

October 22, 2024

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, with Chair Tom Broeker, Vice Chair Jim Cary, and Member Shane McCampbell present. This meeting was also 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.

Meeting with Department Heads: Auditor Sara Doty reported that at the end of the day yesterday there were 1,532 in person absentee voters and 4,555 with the mail out absentee requests. Yesterday was the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. You can vote in the Auditor's office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The office is open Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or you can vote in the polls from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. IT Director Colin Gerst stated they are busy. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported that the jail population is 109 with over 30 out-of-county. On the community relations front, they were at the Track or Treat at 34 raceway last Saturday and Mediapolis is having their Main Street Trick or Treat on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Violent Crime rates are the lowest they have been since 2008. Investigators have more time to work online. Online chat rooms and gaming rooms have created 60 charges in the last 16-18 months. Some are already on the sex offender registry. It has grown by 40 new registrants. Land Use Assistant Administrator Jarred Lassiter had nothing new to report. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated that they are hosting Fall color hikes with one Thursday at 5 p.m. and one on Tuesday at 5 p.m. They are doing some 5K run/walks including a Veteran's Day sunrise run. Half of the proceeds will go to fund local Veterans. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a Turkey Trott (Gobble Gobble). Half of the funds raised will go to the Salvation Army. Welter Park is closing at the end of October. Starr's Cave is open from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Emergency Management Coordinator Shannon Prado, Safety Director Angie Vaughan, and Recorder Natalie Steffener had nothing new to report. Engineer Brian Carter stated that the Highway 99 bridge will open today or tomorrow. The Upper Flint Bridge should open the first week of November. The motor grader rebuild showed up last week. The Beavertdale Bridge will be done today. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported via Vice-Chairman Cary that flu shots will be issued on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They have ordered more COVID vaccines. At the Board of Health meeting, they reviewed the website analysis. Greg from RUSS issued 42 sewer permits and 48 time of transfers so far in FY25. They have had 19 well tests, 1 well closure, and 1 well rehab. Engineer Brian Carter suggested that sealed bids would be best on the old health department building, unless there is a lot of demand, then an online auction would be better. Maintenance Director Rodney Bliesener stated that they are busy. Chairman Broeker thanked the Maintenance Department for all the work they did on the Local Health Building. Budget Director Cheryl McVey mentioned that November 19<sup>th</sup> is the budget kickoff meeting.

No correspondence was received.

Approval of Personnel Actions were presented: Correctional Center – Kenyetta Rooks, Correctional Officer, Unpaid FMLA hours 73.30. McCampbell made a motion to approve and was seconded by Cary. Auditor – Jack Engel, Election Worker, Temporary Part-time from Oct. 16 to Nov. 5, \$15 per hour. Dorothy Swanson, Election Worker, Temporary Part-time from Oct. 16 to Nov. 5, \$15 per hour. Cary made a motion to approve and was seconded by McCampbell. Emergency Management – Shannon Prado, Emergency Management Coordinator, 12-month step increase to \$66,743.38 effective Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. McCampbell made a motion to approve and was seconded by Cary. Attorney – Cassandra Kilby, Law Clerk, 7 hours of unpaid leave. McCampbell made a motion to approve and was seconded by Cary.

Cary motioned to approve October 15th, 2024, regular meeting minutes and was seconded by McCampbell.

Committee Reports: McCampbell attended a Community Action meeting where they elected new officers. Broeker attended an Emergency Management meeting where they went over a grant application for an outdoor warning siren. Cary attended a Board of Health meeting and gave the update earlier.

Public Input: Sheriff Kevin Glendening discussed some law changes that helped his office charge online enticers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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

October 29, 2024

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Date Approved

Cheryl McVey  
Attest: Budget Director

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Chairman