

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Meet with Department Heads: Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported Johnson Controls is doing prep work for the jail control board. His crews will be preparing for the next event of freezing rain. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine stated they are looking forward to the installation of the new control board. Jail population is currently 84. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer stated her office is busy. She is short staffed and taking applications for the openings. They have completed a plea agreement for one murder trial and working on a new homicide case. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported several employees were going to a Conservation Winterfest conference in Coralville. County Engineer Brian Carter commented on the active forecast the next couple of days and reminded everyone to be careful. Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw invited the Board to attend the Civil Service testing at the AEA building on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. The agility testing may be at the new Bubble at the RecPlex. CDS Director Ken Hyndman thanked IT for installing WiFi and helping with changing the phone system. He thanked Maintenance for working with Per Mar to make sure the alarm worked with the new phone system. Others present were: Safety Director Angie Vaughan, County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist, Asst. Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter and IT Director Colin Gerst.

Correspondence. Mr. Roth had contacted Beck regarding river silting issues in several areas and the lack of river dredging. The IA-IL Upper Mississippi River Association has a meeting scheduled and Beck felt the Board should attend and invite Mr. Roth to attend.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$774,613.94 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Personnel Actions: Correctional Center – Alexis Stephenson, Full-Time Correctional Officer. 12-month step increase. New rate \$38,370.90 yr., effective 2/10. Tanner Whalen, Part-Time Kitchen Assistant. 6-month step increase. New rate \$9.66 hr., effective 2/7. Beck motioned to approve both actions and seconded by Cary. County Attorney – Kathy Gibb, Administrative Assistant. Unpaid days off 2/11-2/15. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Jail Stats, December 2018 and Recorder's Report of Fees Collected, January 2019

Cary motioned to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Seconded by Beck.

Committee reports. Beck attended the Statewide Supervisors meeting in Des Moines. Cary had a conference call with Iowa Work Force.

Public Input: Jodie Johnson, 213 Andrew St., Mediapolis spoke about the dedicated county employees and was in favor of keeping union contracts. Judy Stuecker, 1699 Franklin Rd., West Point spoke in favor of keeping union contracts as is and asked why the need to change to a handbook. She stated changing to a handbook was a huge concern to employees. Laura Blanchard, 1 Concord Dr., Burlington spoke in favor of union contracts and was concerned about worker morale and gutting the union contracts and felt it was a deliberate attack on workers rights.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Work sessions following the meeting:

The Board of Supervisors went over a list of proposed salary increases and other requested items with the

Budget Director and Department Heads.

The Board of Supervisors and County Engineer took a road tour.

This Board meeting is recorded and kept on file for two years. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county's website [www.dmcountry.com](http://www.dmcountry.com)

Approved: February 12, 2019  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor