

September 25th, 2018

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, September 25th, 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 her office is waiting on the General Election ballots to arrive. As of today, 726 absentee request forms have been received and reminded everyone in office absentee voting begins October 8th and absentee ballots to be mailed will be sent October 9th due to the Federal holiday on Monday. Sheriff Mike Johnstone reported a Des Moines County murder trial is taking place in Washington County. Several of the Sheriff's personnel will be in Washington County to assist in providing courthouse security. The trial could take up to two weeks. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller stated her office is busy and they are starting immunization and flu clinics. Safety Director Angie Vaughan stated her office was busy and the stress management trainings held this month have gone well. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported Julie Jenner with Department of Human Services (DHS) met with SEIL last week. She had lots of questions and they discussed the new core and complex needs requirements. He informed her about the new Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and SEIL is continuing to provide current services and trying to figure out how to roll out new required services without the funding. They need a plan to roll out the new services. He stated the Stakeholder groups, the Change Agent, Advisory and Governing Boards are all working together. He told DHS they will be out of funds shortly after programs are rolled out, so where will additional funding come from? County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy collecting property taxes that are due Monday, October 1st. Penalties will start October 2nd. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office has been busy. Emergency Management Director Gina Hardin stated the river is still up and could continue to rise with the recent rains further north. She stated she will be giving a presentation on the 2008 Flood at Homeland Security Conference in Iowa. The Quad Cities National Weather Service recognizes Des Moines County as a storm ready community through 2021. The recognition has a lot to do with the Des Moines County Skywarn teams working with law enforcement and fire departments. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the Flint River Trail is progressing and 70% done, past the half-way point. They are compiling responses from an on-line survey and will provide the results next week. A company is coming in on Wednesday, weather permitting, to start installing the new playground equipment at Big Hollow. They should be finished by Friday. The playground will be fully ADA compliant with sidewalks and signage being installed after the equipment is installed. Last weekend Big Hollow was full and turned away 8 campers. The weekend before they turned away 13 campers. Lee stated they have never filled up a park after Labor Day weekend. They have had visitors from 26 states and 2 countries. Lee would like to setup a conservation tour with the Board of Supervisors and the Conservation Board either October 16th or 23rd. They will start at Starrs Cave as he hopes the trail will be done. County Engineer Brian Carter reported on the Highway 61 expansion project. The Flint Bottom Road closing has been pushed back due to the weather. The DOT will setup electronic message boards along Highway 61 to advise motorists of the closure. The Seven Ponds Road temporary connection has been poured. Carter reported on County road projects. The asphalt project should start this week or next. The road will not be closed but more of an inconvenience during the length of the project. He is currently working on a pending one block road vacation in Pleasant Grove. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported they have received notice from FEMA on revised preliminary FIRM flood maps. The maps can be viewed on the County GIS website. They are waiting to hear from DNR and FEMA to set local meetings to be held in the community.

Discussion regarding Safety Issues related to off-road vehicles on public roadways was presented by Charles Jennisen, Pediatric Emergency Medical Physician from the University of Iowa. Dr. Jennisen had emailed several reports and gave a presentation on the usage of ATV/UTV's on roadways. He stated research has shown there are about 700 deaths each year in the United States. In Iowa 43% of the deaths are on roadways on unpaved roads. He referenced several items he would like added to the proposed ordinance – restraints and helmets for passengers. Much discussion was held, and Jack Dahlsten and another gentleman commented on Dr. Jennisen's statistics.

Second Public hearing for ATV/UTV Ordinance #56. Broeker motioned to open the public hearing and seconded by Beck. Cary asked if anyone would like the Board to read the full ordinance again. The public stated it did not need to be read again. Broeker read a portion of a letter he received from Mike Schwenker, 11739 Tama Rd, Burlington. Mr. Schwenker stated signage needs to be posted on the river levees stating ATV's/UTV's are not

allowed on the river levees. Jeff Combs, 2201 S 3rd St., Burlington wanted to know why the ordinance did not include Off-Road Motorcycles (ORM). The Sheriff stated the main interest was on ATV/UTV's and there was not a large interest in ORM's. Combs thought the ordinance should require a helmet for safety and a speedometer to know what speed to maintain. The Sheriff stated not all machines are manufactured the same. Angie Vaughan asked everyone to consider the statistics and be safe when using ATV/UTV's. The Sheriff also thanked Dr. Jennisen for coming in and speaking. The Sheriff stated they have put a lot into the Ordinance for safety but there will be accidents unfortunately. He also stated almost 1,000 signatures on a petition requested the ordinance. Beck motioned to close the public hearing and seconded by Broeker. Beck motioned to approve the second reading of ATV/UTV Ordinance #56 and seconded by Broeker. Third and final reading is scheduled for October 2nd.

Disabled Veteran's Exemption was reviewed. The County Assessor recommended approval. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$614.98 were approved upon motion made by Beck and seconded by Broeker.

Resolution Authorizing Financial Support for Great River Housing Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2020 was presented. Zach James, SEIRPC spoke about the request as discussed at a work session last week. He stated the Trust Fund has been around for about ten-years and appreciated the support. Cary read the resolution into record. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-058

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DES MOINES COUNTY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE GREAT RIVER HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, that said DES MOINES COUNTY is a duly recognized governing body acting under the laws of the State of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, that said DES MOINES COUNTY in assisting this regional development activity will sustain a viable housing program for the entire region and,

WHEREAS, DES MOINES COUNTY is a member of the Great River Housing Trust Fund, a regional housing non-profit corporation that assists low and moderate income households in the region,

WHEREAS, DES MOINES COUNTY residents and businesses have benefitted economically through sustained taxes and supply purchasing through the Great River Housing Trust Fund's Programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT;

DES MOINES COUNTY will contribute \$10,000 cash match to the Great River Housing Trust Fund thus benefiting low to moderate income households in the county and the region.

