

February 6th, 2018

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 with Chairman Jim Cary, Vice-Chair Tom Broeker and Member Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported Union Township is looking for a Township Clerk. It is an appointed position and they need someone who lives within Union Township with organizational skills and available during the day. County Sheriff Mike Johnstone reported scams were making the rounds. IRS, Publisher Clearing House and those claiming to be family members needing bond money in a foreign country are scammers calling. He strongly advised anyone who receives these phone calls to not send, wire or give out any personal, credit or bank information. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his crews were busy removing snow. County Recorder Lisa Schreiner stated her office has been busy with passports. Last month they processed 30 passports and 35 passport photos. County Engineer Brian Carter reported his crews were busy clearing snow and more is predicted throughout the week. He stated if it starts blowing, stay home. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported they are wrapping up renovations at Starr's Cave Nature Center. They are working on new exhibits that should be ready by April. Safety Director Angie Vaughan warned everyone to be careful walking and driving in the snowy conditions. County Attorney Amy Beavers stated her office is busy. Last Thursday a house forfeited to the Narcotics Task Force was auctioned and sold for \$17,000. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail population is 71. The population is down compared to what it has been. CDS Director Ken Hyndman stated the Department of Human Services had the Complex Service Needs Workgroup report come out December 15th. The Legislature is looking at adding more core services to what Regions must fund. They are waiting to see what the Legislatures recommend and if funding is attached for sustainability of those programs. The Report also recommends more mental health facilities. The Legislature needs to decide what to do with the report and how they are going to fund the needs.

Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$745,017.14 were approved upon motion made by Beck and seconded by Broeker.

Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$1,113.83 were approved upon motion made by Broeker and seconded by Beck.

Annual Approval of Tax Suspensions Pursuant to Iowa Code 427.9. Annually the list of names receiving tax suspensions are reviewed and verified by the Department of Human Services and returned to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Broeker motioned to approve the list. Beck seconded.

PRODIGY Inmate Telephone Service Agreement. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine presented the agreement. The Jail will receive 50% commission on phone call revenue generated by inmates. In addition, Prodigy will provide a one-time signing bonus of \$15,000 revenue to the County. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract. Broeker motioned to approve. Beck seconded.

J & M Displays, Inc. filed for an Annual Fireworks Permit. The permit is a yearly seasonal permit for testing of fireworks. Beck motioned to approve. Broeker seconded.

Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate by Compromise to the City of Burlington. Burlington Planning Director Charlie Nichols and Chief Code Inspector Larry Caston presented the City's request. The City is requesting the County to assign over their interest in tax sale certificates for three empty lots. The lots have several thousands of dollars of special assessments because the City is maintaining the lots. The City is requesting all real estate taxes be cancelled, the County's portion would be \$2,482 for all three lots, and the City will cancel their special assessments, if a deed is issued to them. The City will pay the assignment fees. They propose selling the lots to neighbors to get the parcels back on the tax rolls. In the future they may be requesting for Compromises for more properties to get parcels back on the tax rolls. Broeker motioned to approve. Beck seconded.

Personnel Actions. Correctional Center – Joseph Dolph, Correctional Officer FT. 18-month step increase. New rate \$38,356.72 yr. Effective 2/13/18. Alexis Stevenson, Correctional Officer FT. Promoted to Full Time. New rate \$35,681.46 yr. Effective 2/10/18. Alexis Abney, Correctional Officer PT. New hire-PT. New rate \$12.10 hr. Effective 2/7/18. Nathan Crooks, Correctional Officer PT. New hire-PT. New rate \$12.10 hr. Effective 2/8/18. Michael Hayes, Correctional Officer PT. New hire-PT. New rate \$12.10 hr. Effective 2/7/18. Broeker motioned to approve all five actions. Beck seconded.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office:
Dewey Byar Trust, 2017 Yearly Report
SEIRPC Annual Report, FY2017
Recorder's Report of Fees Collected, January 2018
Auditor's Report of Fees Collected, Qtr. ending 12/31/2017
Veterans Affairs Reports, January 2018

Beck motioned to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on January 30th, 2018. Seconded by Broeker.

Canvass results of Burlington North Bottoms Levee & Drainage District Election. Roger Lindner received five (5) votes and declared the winner. He will serve as trustee for a three-year term commencing January 31, 2018. Beck motioned to approve the election canvass. Broeker seconded.

Other Business: Beck will be attending the Southeast Iowa Days at the Capitol in support of the Highway 61 Coalition.

Committee Reports: Broeker attended a Crisis Intervention Team training meeting. Law enforcement within the eight-county region are training on how to deal with mental health issues. Last Friday he visited the County Jail with the jail advocate. Twenty-two percent of the jail population has mental health issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Following the meeting were two work sessions. The first work session was with the Board of Supervisors, County Sheriff, Jail Administrator and Midwest Construction Consultants to discuss jail expansion. John Hansen and Mike Adkins with Midwest Construction Consultants were present to discuss options for the jail - renovations or an addition. Phase 1 would be a needs assessment & feasibility study at the cost of \$12,500 and include 4 to 5 options. It would take approximately 3 to 4 months to develop the plans. Broeker is interested in splitting the general population area but is unsure of adding to the jail. He is also interested in making the jail more efficient and cost effective but asked if transporting and housing the overflow in other counties is cheaper than building an addition with increased staff, etc. The Sheriff and Jail Administrator both agreed the county needs to plan for future expansion of population.

The second work session was with the Board of Supervisors and Budget Director to discuss the FY2019 budget. Several department heads were present. The Board discussed proposed department budget increases and bond requests, how they will need to cut the Mental Health levy to meet the State's requirement by 2020, discussed the bond for the Hwy 99 bridge replacement project, how backfill money from the State may go away, jail increases and health insurance increases. The amount for the Line of Credit Bond needs to be determined so hearing dates can be set soon.

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

Approved February 13, 2018
Jim Cary, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor