

August 11, 2026

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, with Chair Shane McCampbell and member Jim Cary present. Vice-Chair Tom Broeker was absent. The 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.

Meeting with Department Heads: Maintenance Director Rodney Bliesener reported his staff are attending the mental health training that is currently taking place. His department continues to be busy. Administrative Assistant Becky Purchase reported a message board will be going out on old Highway 34 by the Ammunition Plant to direct traffic on where to go. IT Director Brandon Mehmert reported his office is busy. Assistant County Attorney Trent Henkelvig reported Lisa and Blake are working on the murder trial in Keokuk. Sheriff Kevin Glendening was not present but wrote to the Board to let them know things are running smoothly in the Sheriff's Department. He is helping with the murder trial in Keokuk as well.

Approval of Personnel Actions were presented: Sheriff – Gwen Baltisberger, Clerk II, 30-month step increase, new yearly rate of \$42,004.87 effective 8/24. Cary made a motion to approve and was seconded by McCampbell. Correctional Center – Emma King, FT Correctional Officer, Unpaid time of 2.25 hours from 7/22; Raiann Anderson, FT Correctional Officer, 18-month step increase, new yearly rate of \$57,105.12 effective 9/5; Vincent Robbins, FT Correctional Officer, 12-month step increase, new yearly rate of \$55,869.15 effective 9/10. Cary made a motion to approve all three personnel actions and was seconded by McCampbell. Recorder – Renae Koehler, 2nd Deputy, 40.67 hours unpaid for 7/20 – 7/31. Cary made a motion to approve and was seconded by McCampbell. Conservation – Grant Swanson, Kendall Colter, and Carissa Mackey all ended their Summer Internships effective 8/22. Cary made a motion to approve all three personnel actions and was seconded by McCampbell.

Reports: Clerk's Report of Fees Collected, July 2026
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Cary made a motion to approve August 4th, 2026, regular meeting minutes and was seconded by McCampbell.

McCampbell attended a Conservation Board meeting, and Cary attended a DMC Fair board meeting. During public input, Cheryl Plank with Imagine the Possibilities updated the Board on what they are doing with the Douglas St. properties. They are looking at putting in new windows and roofs on the buildings with an estimating cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. She also questioned the Board with the process of the selling of our Douglas St. buildings as well. Questioning if the money can be paid directly to the contractors for the work they are currently doing or if it needs to go to the Hope Haven Foundation. Assistant Attorney Trent Henkelvig stated if the funds were donated to the Hope Haven Foundation, they would need to go to the Hope Haven Foundation, not the contractors. Tracey Lamm questioned the Board regarding the data center work session last week. She asked if the Board has a potential timeline they are looking at for coming up with an Ordinance and questioned what kind of investigation they are doing to get their information regarding data centers.

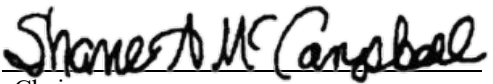
The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

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

8-18-26

Date Approved


Attest: Auditor


Chairman