PASSED and APPROVED this 25th day of September 2018.

Jim Cary, Chairperson
Thomas L. Broeker, Attest
Robert W. Beck, Attest

Resolution and Final Plat for Hopkinsville Subdivision was presented by Land Use Administrator Zach James. This is a one-lot subdivision consisting of 2.32 acres located in Pt of NE NE of Section 35 in Union Twp. Owners/Subdivider is West Burlington BW LLC c/o Brian Wooldridge, PO Box 8, Wever, IA. The subdivision is located next to Shipley's and they are separating storage units from the rest of the parcel. The Land Use Administrator recommended approval. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

**DES MOINES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION #2018-059**

WHEREAS Section 354.8 of the Code of Iowa states that a governing body shall certify by resolution the approval of a subdivision plat, and,

WHEREAS the Final Plat for **Hopkinsville Subdivision** has been reviewed for conformance to applicable County standards by the Des Moines County Health Department, Secondary Roads Department, County Auditor, Zoning Commission Chair and Land Use Department and has been duly recommended by the aforementioned entities for approval,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Final Plat of **Hopkinsville Subdivision**

Approved and adopted this 25th day of September 2018.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jim Cary, Chair

Tom L. Broeker, Vice Chair

Robert W. Beck, Member

ATTEST: Terri Johnson, County Auditor

Abatement of Taxes request was received from the City of Mediapolis. The City is taking over a street in RDM Subdivision 4th Addition for total taxes of \$68. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Conservation Director Chris Lee presented the FY 2017/2018 Annual Report for Des Moines County Conservation. He stated the report is a culmination of a 5-year strategic plan. The last project was a playground in Big Hollow Recreation Area. The project generated \$44,000 in donations and received a \$25,000 grant.

Fireworks permit for Thie Farm Inc for October 10th. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Proclamation for National Voter Registration Month Proclamation was read into record by Cary. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

**National Voter Registration Month
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, while Iowa is one of the nation's leaders in voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote, some eligible citizens have not yet registered; and

WHEREAS, this month, the Iowa Secretary of State's Office is contacting hundreds of thousands of eligible Iowans, encouraging them to register to vote; and

WHEREAS, the voter registration process in Iowa is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has an online voter registration system enabling citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

WHEREAS, more than 250,000 Iowans have registered to vote for the first time in the state since January 2015; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Voter Registration Month; and Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 as National Voter Registration Day.

Signed this 25th day of October 2018 in Burlington, Iowa

Jim Cary, Chairman

Thomas L. Broeker, Vice-Chair

Robert W. Beck, Member

Personnel Actions:

Local Health – Ronald Lee II, Nurse. 11.68 hours of unpaid leave, effective 9/17.

Emergency Management – Janet Charbonneau, Assistant Coordinator. New hire, new rate \$15.75 hr., effective 10/2. Broeker motioned to approve both personnel actions and seconded by Beck.

Beck motioned to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on September 18th, 2018. Seconded by Broeker.

Future Agenda items – Conservation Field Tour to Starrs Cave and Big Hollow on 10/16 or 10/23.

Committee reports: Broeker attended a Medical Assistance Advisory Council meeting. This was his first executive meeting and they discussed reporting requirements for MCO's. Beck attended a Landfill meeting. Cary attended an Iowa Workforce meeting. The national average unemployment rate is 2.5. He attended a Community Action meeting and received a short seminar on how to help children and families to get them involved in Head Start. Parents will come once or twice and then do not attend again. He attended a Juvenile Detention meeting. From July thru September there have been 342 bed days for juveniles, this is 123 more days than last year at an additional cost of \$19,680 more than last year. Des Moines County is leading in this Judicial District for juveniles. The County budgeted \$255,000 and has spent \$10,000 the last two weeks.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the County Auditor informed the Board that the work session with Washington National Supplemental Benefits has been postponed again due to the length of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Two work sessions were held following the meeting.

The first work session was with the Board of Supervisors, Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller and RUSS Director Bruce Hudson to discuss the need for a backup Environmental Health Specialist (septic, water testing, etc.). The Health Department previously had a 28E agreement with Henry County for them to provide a backup environmental health specialist for Des Moines County. In July, Henry County cancelled the agreement since Henry County no longer has a specialist. Poggemiller was contacted by Lee County and Rural Utility Service Systems (RUSS) and provided draft 28E agreements to provide the services. She took the agreements to the Board of Health, but they also wanted the Board of Supervisors to review the options and agreements. Mr. Hudson stated they have taken over this service for several counties because it is difficult to find Environmental Health specialists in this area. Hudson became the RUSS Director in 2011 and is certified for all duties needed by the County. Des Moines County is a member of RUSS and Broeker stated he would be pleased to use RUSS. The draft agreement will be tweaked and reviewed by the Board of Health, RUSS and Des Moines County prior to being brought to the Board for approval in October or November.

The second work session. The Board of Supervisors and County Engineer went on 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

Approved October 2nd, 2018
Jim Cary, Chairman

Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor