

August 27, 2013

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, August 27th, 2013, with Tom Broeker, Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: County Attorney Pat Jackson reported that the murder trial in District Court continues for the second week. County Engineer Brian Carter reported that the paving project on the Gypsum Plant Road is done and the bridge on 155th St will be replaced next week. CPC Ken Hyndman has been working on the draft 28E agreement for the MHDS region. The next meeting will be in Henry County on Sept. 20th.

Carter presented a Quit Claim Deed for a vacated portion of Jefferson Street in the unincorporated town of Kossuth. This street had been vacated in 1969 and the estate of the owner wanted to establish a clear title in order to convey to the next owner. Carter recommended approval. Motion to approve was made by Cary and seconded by Beck.

The following personnel actions were approved: Diane English, part time clerk in the Assessor's office, resigned effective August 19th, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Beck and seconded by Cary. At the Correctional Center, C O Stacy Hocking took 4.44 hours leave without pay. Motion by Beck. Seconded by Cary. At County Conservation, summer interns Dilan Beaird and Patrick Moore ended their employment effective August 16, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Beck and seconded by Cary.

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on August 20th, 2013. Seconded by Beck.

Committee reports: Cary attended an Iowa Workforce Development meeting and reported that unemployment in this county was at 6.2%. Beck attended meetings for Landfill and CPC committees. Beck also stated that he would be a willing participant in a combined City/County Law Enforcement Center but not at the proposed \$5 million level. The County needs credit for the amount of taxes lost to Tax Increment Funding and the center needs to be run by a joint committee, including private citizens. Cary stated that he has been thanked by several people for not involving the county with the city project. He had a call just prior to the Board meeting who suggested a new building at the former Washington School site. Broeker added that TIF was not intended to divert money from counties and schools to invest in a building to sell back to the county.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM.

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.dmccounty.com

A work session was held with the County Engineer and Rick Wirt, a landowner in the Sperry area. Discussion on vacating part of 70th Street was held. Carter stated that Wirt's land is the only one that would be landlocked. This road has a steep incline and is closed for about three months each year due to mud and deep ruts. Wirt added that closing this road would reduce traffic, kids "mudding", and he wouldn't have to replace his fence on one side of the road. After Cary asked how much the County spent on maintenance of this road, Carter stated that this is a low priority road and that the county probably spends one to three days on it per year depending on how much rain is received. Carter stated that although the Board has the right to vacate any road at any time, he will send letters to all adjoining landowners and schedule a public hearing.

Approved September 3, 2013

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor