

March 5, 2013

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, with Tom Broeker and Jim Cary present. Bob Beck was absent.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: Julie Winter, Administrative Assistant to the County Engineer, reported that crews have been working on the roads since 5 AM and the snow appeared to be slacking off. Chris Lee, Director of Conservation, reported that there will be a Conservation Board meeting tomorrow night. He also stated that snow cover this late in the season is not good for the pheasant population. It is getting difficult for all wildlife to find food. County Recorder Lisa Schreiner reminded that her office will be open on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, for Passport Day. CPC Ken Hyndman reported that he took bids on his department's extended van and sold it for over \$10,000.

Accounts Payable claims in the amount of \$189,197.40 were approved upon motion by Cary. Seconded by Broeker.

Cary moved to approve a contract to provide law enforcement to the City of Danville for fiscal year 2014. The Sheriff's office will patrol not less than 20 hours per week for the total of \$67,818.60 per year. Broeker seconded.

Personnel actions: in the Maintenance Department, Lead Maintenance Tom Nelson received his 42 month step increase. Custodian Mike Belknap received his 42 month step increase. Both these actions were approved upon motion by Cary and seconded by Broeker.

The following reports were received and filed:

Veterans Affairs, February 2013

Board and Lodging of Prisoners, January 2013.

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Seconded by Broeker.

Future agenda items: public hearing for the budget will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 AM.

A work session was held with County Assessor Matt Warner, Assistant County Attorney Amy Beavers, and County Treasurer Brenda Buck regarding property located at Fifth and Valley and owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Warner explained that the land had been leased to Baker Coal, who operated out of three buildings on this property. J. K. Carpenter subsequently leased the buildings but abandoned the property in 2000 and taxes have been delinquent since. BNSF is planning to demolish two of the buildings after removal of underground storage tanks and lease the remaining building. Beavers suggested that the County approach BNSF with a proposal to forgive the interest and penalties if the railroad will pay the taxes. Cary stated that his opinion was the County should accept the taxes owed and abate the penalties and interest. Broeker agreed and directed the department heads to continue working on this project.

Budget Director Cheryl McVey submitted re-estimated fund balances after allowing for loss of sales tax revenue and the addition of \$1.5 million bond for capital expenditures.

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.dmcounty.com](http://www.dmcounty.com).

Approved March 12, 2013

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor