

June 2nd, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020, with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Bob Beck and Jim Cary present. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic declaration, this meeting was held electronically via Webex and YouTube live streaming. Public input was available through board email or call in.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson stated today is the Primary Election. The polls are open from 7 AM to 9 PM. County Engineer Brian Carter reported the contractor is setting beams on the Mediapolis Road bridges. Gear Avenue will be ready for another concrete pour on Monday. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener stated his department is busy. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his department is busy. Sheriff Mike Johnstone was present. Via Webex: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported a busy weekend for the parks, with more campers than Memorial weekend. Lee plans to open the shower house, Nature Center and other buildings when the Board opens county facilities. The Conservation Board will hold their next meeting at Starr's Cave to meet the social distancing requirements. CDS Director Ken Hyndman announced a new location for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services Office. The new office will be in the former Younkers Home store at Westland Mall beginning July 1st. The site will be a One Stop Career Center with Iowa Works partners. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported they have had a few new subdivision inquiries. Lassiter stated the Legislatures changed how zoning commission members are now appointed. This could be an issue for the two-mile zoned area. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy. The original proclamation signed by the Governor has been extended to June 25th for tax installment payments, vehicle registrations and transferring titles. Tax sales have also been postponed. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer stated they will be receiving protocols from the Iowa Supreme Court for opening buildings for court.

COVID-19 Update. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported the county has 66 COVID cases with 50 being recovered. They continue investigations and changes have been made to contact tracing. She emphasized social distancing, hand washing and face masks. The EOC is now open once a week.

Accounts payable in the amount of \$1,100,762.26 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$975.37 and Non-Cash Taxable in the amount of \$82.84 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Approval of Contracts – DMC Hwy 99 Bridge (T29) -L-78—73-29. County Engineer Carter stated Iowa Bridge and Culvert L.C. was the low bid at \$2,395,936.85. Carter recommended approval. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Discussed Opening the Courthouse. Chairman Broeker discussed opening to the public on Monday, June 8th. There will be one point of entry at the basement handicap entrance and screening of individuals requesting entry will be conducted by Health Department employees. The front doors will remain locked and used for exiting only and will be posted as exit only. Drop boxes will continue to be provided. Masks will be provided, if needed. All county buildings will open. This will be a soft opening and reviewed in one-week.

Personnel Actions: Local Health – Aurey Kramer, Secretary. Resignation effective 5/26. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Cary motioned to approve the May 26th, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Beck.

Other Business. Broeker made a statement regarding concerns on the rioting and looting taking place throughout the country following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis by a policeman. Everyone is saddened and shares helpless rage by his death. Everyone respects the right to free speech and protests but does not condone the misconduct by certain individuals.

Committee reports. Broeker attended a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) meeting for Law Enforcement and First Responders. They discussed the January standoff and tragedy in West Burlington and how to improve the

response in s similar situation.

During Public Input the IT Director received a question from the media asking if the board meetings will still be held online once the courthouse opens. The Board will continue to provide this service until further notice.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

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 June 9th, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor