

November 1st, 2022

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, with Chairman Jim Cary, Vice-Chair Shane McCampbell and Member Tom Broeker present. This meeting was also held electronically via Webex and YouTube live streaming. Public input was available through board email or call in.

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

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson gave an election update. The number of absentee ballots sent is 3,422 with the number returned is 2,853. The Auditor's Office will be open Saturday, November 5th from 9am to 5pm for absentee voting. The last day to absentee vote in person is November 7th. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. Assistant County Attorney Trent Henkelvig gave an update on business at the county attorney's office. Maintenance Director Rodney Bliesener reported the bid opening for the jail projects will be held this afternoon at 2:00 pm. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter stated their office is busy. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported 1,300 delinquent notices will be printed and mailed this week. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her office is busy. Flu vaccine is available during clinics held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00 pm by appointment or walk-in. The Bivalent covid booster is available for those 6yrs and older at the Thursday clinics. County Recorder Natalie Steffener reminded the public that the Off Highway Vehicles and Snowmobile tags need to be renewed as they will expire at the end to the year. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported his crew is starting the park closing process. Big Hollow will remain open until the weather gets too cold. County Engineer Brian Carter reported the Hwy 99 project is still in progress. The lights should be removed today. The open grader position has been offered and accepted. Bids are out for the Bridgeport project. Safety Director Angela Vaughan stated her office is staying busy. SEIL CDS Director Ken Hyndman gave a SEIL update. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail is fully staffed and currently has 97 inmates. Twenty-four of those are housed out of county with seven waiting for treatment. Eight are waiting for placement in a residential facility by the State. Ervine also reported the Civil Service will hold seven interviews this week.

Correspondence – Chairman Cary stated the Board has received lots of correspondence regarding Conservation's discussion about leasing FEMA property along Tama Road. This discussion will be held during public input.

Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$1,157.42 was presented. McCampbell made a motion to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$488,244.28 was presented. Broeker made a motion to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Resolution 2022-071 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans was presented. Cary read the resolution into record. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Resolution #2022-071
Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Des Moines County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Des Moines County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Des Moines County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

APPROVED this 1st day of November 2022.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jim Cary, Chairman

Shane McCampbell, Vice-Chairman

Tom Broeker, Member

ATTEST: Terri Johnson, Auditor

The AIA Agreement with CMBA Architects for the new Public Health Building was presented. Broeker motioned to approve the agreement and seconded by McCampbell.

Personnel Actions : DESCOM – Lance Dunblazier, Telecommunicator 1. Discharge effective 10/26. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker. Correctional Center – Cassandra Belknap, Dietary Manager. Six month step increase. New rate \$41,484.01 yr., effective 11/3. James Pleasant, Correctional Officer-Full time. Twelve-month step increase. New rate \$43,501.25 yr., effective 11/1. Broeker motioned to approve both actions and seconded by McCampbell.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Jail Stats, September 2022

McCampbell motioned to approve the October 25th, 2022, meeting minutes and seconded by Broeker.

Future agenda item – SEIRPC requested a work session on the Wind and Solar Ordinance review to be held November 22nd. The Airport Approach Ordinance amendment public hearings will start November 15th.

Cary reported he attended a Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Public Input – John Archer, 210 Edgewater Beach Rd. stated he owns land along Tama Road and does not agree with leasing the county owned FEMA property. He supports Conservation and asked about funding and

grants. Kris Blaesing, 201 Rogues Rd. stated she owns land along Tama Road and had concerns about leasing the FEMA lots but supports Conservation. Ron Wunderlich, 204 Edgewater Beach Rd. an adjoining landowner stated residents on the riverside of the levee maintain the roads. Had concerns about possible leasers ruining their roads. He stated he supports Conservation. Supervisor McCampbell thanked the owners for maintaining the FEMA lots next to their land. Supervisor Broeker thanked everyone for attending and had concerns about Conservation's proposed leasing of FEMA lots and the Board does not intend to disrupt homeowners' lives. Conservation Director Lee stated the FEMA lots possible leasing of the land was not new and has been discussed since 2019. The Conservation Board has discussed it extensively and was not something new, but they wanted public input.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Following the meeting two work sessions were held. The first work session was with the Asst. County Attorney, Public Health Administrator, County Treasurer, Eric Tysland, City of Burlington and Bruce Hudson, RUSS to discuss the nuisance ordinance. The Assistant County Attorney presented an updated draft of the nuisance ordinance. Additional changes were discussed, and another work session will take place on November 22nd. The second work session was with the Conservation Director Chris Lee and three Conservation Board members – Julie Solinski, Bob Hansen and Jim Garnjobst regarding Conservation's budget. Lee stated he estimates their FY23 budget will have a \$15,000 deficit. Solinski estimated closer to \$40,000 short. Further discussions on the FEMA lots was held, and Chairman Cary read an email from an adjoining owner about their concerns. Jim Garnjobst asked why Conservation has to pay drainage and levee taxes for the FEMA properties. With the shortfall in the budget, Lee stated the Maple Leaf Loop will be closed and turning the Mediapolis Park into a pollinator park. Another work session will be held to further discuss their budget concerns.

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

Approved November 8th, 2022
Jim Cary, Chair
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor