

May 30th, 2017

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 30th, 2017, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

The Fireworks Ordinance and new Fireworks Law work session scheduled for after the regular meeting was cancelled.

Meet with Department Heads: Sheriff Mike Johnstone reported a quiet Memorial Holiday weekend. County Engineer Brian Carter reported the Madison Avenue project will start next week. The residents along Madison Avenue have been notified the road will be closed for several weeks. The Pleasant Grove bridge project is moving along. The bridge deck and part of the railings have been poured. All dust control has been completed. His crews are blading and rocking. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported the Board of Health will have a meeting June 1st at GRMC. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported all campgrounds were full for the holiday weekend. The Critter Catch event at Starr's Cave Nature Center had over 225 attendees. The kids found a lot of stuff. This coming weekend is a free camping weekend at the county parks. Safety Director Angie Vaughan finished the biennial Safety Days Program at SCC. She is currently working on the annual report and the numbers are looking good.

Correspondence: Beck read an email he received from Jeanette Butts regarding the Animal Ordinance. She is not in favor of the ordinance and felt the State of Iowa provides a law to shoot a threatening dog. Beck read a letter of support the Board of Supervisors is sending to the Iowa Transportation Commission. They are in support of the FY 2018-2022 Draft Transportation Improvement Program. They are specifically pleased with the highway program's addition of the four-lane improvements to US 61 in Des Moines and Louisa Counties from north of Mediapolis to one mile north of Iowa 78. The four-lane completion of the remaining 36.2 miles to complete the corridor is essential.

Public Input Session #1: Several people attended the meeting for the Fireworks Ordinance work session. The Board asked them to speak about areas of concern since the work session was cancelled. Jim Oetken, 18064 170th Ave., Yarmouth is the owner of J&M Displays. He commented the new law's rules are still being written by the State Fire Marshal. Currently only sample forms are available. He provided pyrotechnic definitions from the American Pyrotechnics Association (APA). The APA also provides FAQ's and injury statistics on their website. It was stated there is a difference between consumer and display fireworks. Matt Trexel, City of Burlington Fire Chief and Mark Crooks, City of Burlington Fire Marshal was present to discuss the new fireworks law. They wished the State Legislature would have given them more time to sort through the new law. On June 2nd consumer sales will be permitted by the State Fire Marshal, and they are still working on the permitting process completed online. Fire Chiefs and State Fire Marshals may be responsible for inspecting structures and locations for compliance. The new law specifies types of structures used to sell the consumer fireworks, dates for the sale of fireworks and time frames when the fireworks can be used. Matt Zurmuehlen, 17289 Irish Ridge Rd, Burlington commented about the new law and hopes everyone will be responsible. The County Conservation Director stated despite the new law, fireworks are not allowed in parks according to state code.

A resolution to set the time and date for the Animal Control Ordinance public readings was read. Broeker motioned to approve the time and dates. Cary seconded.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME AND DATE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the time and place for three public hearings on the Animal Control Ordinance for Tuesday, June 13th, June 20th and June 27th at 9:15 AM in the Board Room at the Des Moines County Courthouse.
- 2) The Des Moines County Auditor is hereby directed to publish the notice as required by law.

- 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVE this 30th day of May, 2017.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert W. Beck, Chairman
Jim Cary, Vice-Chairman
Tom Broeker, Member

ATTEST: Terri Johnson, Auditor

Broeker motioned to approve a fireworks permit for Thie Farm Inc. on June 10th. A permit was approved last week for Class C but was changed to include Class B fireworks. Cary seconded.

Broeker motioned to approve a fireworks permit for Chad Myers – Sperry Fireworks on July 2nd. Cary seconded.

The following personnel actions were approved. Community Services: April Krogmeier, Mental Health Advocate received a 1-year step increase. New rate is \$36,700.78 yr., effective 5/31. Jill Olson, Case Manager, is retiring effective 6/30. Cary motioned to approve both actions. Broeker seconded. Sheriff's Office: Katie Meeker, Clerk II, received a 30-month step increase. New rate is \$31,650.30 yr., effective 5/30. Judy Stuecker, Administrative Assistant, received an 18-month step increase. New rate is \$39,912.50 yr., effective 6/1. Cary motioned to approve both actions. Broeker seconded.

Broeker motioned to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on May 23rd, 2017. Cary seconded.

Other business: Broeker mentioned he is working with Henry and Lee Counties to find a new medical examiner for this area. No results yet but they talked to Mark Richardson at GRMC last week.

Committee Reports: Broeker met with Two Rivers Insurance regarding 28E Organizations they work with including COBCO. Two Rivers was fined a few years ago for a fees charged transparency issue for a 28E organization in the state. Beck attended a Landfill Commission meeting. Beck and Broeker attended a ceremony at the Ordinance Plant for workers killed at the plant. Beck attended an SEIRPC meeting and a Hwy 61 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

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

Approved June 6, 2017
Bob Beck, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor

Following the meeting was a work session; the County Engineer took the Board of Supervisors on a Road Tour.