

December 30, 2014

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, December 30th, 2014, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Changes to tentative agenda: removed item 6D.

Meet with Department Heads: the County Auditor reported that her office has issued 218 absentee ballots with nine still out. Polls in Burlington are open today from 7 AM to 8 PM for the Special City Council Election. Gina Hardin, Emergency Management Director, reported that grants are available for an integrated emergency management course. This will be held at FEMA headquarters in Maryland. She would like 25 local people to attend. It will cost \$125 for 4.5 days of intensive training.

Judge Michael Schilling administered the oath of office to newly elected Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist and Supervisor Tom Broeker.

The Auditor called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2015. Beck nominated Cary. Broeker seconded. The Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chair for 2015. Beck nominated Broeker. Cary seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

Daniel Cahill presented the recommendations of the Des Moines County Compensation Board and explained the formula with which they arrived at their proposed salaries for fiscal year 2016. This will affect the eight elected officials and their deputies. The Board can accept the recommendations or reduce them all by the same percentage. They will vote on the recommendations at a later meeting.

Land Use Administrator Jeff Hanan presented a resolution and preliminary plat for the Grasslands Subdivision. He recommended approval. Beck read the Resolution. Motion to approve was made by Broeker and seconded by Cary.

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 **The Grasslands** 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 **The Grasslands** and authorizes the developer to proceed with preparation of the Final Plat, with the following conditions:

- Variance from Article V, Section 2.7 to allow for the use of woven geotextile fabric between the earth subgrade and crushed stone surfacing;
- Variance from Article V, Section 5.5 to allow for a 10-foot front-yard setback for Lot #3

Approved and adopted this 30th 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

A request from Brenda Stellern, County Treasurer was presented by Nalley-Londquist to cancel taxes on three mobile homes. Nalley-Londquist stated that one was moved out of county and the owner could not be found. The other two were dismantled and taxes could not be collected. Broeker moved to approve this action. Seconded by Cary.

Personnel action at County Conservation: John E. Mercer IV, conservation tech, has completed his probationary period and his salary has increased from \$32,000 to \$32,800. Cary moved to approve. Broeker seconded.

Broeker moved to approve minutes for the regular meeting on December 23rd, 2014. Seconded by Cary.

During other business, Broeker spoke about problems that counties have with cities using TIF financing. Bonds are issued to make improvements in an existing building or to build on bare land and the increase in valuation is used to repay the bonds. That increase in value can't be used by counties in their tax calculations. However, if counties borrow money, that total value can be used to levy taxes against. Broeker stated that he has discussed this problem with officials from Johnson County and they are using short term borrowing of three months or more. He asked if the other Board members would be interested in pursuing this method. They would like to learn more about this.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 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

A work session was held to discuss restructuring the RUSS organization. Director Bruce Hudson stated that some counties want to leave the group and RUSS is trying to work out an agreement so the remaining counties won't be hurt by losing revenue. Hudson advised the Board that this county needs to get some systems built. If the county leaves RUSS, the DNR will come in looking for problems. Hudson also stated that the county's dues can be reduced by half by the proposed restructuring.

A work session was also held regarding security issues in the courthouse. Input was sought from officials in the court system as well as county departments heads.

Approved January 6, 2015

Bob Beck, Chairman

Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor