

Beck moved to approve a Special Election on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, for the City of Burlington to renew its Local Option Sales Tax. Seconded by Cahill.

Cahill moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Seconded by Beck.

Future agenda items: the budget hearing will be March 6<sup>th</sup>.

During committee reports, Beck had attended an Imagine campaign meeting. Broeker had attended a preliminary meeting of the Port Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 AM.

A work session was held regarding a loan taken out by the E911 Board in the late 1990's to purchase equipment to support E911 responses. Police Chief Dan Luttenegger, who is current chairman of E911, stated that revenue received from landlines has dropped to one-third of what the agency was receiving at that time. Most of the revenue from cell phones goes to the State. Full payment of the loan is due in July. \$440,000 is still owed with an interest rate of 6%. The Board discussed putting a question on the November ballot to increase the surcharge or begin the bonding process in January to repay the loan. Cahill stated that E911 is a very important and essential function. He is in favor of bonding in order to keep the service.

Budget Director Cheryl McVey had contacted Jeff Heil with Northland Securities who worked with the County on a previous bond. Heil presented five, seven or ten year repayment plans. The Supervisors asked Luttenegger to contact the bank with a request to extend payment until January. The County will bond for seven years. E911 will be able to repay most of the debt and the County will set a debt levy to pay the difference.

This Board meeting is recorded and the tape is kept on file for two years. The minutes are also posted on the county's website [www.co.des-moines.ia.us](http://www.co.des-moines.ia.us).

Approved March 6, 2012  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, Auditor