

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads:

Sheriff Mike Johnstone reported the river is free of ice since the ice jam broke near the Skunk River. County Engineer Brian Carter stated his department is dealing with wet gravel roads. His crew is blading and rocking. He would prefer if residents have issues to call the roads department directly. His office plans to work on the Ferres Lane petition and verify names. He will work with the County Attorney to make sure the petition meets code requirements. Conservation Office Manager Joel Behne reported Conservation Director Chris Lee and several new staff members were participating in Winter Fest for conservation departments. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her office is advertising for a part-time CNA. She hopes to have someone hired in a couple of weeks. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported she is still conducting CPR training. County Attorney Amy Beavers reported her office is busy. She stated Ty Rogers swearing in ceremony as the new district associate judge takes place this Friday at 3:00 PM. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine stated the jail is over capacity. He reported he met with the sheriff and Judge Bailey about the committal process. The meeting was very informative and the process will remain as they have been doing.

Correspondence: received an email regarding the Master Matrix Resolution. The email from the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement was encouraging Des Moines County to pass the Construction Evaluation Resolution. Counties must opt into the Matrix every year. Des Moines County has never adopted the resolution. The Board stated they were not interested.

Public Input Session #1: West Burlington Mayor Hans Trousil, 215 Broadway St, West Burlington spoke. He serves on several commissions and boards. He wanted to talk about the vote or lack of vote to require separate commission employees to pay for part of their insurance benefits. He had reviewed the agendas and minutes from January to June 2016 looking for a vote or lack of vote requiring non-union employees to pay part of their insurance benefit. As chairman of the Emergency Management Commission he became aware of the deduction during their January meeting. He stated the deduction was not voted on by their commission. He also found out the Assessor's Office employees, which has its own Board, were paying the deduction. Mr. Trousil contacted the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) and during their review did not see a vote to allow the deduction for non-union or commission employees. IPIB stated if it was not on the agenda and openly discussed or voted on, it did not happen. Trousil stated the deductions were wrong and requested the Board of Supervisors to rectify the situation. He understood longevity pay to county employees was increased to offset the deduction payment by employees. Emergency Management does not receive longevity. Broeker responded the agreement with Emergency Management states she receives the insurance benefits as provided by the County. Broeker further stated not all departments including elected officials receive longevity but they pay the deduction. Trousil stated the EM Director is not a county employee but employees of other boards and no formal action by the Board of Supervisors was taken to require non-union or other commission employees to pay the deduction. Trousil then presented a request for public information letter to the County Auditor for agenda and minutes from the Board of Supervisors meetings from January 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Beck suggested the county contact our labor attorney to discuss the situation and resolutions to address the insurance issue.

Jeff Hanan presented the Resolution and Final Plat for Gabeline Acres Subdivision. Hanan stated this is a two-lot minor subdivision owned by Southeast Iowa Grain Corp / Dan Gabeline. They are splitting out an existing home and out buildings. Hanan recommended approval. Cary motioned to approve. Broeker seconded.

## 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 Final Plat for **Gabeline Acres Subdivision** has been reviewed for conformance to applicable

County standards by the Des Moines County Health Department, Secondary Roads Department, County Auditor, Zoning Commission Chair and Land Use Department and has been duly recommended by the aforementioned entities for approval,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Final Plat of **Gabeline Acres Subdivision.**

Approved and adopted this 24th day of January, 2017.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert W. Beck, Chair  
Jim Cary, Vice Chair  
Tom L Broeker, Member

ATTEST, Terri Johnson, County Auditor

The list of tax suspensions was approved upon motion by Cary and seconded by Broeker. The entire list of suspensions is required to be approved annually.

Thomas Greene submitted his resignation as Concordia Township trustee. Broeker motioned to approve the resignation. Cary seconded.

County Engineer Brian Carter presented contract documents for the Pleasant Grove Road Bridge Deck replacement BHS-C029(80)—63-29 project. The bridge is located west of the rock quarry. Funding is 80% federal and 20% farm to market. The engineers estimate was \$578,491.50, the low bid came in at \$742,716.10. Construction may start soon and the road will be closed for three to four months. Broeker motioned to approve. Cary seconded.

County Engineer Brian Carter requested to set a hearing date for a 260<sup>th</sup> Street road vacation. The vacation is for a 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an acre. A major grading and paving project was done in this area several years ago and additional right of way was purchased at that time. Vacating this small portion of land will not impact the drainage or maintenance of the road and allow the land owner to widen an existing shop for farm equipment. The hearing date will be set for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Broeker motioned to approve the date. Cary seconded.

The following reports were received and filed in the Auditor's Office:

Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report, December 2016  
Dewey Byar Trust U/W Report, 2016  
Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, December 2016

Cary motioned to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Broeker seconded.

Results were canvassed for an Election held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, for Trustees of Two Rivers Levee & Drainage District. There were two positions open for three year terms. Colin Wagenbach received sixteen votes and Steve Mullahy received sixteen votes. Wagenbach and Mullahy were declared the winners. Broeker moved to approve the results as canvassed. Cary seconded.

Committee reports: Broeker attended a meeting of the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Commission in Des Moines. Beck attended a Health Board meeting.

Public Input Session #2: Dale Dixon, 5533 Ferres Lane stated he was not in favor of the petition to pave Ferres Lane. Determining which land owners would be required to pay for the improvements keeps changing. He opposes the petition request.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.

This Board meeting is recorded and kept on file for two years. The minutes are posted on the county's website [www.dmcourty.com](http://www.dmcourty.com)

Approved January 31, 2017  
Bob Beck, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor

A work session was held after the regular meeting to discuss the 2018 budget. The Board discussed requests from the Sheriff, Correctional Center and County Attorney.

Following the work session the board of supervisors and county engineer went on a project tour of the county.