July 29, 2025

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 29th, 2025, with Chair Jim Cary, Vice Chair Shane McCampbell and Member Tom Broeker 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: Budget Director Cheryl McVey stated that they are keeping busy and had nothing new to report. IT Director Colin Gerst reported he had nothing new to report but they're keeping busy as always. Emergency Management Coordinator Shannon Prado announced that if anyone has flooding in their basement, the Salvation Army has flood kits available. There's no income requirement. Maintenance Director Rodney Bliesener stated that the weather is hard on equipment and personnel but everything's going well so far. Safety Director Angie Vaughan wants to make sure that everyone is drinking plenty of fluids and electrolytes during this heat. She is hoping that this weekend will cool down a little bit. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported that there's rainwater in the Nature Center. They have pulled up part of the flooring. A tree came down on the railing of the Nature Center bridge and bent the square tubing. County Engineer Brian Carter will see if it twisted any of the substructure. The river is just below flood stage. Docks are still out of the water. Assistant Land Use Administer Jarred Lassiter stated that he has a work session today and there's a Zoning Commission meeting this evening. Attorney Lisa Schaeffer stated that her office is preparing for National Night Out next week and there's a child sex abuse trial going on. Her office is busy. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported that the Jail population is at 81 this morning with eight out-of-county. They are very busy too. Recorder Natalie Steffener stated that they are still working on indexing the historical documents. Engineer Brian Carter stated that with all this rain Gear bridge has some water coming down the hill, so it may become a one lane dynamic in the future depending on what they decide to do there. The bridge on Highway 99 is all but complete. They still have some paperwork to finish with the federal funds. They are doing some patching. There could be some one lane closures. They will have signs up. There's water standing around due to all the rain.

Approval of Lease Agreement with Imagine the Possibilities. Broeker made a motion to approve and was seconded by McCampbell.

Approval of Personnel Action – Attorney – Administrative Assistant Brandon Weddle unpaid leave of 23.31 hours. Broeker made a motion to approve and was seconded by McCampbell.

McCampbell motioned to approve July 22nd, 2025, regular meeting minutes and was seconded by Broeker. Future Agenda Items – Work session on Wind Ordinance regarding Road Use.

McCampbell attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board meeting to vote on merger. Carter attended a Highway 61 Coalition meeting yesterday. Bob Beck attended on behalf of the Supervisors.

Public Input – Tracey Lamm asked for clarification on the lease with Imagine the Possibilities. Attorney Schaeffer explained that since Hope Haven no longer is its own separate entity, that for insurance purposes and legal purposes, the leases need to be in the name of Imagine the Possibilities. Sheriff Glendening explained that the state took on providing for mental health and telehealth in the correctional facilities. We did not know that until the end of June. Many facilities have already signed contracts for this service. We're working on amending a contract with Advanced Correctional Health Care. We are bringing in Flowstate who is one of the two providers throughout the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Following the meeting the Board of Supervisors held a Work Session regarding wildlife monitoring and mitigation in the Wind Ordinance.

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

Jim Cary, Chair

Attest: Cheryl McVey, Budget Director

8-5-25
Date Approved

Cheryl McVey
Attest: Budget Director

Chairman Line Cary