

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Bob Beck 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 9,111 absentee ballots have been sent and 3,760 have been received. Johnson reminded voters that anyone voting at the counter cannot leave with the ballot. The ballot must be voted and left at the office and a voter can bring their mailed absentee ballot into the office and vote it and leave it at the office. Johnson further stated the absentee ballots are the same ballots as used at the polling locations. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Starr's Cave Road is open. Hwy 99 will have a full closure soon for the bridge replacement project over Flint Creek. Depending on weather, Hwy 99 may reopen in late May or early June next year. Crews continue to blade roads and replace culverts. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported the Zoning Commission will hold a meeting next Monday for ordinance review. Lassiter stated he may request a work session with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the updates. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office is busy. They have a trial today and trials scheduled everyday thru Christmas. Her office will be moving to the new data management system soon. Sheriff Mike Johnstone reminded the public about harvest season and to watch out for large farming equipment on the roads. Johnstone stated there have been rural burglaries being committed during the day, west of Danville. He stated to be aware of strange vehicles in the area and encouraged homeowners to install security cameras and to secure property and vehicles. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her department is busy. Currently there are 1,020 positive Covid cases with 709 recovered. Poggemiller read a position statement issued by the Des Moines County Board of Health. They encourage everyone to avoid mass gatherings and events. Poggemiller commented on the flu season beginning and reminded everyone of the drive through flu clinic to be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in West Burlington. She encouraged social distancing and hand washing. Via WebEx: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the Big Hollow campground was busy last weekend. His crew will be busy closing parks this month. They will start shutting off water. If it does not snow, camping after October 31<sup>st</sup> will no longer require reservation and will be first come, first served. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy.

DESCOM 28E Agreement was presented. Chairman Broeker stated the new 28E agreement provided still refers to the call center as being housed at the Burlington Police Department and the board obviously cannot approve a 28E agreement until the county attorney signs off on it and her department is currently backlogged with cases after the court system reopened. Broeker further stated the county recently offered to fund 100% of DESCOM in exchange for a majority on the DESCOM control board. However, that was unacceptable to the current DESCOM board. DESCOM countered, as written into the 28E agreement presented, with a proposal for 100% county funding and having the Des Moines County Emergency Management Commission serve as the DESCOM control board. Broeker stated there is no sense in the county attorney spending time going thru the 28E agreement, which is predicated on the counterproposal, until the board of supervisors decides on the proposal. Broeker further stated this board needs to either accept or refuse the proposal, which is the gist of the 28E. If the Board accepts the proposal, Broeker believed the matter is closed and all that remains is for each entity to sign off on a corrected copy of the 28E. If the board does not accept the proposal the entire matter remains unresolved. Cary motioned to accept the proposal and seconded by Beck. Beck motioned to table the actual agreement until errors are corrected and seconded by Cary.

Resolution and Final Plat for Ikigai Heights Subdivision was presented. This is one-lot subdivision containing 2.50 acres located in the NE1/4 of Section 20 of Tama Twp. Owner is Raymond J. Rothlisberger, 11895 DMC Hwy99, Burlington and the Subdivider is Bradley & Daphne Rothlisberger, 2121 Osborn St., Burlington. Asst. Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter stated this subdivision lies within the two-mile review by City of Burlington and they approved the plat last week. Lassiter recommended approval. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

**DES MOINES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESOLUTION #2020-044**

**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 **Ikigai Heights** 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 **Ikigai Heights**, with the following conditions:

- Lot 1 shall use 118th Street (a private road) for driveway access, as the Des Moines County Secondary Roads Department will not allow access directly from Des Moines County Highway 99.
- A permit for an Onsite Waste Water Treatment System shall be obtained from the Des Moines County Health Department prior to construction of a new residence, and a code compliant system shall be installed prior to its habitation.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of October, 2020.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

ATTEST: Terri Johnson, County Auditor

Personnel Action. County Attorney – Hayley Hamelton, Clerk I. 18-mo. Step increase. New rate \$34,584.39 yr., effective 10/15. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor’s Office: Clerk’s Report of Fees Collected, September 2020; Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected, August 2020 and Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected, September 2020

Beck motioned to approve the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Cary.

Committee Reports. Broeker attended an Emergency Medical Advisory Commission meeting and the County Safety Committee meeting.

Public Input. Asst. Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter stated they are still looking to fill a vacant seat on the Zoning Commission. Burlington Fire Chief Matt Trexel reported on fire safety week and the Burlington Fire Department provided a drive thru smoke detector giveaway courtesy of the Elks Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Following the meeting was a work session with the County Attorney and County Auditor to discuss the requirement every 5 yrs. to re-adopt existing county ordinances. The County Attorney discussed simple misdemeanor fines changed by legislation and the need to update Ordinance #6 regarding this change. Her office will take care of this update and the County Auditor will do the 5-yr. ordinance update. Both will be done at the same time.

This Board meeting is recorded. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county’s website [www.dmcounty.com](http://www.dmcounty.com)

Approved October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor