

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Shane McCampbell 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 the Danville School Special Election is next Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The polls are open 7AM to 8PM. Johnson discussed proposed legislative changes to Iowa Election laws. They are proposing to reduce the number of days to vote absentee in-person and by mail from 29 days to 18 days, failure of a county auditor to perform election duties a crime punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, gives Secretary of State broad authority to control local elections and denies county auditors the authority to send absentee ballot applications to voters and many other changes. IT Director Colin Gerst reported his office is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter stated the gravel roads are in the sloppy phase and there is lots of snow left to melt. The Hwy 99 Flint Creek bridge work is still going on. All beams have been set, the beams are roughly 5' tall and 150' long. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported his department is catching up on training. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener stated his crew is spending a lot of time and hours clearing snow around county buildings. CDS Director Ken Hyndman stated it is SEIL contracting time. There are fifteen different agencies SEIL works with and will be preparing to renew the contracts. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail is busy and there are currently 87 inmates. Ervine thanked Maintenance for remodeling two offices at the jail in between clearing snow. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the biweekly walking in the park series is today at Big Hollow. Lee commented there is 10" to 12" of ice on Big Hollow and there has been lots of ice fishing going on. He reminded everyone that ATV's are not allowed in the park. He also mentioned there is a layer of snow on top of the ice starting to melt so be very careful when on the ice. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her department is busy. The 7-day positivity rate is 5% with 35 new cases for a total of 4,251. 7,890 vaccines have been given with 7,480 of those to county residents. The clinic last Thursday gave 1,000 vaccines and another clinic planned for Thursday will give approximately 1,000 more vaccines. The waiting list is decreasing. Phase 1B – Tier 1 is about to wrap up and will be giving shots to childcare givers soon. Via WebEx: Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter stated a subdivision is out for review. They have received a couple of more inquiries and trying to finalize zoning ordinance updates.

Correspondence. Cary received a message from Carrie Folkerts, Southeast Iowa Crime Commission director. She has accepted a Marion County Reserve Deputy position which is a voluntary position. It will not be conflict of interest with her current job with the Commission as Marion County is not part of SEIACC.

Appointed Mack Turner to the Des Moines County Board of Health. His term will expire December 2023. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell.

Anna Short submitted her resignation from the Des Moines County Board of Health. This will leave an open position. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

28E Agreement between Des Moines County Board of Health and Regional Utility Service Systems (RUSS) to provide Environmental Health Services Coverage for Tanning Ordinance #59. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller spoke about both 28E Agreements submitted for approval by the Board. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell. Cary abstained.

28E Agreement between Des Moines County Board of Health and Regional Utility Service Systems (RUSS) to provide Environmental Health Services Coverage to enforce environmental health rules and regulations. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by McCampbell. Cary abstained.

2019 Amended Homestead and Military Exemptions were presented. The amended Homestead value will increase 24,250 or \$768.29. The amended Military is an increase of 1,852 or \$12.82. McCampbell motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Personnel Actions. Sheriff's Office – Brandon A McLeland, Deputy. New Hire. New rate \$51,833.06 yr., effective 3/8. Brent Vogelgesang, Deputy. Discharge effective 2/9 with one-day unpaid. Cary motioned to approve both actions and seconded by McCampbell.

Report received and filed in the Auditor's Office:  
Clerk's Report of Fees Collected, January 2021

Cary motioned to approve the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and seconded by McCampbell.

Committee reports. McCampbell attended an Early Childhood Development meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.

Following the meeting, three work sessions were held. The first work session was held with the Jail Administrator and Maintenance Staff. Maintenance received some quotes for a Kohler generator. A larger generator will replace the smaller generator currently used which is not capable of running everything at the jail. Maintenance will verify the cost. The second work session with the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff discussed new hire deputies and payments of contracts with previous employers. The Sheriff stated the number of candidates applying for open positions have been decreasing over the years making hiring more difficult. The sheriff would like to offer reimbursement payments for training the newly hired applicant may have incurred in their previous position. The Board felt this was fair considering the cost for training a deputy. The third work session with the Budget Director discussed reducing the debt service levy by twenty cents. Discussed the 3/2 public hearing for the proposed budget and 3/23 public hearing for the final budget.

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 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor