

January 26, 2016

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, January 26th, 2016, with Tom Broeker, Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: the County Auditor reported that her office is receiving a lot of calls regarding the caucus on February 1st. County Engineer Brian Carter reported there were some slick spots this morning so motor graders were out for a while. Crews are ditching when weather permits. County Recorder Lisa Schreiner stated that her office is processing a lot of passports. One day, thirty were issued. Schreiner had a booth at the Bridal Fair and handed out information about marriage licenses and passports. County Attorney Amy Beavers reported that the Magistrate Appointing Committee is meeting today to interview candidates for the Associate Court Judge vacancy. CDS Ken Hyndman reported that he will be attending a meeting with Regional Planning to work on a bid for an RFP for SEIL to provide new services such as Peer run Drop ins or permanent supportive housing.

Kevin Kuckleman, Keokuk attorney and developer, is in the process of restoring the Tama Building at the corner of Third and Jefferson. This is an \$8.2 million project and will result in remodeling the building into one, two and three bedroom apartments. The lower floor will be available for businesses to lease. At this point, the building has been gutted, asbestos has been removed and the building cleared of all smoke and fire damage. He appeared before the Board to request the return of the frieze of Chief Tama that is currently displayed in a monument on the northeast corner of the Courthouse lawn. Kuckleman stated that while working on the history of the Tama Building, he learned that the frieze had fallen off the building many years ago and was in the County's possession. He offered to make a replica of the Chief and exchange it for the original. The Supervisors were amenable and will sign a formal agreement when it is presented to them.

Conservation Director Chris Lee presented an agreement with Blades of Green for contract mowing for the 2016 season. Lee stated that this has been accepted by the Conservation Board and he wanted to have the Supervisors approve it also. Cary moved to approve. Seconded by Beck. This is a one year agreement and reserves the right for a four year extension.

Beck moved to approve an engagement letter with Anderson, Larkin & Co., P.C. This company conducts the audit of the County's financial records. Seconded by Cary.

Personnel action: in the Treasurer's office, Diane English has been hired as a part time clerk in the motor vehicle department. She will be paid \$14.00 per hour. Effective date is February 1, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Beck and seconded by Cary.

The following reports were received and filed:

Sheriff's Monthly Report, December 2015

Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for Qtr ending 12/31/2015

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on January 19th, 2016. Seconded by Beck.

During committee reports, Beck attended a meeting of Des Moines County Public Health. The new director will start on February 1, 2016. All the Board members attended budget hearings during the past two weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 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.dmcounty.com

A work session was held following the Board meeting. Broeker had built a spreadsheet to show a five-year plan to bring the ending fund balance of the Mental Health Fund down to a 25% carryover. Broeker explained the spreadsheet to those present.

Approved February 2, 2016

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor