

January 14, 2014

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: County Engineer Brian Carter reported that the ice storm this morning began about 6:30. Crews were sent out immediately. Salt and sand are applied on paved roads and motor graders work rock up to the surface of gravel roads.

Robert and Janet Hesler, Danville, shared information about the proposed Danville Museum, which will be combined with the Danville Library. Local sisters, Juanita and Betty Wagner, received a letter from Anne and Margot Frank in 1940. This started a collection of old postcards to complete the display. They want a total of 1.5 million postcards to represent the 1.5 million Jewish children killed during WWII. The land for the museum has been donated and they have \$250,000 in donations and pledges. They need \$600,000 to match funds with a CAT grant. Janet Hesler asked that the County make a financial commitment for the museum. Beck said the Supervisors would consider their request.

Kristie Fortmann-Doser, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, spoke to the Board about regionalization of this program. Fortmann-Doser stated that the Attorney General has shifted funding due to cuts in services. At one time, there were seven locations in southeast Iowa but now the closest one will be in Iowa City. Burlington's shelter will remain open but will be more dependent on private funding. She asked for the Board's support. Sheriff Mike Johnstone added that this is a necessary resource for his department and relied on by many abused women.

Carter presented a Resolution agreeing to have the Iowa State Association of Counties lobby for a 10 cent increase in the Road Use Tax Fund. Carter stated that the last increase in gas tax was in 1989. At that time, the counties were to get 32.5 percent share, cities would receive 20 percent and the state would get the balance. Presently counties get 20 percent and the state takes 60 percent. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Cary and seconded by Broeker.

Stating that the County's main concern is the safety of the County Attorney's staff, Broeker moved to approve a one year lease for office space in the U S Bank building at Main and Jefferson streets. Seconded by Cary. The lease takes effect on February 1, 2014 but the bank will allow the county to begin moving in as soon as possible. Moving will be handled by county maintenance staff. Beck and Cary thanked Broeker for his work on finding this space.

Cary made a motion to accept the resignation of Mitzi Mueller from the Pioneer Cemetery Association and approve the appointment of Stacy Bliesener. Seconded by Broeker.

The following reports were received and filed:

Case Management, December 2013

General Assistance, December 2013

Sheriff, December 2013

Veterans Affairs, December 2013

Clerk's Report of Fees Collected, December 2013

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Seconded by Broeker.

Public session #2: John Hager, Burlington, asked that the sound system be improved so that people in the back of the meeting room can hear what is being said.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

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.dmccounty.com](http://www.dmccounty.com)

Approved January 21, 2014

Bob Beck, Chairman

Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor