

April 1, 2014

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: the County Auditor reported that her office will be accepting public comment until April 25<sup>th</sup> on three pork confinement feeding operations in Washington Township. Those written comments will be forwarded to the DNR by April 28<sup>th</sup>. County Engineer Brian Carter reported that crews are blading gravel roads and filling potholes. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated that there was a good crowd for the open house for the primitive cabin at Big Hollow. Ice on the lake is almost gone and county parks are opening today. City/County Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported that she will be conducting safety training for confined spaces from May 13 through the 16<sup>th</sup>.

CPC Ken Hyndman noted that he will be attending a Jail Diversion meeting at Lee County on Wednesday. The Regional Management Plan will be submitted to the State today.

County Assessor Matt Warner reported that 2014 assessment notices went out last week. About 90 percent of property owners were notified of changes in their valuation, both higher and lower, due to the fact that his office is now using a newer pricing manual. He explained that the purpose of his office is to set a property's assessment as close to market value as possible. Warner thinks this is more fair than relying on the State's blanket equalization orders, which affects all properties of one class. If property owners want to protest their new valuation, he will review it upon request from April 7 to May 5. They may also file a petition to the Board of Review from April 7<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>. Those forms are available at his office or on the Assessor's website. The Board of Review meets during the month of May.

During public input session #1, Jean Lappe of Washington Township, spoke to the Board regarding the many hog feeding operations building up around her neighborhood. She stated that she represents a group known as Des Moines County Farms and Neighbors against CAFO's and asked that the Board set a public hearing to hear their concerns. This group is concerned about water pollution, air quality and the value of their properties. Lappe presented a fact sheet listing long term health problems and asked the Board to help fight this problem at the state level. The Board responded that even if they had signed the Master Matrix, all decisions about building hog confinements is determined by the DNR and there is no local control. They will take her request under consideration.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$241,427.51 were approved upon motion made by Cary and seconded by Broeker.

Beck read a Resolution approving a 28E Agreement concerning public safety emergency communications services and cost sharing. Chief Deputy Jeff White explained that this resolution proves intent to move forward with this plan. The cities of Mediapolis, Danville, West Burlington and Burlington along with Des Moines County will all contribute financial support to this new agency. The County will be the fiscal agent. Motion to approve was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary.

Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener presented a contract to clean up debris from the old county home site. He recommended approval of a contract with G & B Construction in the amount of \$22,540. Motion to approve was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary.

Bliesener also had a contract for replacement of the front steps of the courthouse. The low bid was received from Abolt, Inc. of Ft. Madison, Ia. in the amount of \$19,400. Also, pipes will be installed in the steps, landing and sidewalk to heat the concrete to prevent ice from forming in the winter. Bliesener stated that the concrete will last longer when no salt is applied and there will be less chance of injuries from falls. This part of the contract is \$21,750 for a total of \$41,150. Motion to accept this bid was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary.

Cary moved to approve a fireworks permit for 34 Raceway. Seconded by Broeker. The permit is good through the 2014 racing season.

At the Correctional Center, part time CO Hannah Newberry resigned effective March 27, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary.

The following report was received and filed: Veterans Affairs, March 2014

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Seconded by Broeker.

Other business: the County Auditor had sent information to the Board about the HIPAA law as a reminder about the County's committee. Broeker instructed that Copeland contact department heads to find three volunteers to serve on this committee.

Future agenda items: Carter will hold a public hearing next week for approval of the IDOT budget and five year program.

During committee reports, Beck had attended a Trails Committee meeting. Broeker had attended a City/County Insurance Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 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.dmcounty.com](http://www.dmcounty.com)

Approved April 8, 2014

Bob Beck, Chairman

Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor