

October 6th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Bob Beck were present. This meeting was held with limited capacity due to COVID-19 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 reported 8,046 absentee ballots were delivered on Monday to the Post Office to be mailed. On Monday, 128 voted at the counter and additional ballots were mailed for a total of 8,264 ballots. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported her office is busy and she has conducted several training sessions and preparing to conduct CPR training. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Starr's Cave Road contractor has poured the last section of concrete and is close to wrapping up the project. Crews are still doing some road pinching. Carter will rebid the Iowa City Road shop project due to lack of receiving bids as contractors are busy. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office is busy. They are preparing to roll over to the new data management system. She thanked Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener and his crew for rearranging offices for a secondary conference room in their building. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported his office is busy. Sergeant Kevin Glendening reported everything is going well in the Sheriff's Office and keeping busy. The jail population is 65. The Sheriff received 12 applications for the open deputy position, testing will be conducted on October 17th. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her department is busy. Currently there are 898 cases with 642 recovered. On October 14th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, they will be conducting a drive-thru flu clinic at St. Mary's in West Burlington. Via WebEx: Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department is busy. Replacing the courthouse chiller has been moved to next week due to the warmer weather. The Fire Alarm drill will take place on Wednesday. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported everything is routine at this time. Lee stated they got rid of all the pumpkins. The internet at Starr's Cave is still failing and goes out every day. They are still working on the issue and the staff have all relocated from the Nature Center to the Conservation Office. Big Hollow is still remaining full of campers. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported a couple of subdivisions are out for review and the Zoning Commission is reviewing the ordinance updates. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy.

COVID-19 Update. Broeker reported the EOC is having a meeting this afternoon.

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$723,882.34 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$205.22 and Non-Cash Taxable in the amount of \$42.00 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

DESCOM 28E Agreement was presented. However, questions were raised about the agreement submitted for approval as it had effective dates of July 1, 2019 and continuing for five (5) years terminating on June 30, 2024. Burlington Mayor Jon Billups and West Burlington Police Chief Jess Logan were present. Broeker and Billups were unsure of the agreement submitted but it did not appear to be the correct agreement. Cary motioned to table the agreement and seconded by Broeker.

Class C Liquor License for Barn on the Ridge Boock Wedding on 10/8 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Rural Resident Fall Clean up dates were discussed. The dates of October 12th through December 19th were set. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Report received and filed in the Auditor's Office: GASB75 Actuarial Valuation Report, FY Ending 6/30/20

Cary motioned to approve the September 29th, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Beck.

Committee Reports. Broeker attended an EOC meeting last week. Small spike in COVID cases.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Following the meeting was a work session with the Sheriff to discuss radio communications in the courthouse and schools. The sheriff stated his deputies and courthouse security can hear dispatch but cannot respond back to dispatch if in the courthouse. They became aware of the issue during active shooter training held last fall at the courthouse. The other issue is communications when a deputy is along the bluff. The sheriff contacted RACOM and Graybill for cost estimates to fix the issue. Graybill is suggesting a system that would be seamless with no need to switch channels depending on locations in the courthouse or within the county. The cost should fall within the sheriff's budget with no budget amendment required. The Board stated they had no issue with the expenditure and Graybill stated the system could be installed in 4 to 6 weeks depending on equipment delivery. The sheriff will discuss with the schools their communication issue.

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

Approved October 13th, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor