

October 16, 2012

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 16th, 2012, with Tom Broeker, Dan Cahill and Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Engineer Brian Carter reported that he and Mike Norris with Regional Planning are looking for funds to replace the bridge on Co Hwy 99. CPC Ken Hyndman reported that a meeting is being held tomorrow in Mt. Pleasant on regionalization. Hyndman also reported that the State wants more financial information from the County before approving the revised County Management Plan. Sheriff Mike Johnstone reported that a benefit for the water response team brought in \$750.

Correspondence received: Check received from the State for flood payment in the amount of \$9,818.00. Notice from the Environmental Protection Agency that the Courthouse received the Energy Star Award for 2012. The Board complimented Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener for this achievement.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$366,045.83 were approved upon motion by Beck. Cahill seconded.

Dan Eberhardt with Regional Planning gave an update on the flood buyout. He stated that Fye Excavating began demolition 10 days prior and the three largest structures are gone. The project should be completed in seven to ten more days. The sale of seven properties can be held towards the end of November. Cahill added that he has drafted restrictive covenants for these properties and will work with Eberhardt to finalize them.

Chief Deputy Jeff White and Angie Vaughan, City/County Safety Director, were present to discuss a self defense safety program that will be taught to city and county employees. December is Workplace Violence Training month.

CPC Ken Hyndman presented nine month extensions for contracts with Great River Mental Health Care Associates, Great River Medical Center and Hope Haven Area Development Center. Motion to approve these contracts was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill. Hyndman stated that he is still working on the contract for Cottonwood.

Motion to abate real estate taxes in the amount of \$64 for property located at 131 S. 7th was made by Cahill and seconded by Beck. The City acquired this property, demolished the dwelling and sold the land. Taxes being abated are for the time the City owned the property.

A request from the County Recorder to cancel checks older than one year was approved upon motion by Cahill. Beck seconded. The total of \$19.20 was returned to the General Basic Fund.

Broeker read a Proclamation designating October 23rd through October 31st, 2012, as Red Ribbon Week. Motion to approve was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill. This is the 27th year for this observance.

The following personnel actions were approved: at Community Services, Nancy Carey received her 30 month step increase. Latasha Cardenas also received a 30 month step increase. There were two personnel actions for leave without pay for Cardenas, due to having no sick leave or vacation to use.

Motion to approve all four actions was made by Cahill. Seconded by Beck.

The following reports were received and filed:
Case Management, September 2012
General Assistance Program, September 2012

Minutes for the Board meeting held on October 9th, 2012, were approved upon motion by Beck. Seconded by Broeker. Roll-Call Vote: Beck, Aye Broeker, Aye Cahill, Abstain

During other business, the County Auditor asked that the November 6th meeting be moved to Wednesday, November 7th. The meeting room will be needed for the Absentee Board.

Future Agenda Items: the documents for a Title VI agreement will be on next week's agenda.

During committee reports, Beck had attended a meeting of Grow Greater Burlington. He reported that new industry and business is coming to town. He plans to attend the Hope Haven annual meeting on October 22nd. Broeker attended the Disaster Recovery presentation and a regular meeting of the RUSS board.

During Public Input Session #2, Mary Beard, airport manager, invited the Board to a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, celebrating the five year anniversary of Jet Air and the opening of a new runway.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

A work session was held regarding the revision of the Airport Zoning Ordinance. Those present included Mary Beard, Jeff Hanan with Regional Planning, and the County Attorney. Hanan stated that this is properly called a height restriction ordinance. Beard stated that federal funds will have to be repaid if the airport perimeter isn't protected by a revision of the airport ordinance. Cahill pointed out that any restrictions on private property constitute a taking of the rights of the owner and should be compensated.

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 October 23, 2012
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor