

December 31st, 2019

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 31st, 2019, with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Bob Beck and Member Jim Cary present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported she is busy preparing for budget hearings starting next week. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office is busy getting ready for jury trials in January. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist stated the motor vehicle department is keeping busy. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported everything is going well, the jail population is 103 and working on the budget. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported he is working on budgets and trying to fill the General Assistance position. He has posted the General Assistance position internally and will now post the opening externally. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated he is working on his budget and seasonal positions will be posted soon. County Engineer Brian Carter was glad to see decent weather, and everything is going well. Road crews are still working on ditching projects. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter stated there is a subdivision out for review and they are working on the ordinance updates. Others present were: Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw, and Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener.

Correspondence. Broeker read a letter received from ITC Midwest LLC regarding their proposal to rebuild approximately 6.61 miles of an existing 69kV transmission line in Des Moines County, due to age and condition of the line. An informational meeting will be held at 5:30PM on February 6, 2020 at Mediapolis City Hall. Details of the project will be presented at the meeting along with a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners.

The Mediapolis News, Des Moines County News and The Hawkeye were approved to serve as official newspapers for Des Moines County in 2020. Beck motioned to approve all three newspapers and Cary seconded.

2020 Board Committee Assignments will remain the same with the addition of the Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission to Broeker's committee list. Cary motioned to approve, and Beck seconded.

The 2020 Weed Commissioner Certification for Jeff Chase was presented. This is a yearly certification and Chase has been appointed since 1996. Beck motioned to approve, and Cary seconded.

The 2019 Weed Commissioner's Report was presented. Cary motioned to approve, and Beck seconded.

Class C Liquor License for Hy-Vee Two Rivers Festival at Barn on the Ridge for 1/8/2020 was presented. Beck motioned to approve, and Cary seconded.

The 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Proclamation was read into record by Chairman Broeker. The proclamation commemorates the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States; and honors the role of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in further promoting the core values of our democracy as promised by the Constitution of the United States; and reaffirms the opportunity for people in the United States to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; and reaffirms the desire of Des Moines County citizens to continue strengthening democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established under the 19th Amendment. Cary motioned to approve the proclamation and Beck seconded.

Des Moines County's Response to AFSCME Contract Proposal. No AFSCME Representative was present. Chairman Broeker requested the response to be emailed to Amber Moats, AFSCME Representative.

Personnel Actions. Correctional Center – Tucker Hulse, Correctional Officer-Part Time. 6-mo step increase. New rate \$15.37 hr., effective 1/5/20. Hillary May, Correctional Officer-Full Time. 12-mo step increase. New rate \$39,522.03 yr., effective 1/3/20. Beck motioned to approve both actions and Cary seconded.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office:
Jail Stats, November 2019
Cost Advisory Services, Inc Allocation Plan, FY2019

Beck motioned to approve the December 17th, 2019 meeting minutes and Cary seconded.

No Committee Reports.

Chairman Broeker turned over the meeting to County Auditor Terri Johnson. She called for the 2020 Organization of the Board of Supervisors. Beck nominated Broeker for Chair and Cary for Vice-Chair. Cary seconded the nominations. All nominations ceased. Roll-call vote: Beck, Aye Cary, Aye Broeker, Aye

Beck thanked the Department Heads for their years' worth of hard work, easy to get along with and their outstanding work. Broeker and Cary agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM.

Work Session following the above meeting. The Board of Supervisors and County Engineer discussed Maintenance and Future New Construction Items. Carter discussed the Tama Road issues regarding vehicles, boats, etc. parked along the road in the right-of-way. Photos of the items were presented and because of the proximity of the items to the road, crews are not able to plow the snow completely off the road. Iowa Code Section 318 allows the Highway authority (Board of Supervisors) to remove such obstructions. The Engineer will send letters to the owners requesting the obstructions to be removed. Discussed a bridge in the bottoms that was replaced with triple tank cars several years ago. It has become an issue for the Drainage District due to an invasive weed breaking loose in chunks and clogging the pipes. They would like a bridge to replace the tank cars for easier access to clean out such weeds. Sullivan Slough road has a low area and a cabin owner in the area would like the road raised to make it passable during a 15' river stage. The Engineer estimated it would take about 450 tons of rock to raise the low area in the road. Discussed Iowa City Road and plans to budget a new shop along this road in next years budget. This will replace two aging sheds and consolidate into one. He would also like to add a small salt storage area to cover the northern area of the county so the road crews can save on driving time during snow events. Discussed possibly approaching the Iowa Department of Transportation when they get to the interchange phase west of Mediapolis. He would like to close Mediapolis Road during this construction and mill down and add a concrete overlay from the interchange to Mediapolis. This would hold up better than asphalt once the heavier traffic starts using this road.

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

Approved January 7th, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor