

January 10, 2012

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012, with Tom Broeker, Dan Cahill and Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: Sheriff Mike Johnstone announced that one of his deputies is leaving for a better paying job. Overtime will increase until the deputy can be replaced. Cahill stated that the deputy serving as a school resource officer should be put back on patrol. Johnstone responded that he is not only the school officer, which is a deterrent to theft and bullying, but an extension of the Sheriff's office in the small towns. Johnstone agreed that the schools could help cover the expense of stationing a deputy there. County Engineer Brian Carter reported that he met with Middletown City Council last night. A 28E agreement for maintenance of old Highway 34 will be written. Secondary Roads crews have been cleaning trees out of right of way. County Conservation Director Kim Perlstein announced that a Polar Plunge will be held at Big Hollow as a fundraiser to complete projects there. Cahill reported that the Chamber of Commerce held a reception for elected officials last week and that Bob Beck was honored for extraordinary service. Cahill stated that this was a great honor for Bob and also Des Moines County.

The following correspondence was received:

Notice of a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board for DHS;
Letter from Greenway announcing new ownership and listing renovations and support programs;
Notice of a meeting of Iowa Pipeline Association;
Letter from Brandon Ellis, Kingston, asking that the speed limit be enforced;
Letter from Schylar Fogle, re: maintenance of Y Camp Road;
Letter from Chuck Griffin, re: interest in serving on Civil Service Commission; and
Letter from Community Action, thanking the County for financial support.

Cahill moved to approve a three day suspension of Kyle Gahn, custodian in the Maintenance department. Seconded by Beck.

The following reports were received and filed:

Veterans Affairs, December 2011
Veterans Affairs, Qtr ending 12/31/11
Recorder's Report, Qtr ending 12/31/11
Case Management, December 2011
General Assistance, December 2011

Beck moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on January 3rd, 2012. Seconded by Cahill.

Future agenda items: a work session on January 24th regarding juvenile detention. Cahill will contact the Juvenile Court Officers and Judges.

During committee reports, Beck had attended meetings of the Conservation Board and Value Added Ag Committee. He had also met with SEIRPC regarding their projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 AM.

A work session was held regarding the sewer project in Augusta. Bruce Hudson with RUSS spoke to the Board regarding a 28E agreement between the County and RUSS to move this project forward. The planning and design is estimated to cost \$111,000, which includes \$5,000 for a preliminary engineering report. That expense will be passed along to the residents of Augusta, plus operation and maintenance costs. Cahill suggested that instead of signing on with this project, the County could assist homeowners with private systems. Cahill stated that he was opposed to signing a 28E and committing the County to administrate a 40 year program.

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.co.des-moines.ia.us.

Approved January 17, 2012
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, Auditor