

December 2, 2014

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</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 polls opened at 7 AM for the Burlington City Primary. The polling site for the West Burlington Special School Election opens at noon. Voting closes at 8 PM for both elections. She predicted that voter turnout will be light. County Engineer Brian Carter reported that the contractor should finish grading on 140<sup>th</sup> St. today and then rock it. The road should be open by Thursday. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported that shotgun deer season opens next weekend for the next three weeks. County Attorney Amy Beavers reported that online filing of documents with the Clerk of Court is working well. Ken Hyndman, Community Services, reported that the regional management plan has been approved by the State.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$305,854.10 were approved upon motion by Cary and second by Broeker.

Motion to open a public hearing to amend the 2015 Budget was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary. Budget Director Cheryl McVey explained that the amendment was necessary because County Conservation is purchasing land with various grants. No tax money is being used for the purchase. The amount of amendment is \$775,156. There was no public comment for or against this amendment. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary. Motion to approve the amendment was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary.

Land Use Administrator Jeff Hanan presented a Resolution and Preliminary Plat for Hickory Crest Estates Subdivision. Hanan stated that he and the Zoning Commission were starting the subdivision process over and this is the first step. Owner Craig Upton, 11927 Beavertdale Road, spoke to reassure the Board that a fence between his and Ed Blow's property will be built before December 18<sup>th</sup>, which is the date the Zoning Commission meets to approve the Final Plat. Hanan stated that this property is within two miles of the corporate limits of West Burlington and the City Council has approved this development. Dale Oaks, 13419 Beavertdale Road, spoke at length about the fence ordinance and stated that it wasn't right that two adjoining owners didn't qualify for a fence. He thought that the ordinance should be done away with since it wasn't being administered the way he intended. Beck responded that it was written to protect the farmer's rights and it is working correctly in this case. Broeker stated that he was troubled by Oak's comments last week that some public officials were unethical. Broeker and Upton did live in the same neighborhood for several years but that had no bearing on his decision or vote. Motion to approve the Resolution and Preliminary Plat for Hickory Crest Estates Subdivision was made by Cary and seconded by Broeker.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 354.8 of the Code of Iowa states that a governing body shall certify by resolution the approval of a subdivision plat, and,

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Plat for **Hickory Crest Estates** has been reviewed for conformance to County standards by the Des Moines County Zoning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Preliminary Plat of **Hickory Crest Estates** and authorizes the developer to proceed with preparation of the Final Plat.

Approved and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert W. Beck, Chair

Jim Cary, Vice Chair

Tom L. Broeker, Member

ATTEST: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor

Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener submitted a lease agreement between Des Moines County and Hope Haven Area Development for the Cottonwood Care Facility property. This agreement is effective as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and Hope Haven will pay \$20,000 rent per year. This is intended to help cover maintenance costs. Broeker moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Cary.

The retirement of James L. Hilkin, Road Superintendent at Secondary Roads, was effective November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Carter spoke in appreciation of the years that Hilkin spent in this position. This action was approved upon motion by Cary and second by Broeker.

The minutes for the regular Board meeting held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, were approved upon motion by Broeker. Seconded by Cary. Roll-Call Vote: Broeker, Aye Cary, Aye Beck, Abstain

Future agenda items: the Burlington City Council Primary Election will be canvassed at 2 PM on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Committee reports: Cary attended an Iowa Workforce Development meeting and reported that the county's unemployment rate is the same as last reported.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 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 December 9, 2014  
Bob Beck, Chairman  
Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor