

December 4th, 2018

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 with Chairman Jim Cary, Vice-Chair Tom Broeker and Member Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported her office is preparing for the Danville School Special Election on December 11th and will be contacting departments to schedule budget hearings to be held next month. County Recorder Lisa Schreiner stated her office is busy and have 74 UTV permits to date. Assistant Jail Administrator Colter Levinson reported the jail population is 84. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated project wise they are not doing much now. His crews are winterizing equipment. He has offered the Natural Resource Manager position to an individual and waiting for a response. He hopes to have the position filled soon and he will be back up to a full staff. Wednesday night is the Conservation Board meeting. It will be Jim Steer's last meeting, as his term expires, and he has served ten years on the Board. The fish habitat grant was submitted to the state for the proposed pond at Big Hollow. They should find out if they will receive the grant later this month or early next year. Conservation received a grant through AmeriCorp to help with funding to hire a part-time Naturalist position at the Nature Center. This will be a seasonal position and helps fill in a void at the Nature Center. He thanked Kent Rector, Environmental Education Coordinator at the Nature Center for finding the outside source of funding. County Engineer Brian Carter stated there has been an interesting stretch of weather recently. Carter appreciated and thanked the road crews for working long hours during the snow event the previous week. They got most of everything covered especially the gravel roads. Due to the heavy wet 10" snow received, residents need to be reminded it takes a couple of days to get all of the gravel roads covered. Later that week we received freezing rain, then a weekend of warmer weather and rain. Now the office is receiving calls about potholes. There are lots of potholes, but it is too wet to do anything with them until they dry out. If the weather freezes the pot holes will be there for the remainder of the winter. Carter stated all construction projects are on hold. There is a little finish work the asphalt contractors to complete. They will work on shoulder work and finish the remainder of asphalt work next spring. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported two subdivisions are out for review and reminded the Board about a work session next week to discuss updating ordinances. Others present were: Chief Deputy Jeff White and CDS Director Ken Hyndman.

Correspondence. Cary read a letter received from Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission. SEIRPC stated Bob Beck's term on the SEIRPC Board of Directors as a representative for Des Moines County expires January 1, 2019. The Board of Supervisors needs to reappoint Beck and also name a Private Sector Representatives to the SEIRPC Board.

Accounts Payable Claim in the amount of \$476,756.50 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$272.92 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Appointment to the Conservation Board was presented. Two applications for the volunteer position were received, Matt Haas and Chelsea Lerud. Cary read Matt Haas's letter and a recommendation letter from Jim Steer, Conservation Board Chairman. Broeker motioned to approve the appointment of Matt Haas to a five-year term. Seconded by Beck.

Broeker motioned to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on November 27th, 2018. Seconded by Beck. Cary abstained.

Future Agenda items. The Board of Supervisors discussed board meetings at the end of December. They will cancel the board meeting the week of Christmas and have the swearing in ceremony of elected county officials and organizational meeting on Wednesday January 2nd.

Committee reports. Broeker attended a COBCO insurance board meeting. New rates will be available in

mid-January for health insurance. GRMC is changing how they bill and negotiating with Wellmark to see how it affects insurance members. GRMC is creating clinics to increase revenue and allow them to bill Medicare/Medicaid more. When an individual goes to a clinic, the patient will receive two bills - one bill for services and one bill for hospital facility. EBS is checking to see how this change will affect City/County insurance. This is primarily to increase their revenue from Medicare/Medicaid. Cary attended an Early Childhood meeting and will meet with the State in January. Cary attended an Iowa Workforce meeting. There are currently sixteen regions and the State wants to reduce the number to four or six regions. He stated they will find out what the state plans to do in February.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 AM.

Two work sessions were held following the meeting.

The first work session was with the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer to discuss FY2020 New Equipment and Maintenance Projects. The Engineer is working on the FY2020 cost estimates for new equipment. Currently CAT (road graders) is requiring a signed agreement for equipment purchased four to five months out and MAC (semi and rock trucks) is twelve months out prior to receiving the equipment. Due to a backlog, each company is fulfilling orders on signed agreement purchases. Carter would like to commit to purchases for FY2020 equipment to make sure he gets the equipment in 2020. The Board was OK with committing to purchases to make sure it is received in the fiscal year requested. Carter stated there are two bridges on Mediapolis Road in need of repairs and plans to design and bid the projects next winter for the Spring 2020 construction season. He further stated he has not heard from the Corp of Engineers on the Hwy 99 Bridge project. Carter would also like to talk to the Board about driveway entrances. He stated there are approximately 4,000 driveways in the county. He is suggesting changes to the program. Changes will be discussed in the future.

The second work session the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer took a road tour.

This Board meeting is recorded and kept on file for two years. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county's website www.dmcounty.com

Approved December 11, 2018
Jim Cary, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor