

March 7th, 2017

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson asked the Board if they plan to have a spring clean-up this year. She will contact the Landfill and verify dates and acceptable items. County Engineer Brian Carter stated bids have been let for dust control and the Madison Avenue project. Pleasant Grove Road is closed for the bridge project. It will be closed for several months. County Attorney Amy Beavers commented on the recent trial involving three defendants on trial at once, has been resolved. All three defendants plea bargained to the Class C Felony they were charged, they did not receive reduced charges and everything went smoothly. She praised all involved. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine thanked everyone for helping with the recent jury trial from transport, city police, county sheriff, etc. The jail currently has seventy-seven inmates with some in Lee County. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported his case management clients have not received any letters from AmeriHealth Caritas yet nor has his office.

Correspondence: Received a letter from the Iowa Mississippi River Parkway Commission, Inc. requesting funds to promote the IOWA Great River Road (DMC Hwy 99). Received a letter from the City of Burlington regarding an Urban Renewal Plan for Deer Point Estates, a planned residential subdivision on the south side of Burlington, east of Summer Street. The meeting to discuss the urban renewal plan is March 14th at 3:00 PM at City Hall in the City Manager's office. The City Council will hold a public hearing on April 3 at 5:30 PM at City Hall. Received a letter from Kevin Glendening regarding adopting a Collective Bargaining Resolution. Due to the recent change by the Legislature to Iowa Code Chapter 20 he believed the change has damaged employee morale and created a feeling of uncertainty among the county employees.

Public Input Session #1 – Kenton Cole, 304 S Ash St., Danville. He is retired from ASFCME. He voiced his concerns about the issues in Mr. Glendening's letter. He asked the board to consider adopting the resolution as Black Hawk County and the City of Sioux have adopted to show the county employees their support. He felt the changes made to Iowa Code Chapter 20, has gutted the union's ability to negotiate contracts. Kevin Glendening spoke about his letter. He supported all departments covered by union contracts and was concerned about morale. Broeker was concerned about the county involving itself in legislative labor laws. He felt the county has a long history of treating its employees very well and does not see that changing.

Broeker motioned to open the public hearing for the FY 2017/2018 budget. Cary seconded. Budget Director Cheryl McVey presented the 2018 budget. The County levy rate decreased but property values increased and the rollback increased. Cary motioned to close the public hearing. Broeker seconded. There was no public input.

Broeker motioned to approve the FY 2017/2018 County budget. Cary seconded.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$467,355.43 were approved upon motion made by Cary. Broeker seconded.

Broeker motioned to approve the Class B Beer permit for 34 Raceway. Cary seconded.

The following personnel actions were approved:

Community Services: Carla Mertens, Case Manager, took non-paid time off on February 23rd and 24th totaling 10.5 hrs. Broeker motioned to approve. Cary seconded.

Correctional Center: Wayne E. Ballard, PT-Correctional Officer. New Hire at the rate of \$10.77 hr. Effective 3/7. Cary motioned to approve. Broeker seconded.

Broeker motioned to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on February 28th, 2017. Beck

seconded. Cary abstained.

Committee Reports: Broeker attended a SEIL Mental Health Board of Governance meeting. They discussed pooling additional funds for contracts within the region. Attended a Crisis Intervention Committee and conducting officer training. Beck attended a Board of Health meeting. They discussed Planned Parenthood's funding.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.

This Board meeting is recorded and kept on file for two years. The minutes are posted on the county's website www.dmcourty.com

Approved March 14, 2017
Bob Beck, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor

A work session followed the meeting with the Board of Supervisors, Conservation Director, Conservation Board and Klingner & Associates Engineers. The Conservation Director discussed the bids received for the Sewer & Water Infrastructure and the Shower House projects. The bids came in much higher than anticipated. The Sewer & Water was estimated at \$347,000 but bids came in at \$460,000. The Shower House was estimated at \$233,000 but bids came in at \$530,000. The sewer system is the most important infrastructure at this time. The Conservation Board and Klingner Engineers will review the plans to see what can be scaled back and how to move forward with the projects.