

May 1, 2012

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012, with Tom Broeker, Dan Cahill and Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: the County Auditor stated that ballots for the Primary Election are available for persons wanting to vote early. County Engineer Brian Carter reported that Mediapolis Telephone Company is installing fiber optic cable in the north part of the County. Secondary Roads crews are applying rock on roads that were dug up.

Cahill moved to approve Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$1,197,564.21. Seconded by Beck. Broeker noted that about \$630,000 of this amount was for the Solid Waste bond payment.

County Treasurer Brenda Buck was present with Jeremy Dean who is requesting that a tax sale certificate be assigned to him. Buck stated that Dean is willing to make full payment of 5 years of delinquent taxes plus interest and drainage taxes. Motion to assign Certificate #09-0542 was made by Cahill and seconded by Beck.

The Board received a letter from the Tama Township Clerk and Trustees stating that Tom Shockley was no longer a resident of Tama Township and therefore not eligible to serve as Trustee. They recommended appointing Chris Rhoads to the position. Also received was a letter from Rhoads stating his interest in serving. Motion to replace Shockley with Rhoads was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill.

Cahill moved to approve a 12 month step increase for Bailey Grimes, part time cook at the Correctional Center. Seconded by Beck.

Beck moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on April 24th, 2012. Seconded by Cahill.

Future agenda items: Cahill stated that the Board had intended to approve today the restrictive covenants for properties acquired after the 2008 flood. However, because there are still some wells and septic systems to be removed, it was decided to postpone the sale until all can be sold. The sale will probably take place in September.

During committee reports, Broeker reported that he had met with members of the labor unions to discuss health insurance.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM.

A work session was held regarding a proposed E911 bond. Dan Luttenegger, Chairman of E911, stated that the E911 Board borrowed money for computer equipment in the late 1990's and refinanced the balance at 6% interest in 2007. The final payment is due at the end of June. Luttenegger stated that the problem repaying the loan comes from loss of revenue from the surcharge on landlines. Most people use only cell phones today. Budget Director Cheryl McVey reported that it would be possible to borrow through the Iowa Financial Authority at 5 to 7 percent interest or through the County using a multipurpose bond.

Cahill stated his concern that the State might take over the E911 system and leave the County with an outstanding loan. Luttenegger responded that would be a long process beginning with getting 911 Boards to answer to the State. He thinks there might be some consolidation eventually. The E911 Board is paying \$50,000 per year towards this debt and in 5 to 7 years any debt owed to the County will be almost paid off. Equipment is up to date.

The E911 Board is asking for a seven year bond with a repayment rate of less than 3%. Cahill stated that the 911 system is essential for the safety of county residents and needs to be maintained. Beck added that, if needed, the debt service levy is paid by all entities. McVey stated that 5.3 cents will repay the loan in seven years if E911 is unable to make their payments. The E911 Board would save about \$90,000 in interest by borrowing through the County instead of IFA. The Board's consensus is that the County will go ahead with seeking a bond.

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.

Approved May 8, 2012

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Carol S. Copeland, Auditor