

April 12, 2016

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, with Tom Broecker and Jim Cary present. Bob Beck was absent.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: County Recorder Lisa Schreiner stated that April 29th is the last day to register boats. After that date, a \$5 penalty will be added. County Attorney Amy Beavers reported that a jury trial was going on today. Emergency Management Director Gina Hardin reported that the river was going down. There are two open spots left for the FEMA training in July.

The Supervisors presented a Years of Service Award to Gina Hardin. She has worked for Des Moines County for 20 years.

Broecker read a Resolution to Fund the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project. Cary moved to approve. Seconded by Broecker. The Resolution will be forwarded to the U.S. Congress.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, during the last six years the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall and flooding with the most recent being the winter flood of 2016; and

Whereas, sixty percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, and navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital commodities such as coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four million people who live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than 500 billion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Des Moines County, Iowa supports the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of \$500 million dollars for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and

navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that Des Moines County, Iowa supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property. Dated this 12th day of April, 2016 on behalf of Des Moines County, Iowa.

Thomas L. Broeker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jim Cary, Member

Cary moved to set the time and date for the public hearing to amend the fiscal year 2016 county budget. The hearing will be on April 26th at 9 AM. Seconded by Broeker.

The following personnel actions were approved: at the County Attorney's office, Robbie Ford was promoted to Records Specialist effective March 17, 2016. She will make \$30,000 per year. Motion to approve was made by Cary and seconded by Broeker. The supervisors accepted the resignation of Delaney Richards effective May 1, 2016. Richards has been serving as one of the medical examiner investigators. Motion to approve was made by Cary and seconded by Broeker.

The following reports were received and filed:

Auditor's Report of Fees Collected, Qtr. Ending March 2016
Case Management Monthly Report, March 2016
General Assistance Monthly Report, March 2016
Veterans Affairs, Qtr Ending March 2016

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on April 5th, 2016. Seconded by Broeker.

The results of the Special Election for West Burlington School District were canvassed. It was found that there were 225 Yes votes and 125 No votes, with 350 total votes cast. Cary moved to approve the results as canvassed. Broeker seconded. The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy was approved.

A future agenda item will be the public hearing for amendments to the current budget to be held on April 26th.

During committee reports, Cary had attended a Juvenile Detention meeting in Ottumwa. Broeker attended the Safety Committee meeting and a SEIL meeting where they interviewed applicants for the patient advocate positions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 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. The Supervisors met with District Court Judge John Linn to discuss courthouse security. It was agreed to form a Courthouse Security Committee composed of representatives from the Sheriff's office, Burlington police department, Juvenile and District Courts and several county departments. A meeting of those people will be held in late April.

Approved April 19, 2016
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor