

June 16th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Bob Beck. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic declaration and social distancing requirements, this meeting was held in person and 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 her department is now focusing on preparations for the General Election in November and discussed election changes passed by the Iowa House and Senate and waiting for approval by the Governor. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy and working on several projects. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter reported projects are moving along. The Iowa City Road may open later this week. Gear Avenue will have one concrete pour possibly next week. The Mediapolis Road bridges are moving along. The Upper Flint Bottom Road project may start the last week of June with possible closures. Pavement markings have been completed. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported they are busy, and the clinics are open. There are sixty-six COVID cases in the County with sixty-one recovered. No new cases have been diagnosed for a while and they are continuing contact tracing follow ups. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported the SEIL Governing Board meeting was held last week via ZOOM. Contracts are signed. Sheriff Mike Johnstone was present. Via Webex: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported summer camp signups are now taking place. They scaled back the number of camps due to COVID. The parks are busy, and camping is full. A park ranger has resigned, and the position is posted on the county website. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine stated the jail population is 72. The prisons have accepted their prisoners, but they require COVID testing before accepting them. Public finger printing will start July 1st. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported the Zoning Commission will hold their meeting this Thursday. Clerk of Court Jackie Myers reported they are staying busy. Myers and Judge Brown are working on the list of compliance orders needed prior to opening the courts. The list will be submitted to the state for approval. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her department is busy. She is waiting to see if they will have tax sales. The Governor's proclamation ends on June 25th. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported she has signed a contract with Carpel for the new filing system and it will be installed in October. County Recorder Lisa Hazell reported her office is busy and has received more electronic e-submissions especially since the interest rates are lower. Also, lots of ATV and boat licenses have been issued.

COVID-19 Update. Broeker thanked Christa Poggemiller, Gina Hardin and Tammy Shipman/GRHS for their work. Another EOC meeting will be held this afternoon.

Accounts payable in the amount of \$957,701.08 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$2,150.86 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Abbot Wedding at Barn on the Ridge on 7/2 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Letters of Appointment for FY2020/2021 from all departments was presented. Beck motioned to approve all letters and seconded by Cary.

Lease Agreement for the Cottonwood Care Facility with Hope Haven was presented. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener spoke about the lease. The lease amount will remain the same at \$20,000 a year. April, with Hope Haven was present. She stated they are working on a new dual diagnosis program which they hope to have open later this year. Dual Diagnosis addresses substance abuse and mental health for individuals 18 or over. They will be partnering with ADDS and Young House to provide services. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Lease Agreement for the Cottonwood Crisis Stabilization Center with Hope Haven was presented.

Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener stated the rent was increased to \$34,500 a yr. to cover the increase in utilities included in the lease amount. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Des Moines County Board of Health. Sarah Goff submitted her resignation on the board, effective immediately. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Personnel Actions: Auditor's Office – Chandra Bliesener, Clerk I. 24-month step increase. New rate \$35,407.68 yr., effective 7/2. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office:
2020 Primary Election Post-Election Audit Report
General Assistance Monthly Report, May 2020
Recorders Report of Fees Collected, May 2020
Sheriff's Monthly Report, May 2020

Cary motioned to approve the June 9th, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Beck.

Committee reports. Beck attended a Board of Health meeting. Cary attended a RUSS meeting. He also attended an 8th Judicial meeting and reviewed the budget. The half-way houses in Ottumwa and Burlington will increase their rates. Rates have not been raised since 2008. Broeker attended SEIL meetings via ZOOM. He attended a Grow Greater Burlington meeting this morning and they are assisting businesses following COVID.

During Public Input the board discussed screenings to enter the courthouse. Poggemiller stated traffic is slowing down and most of the public is bringing their own masks. The Board will review the process next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 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 23rd, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor