

July 2, 2013

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 A.M on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 with Tom Broeker, Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Engineer Brian Carter stated he will be checking out FEMA culvert projects soon. He invited the Board along to tour the sites. A grading project will start soon now that the ground is drying out. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the Big Hollow campground area with electric is full in anticipation of the July 4th weekend.

Correspondence items: Broeker read a Fact Sheet from EPA Region 7 regarding public comment for a Draft Hazardous Waste Permit at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. The public comment period will run from June 26 thru August 10. The fact sheet will be posted on the public bulletin boards in the courthouse.

Public Input Session #1: Judy Stuecker spoke on behalf of Communication Workers of America (CWA). It has come to the Union's attention the county is taking bids on the possibility of outsourcing janitorial services. She asked if the request for bids was published and if the outsourcing had been previously discussed at a board meeting. Broeker stated the Board and Rodney Bliesener, Maintenance Supervisor had previously discussed getting bids. The Union was concerned this issue did not come up during contract bargaining. Stuecker mentioned the concessions the union made for the current contract and if the county would really be saving money by eliminating two jobs by outsourcing. Mike Cameron on behalf of CWA was trying to be proactive and wanted to know if the bids will be on the agenda. Broeker stated the Board and Bliesener will review the bids, if there are no cost savings then no action will be taken.

Duane Worthy, Correctional Center Administrator presented the Correctional Officer of the Year award to Bobby Roark. Roark has been a full time correctional officer since October 2011. Worthy described Roark as very helpful and a team player. Roark was presented with a plaque.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$533,549.22 were approved upon motion by Beck. Cary seconded.

Cary moved to approve the following fireworks permits: Matthew Zurmuehlen and Aaron Skrukrud. Beck seconded.

The Optimae Life Services' contract renewal was reviewed. Ken Hyndman spoke in favor of renewing the contract. He said it was the same as last years' except additional therapy sessions were added. The number of sessions increased from twelve to fifteen. Beck moved to approve the contract renewal. Cary seconded.

Jason Hutcheson with Greater Burlington Partnership presented the "Partnering for the Future II". He discussed the accomplishments over the past five years with the "Partnering for the Future" initiative. To maintain this momentum and compete with other communities he announced the next five-year plan "Partnering for the Future II" and described the issues they plan to focus on. They need to raise \$1.6 to \$1.9 million to implement this new initiative. Most of the funds will come from business and community leaders. He asked if the Board would consider continuing their investment of \$10,000 per year over the next five years for a total investment of \$50,000. Cary moved to approve continued support for the project. Beck seconded.

The Board reviewed the Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium 28E agreement. Terri Johnson, Election Coordinator explained the history of using Precinct Atlas for elections and absentee voting since 2009. Cerro Gordo developed the program; we have been paying a fee the last couple of years. Now all counties using precinct atlas will be a partner in the consortium. Cary moved to approve the 28E agreement. Beck seconded.

Beck moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on June 25, 2013. Cary seconded.

Committee reports: Cary received an email update on the juvenile detention center. On average, they have 9.8 juveniles daily. Broeker attended the City/County Health Insurance Board meeting. The balance of a self-funded account is \$150,000 less than assumed. Prior to 2011, the City of Burlington finance department handled the receipts, while EBS handled the claims. Now EBS handles the receipts and claims. EBS should have reconciled the account when they took over. EBS does not think anything is wrong. They offered not to charge their monthly \$8,000 administration fee for one year for a total of \$96,000. Three accountants on the board do not seem concerned about the issue. Jerry Sherwood and Broeker are concerned about the discrepancy. The Health Insurance board discussed forming an audit committee to review the account. They will discuss the issue at their next meeting.

Public Input Session #2: Mike Cameron on behalf of CWA made additional comments regarding the maintenance personnel issue. Security becomes an issue when outsourcing jobs. The sheriff's office and other offices may have issue with unfamiliar individuals having access to their offices.

Cary motioned to adjourn. Beck seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

This Board meeting is recorded and the tape is kept on file for two years. The minutes are posted on the county's website www.dmcourty.com

Approved July 9, 2013

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Terri Johnson, Deputy Auditor

