

May 22, 2012

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012, with Tom Broeker, Dan Cahill and Bob Beck present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Changes to Tentative Agenda: a personnel action for the County Attorney was removed from Item 6 I.

Meet with Department Heads: the County Auditor announced that her office will be open Saturday, May 26th, and Saturday, June 2nd, for early voting. County Attorney Pat Jackson introduced his summer intern, Nicholas Chamis, and administered the oath of office. Sheriff Mike Johnstone gave credit to his department, the DNR, Illinois Conservation and area residents for helping recover four young people lost in a boating accident over the weekend.

The following correspondence was filed:

An invitation to the IAAAP Memorial Day Community Luncheon on May 29th

Beck moved to open a public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the County. Seconded by Cahill. Michael Hart with Northland Securities went over the terms of the bond issuance and repayment. There was no public comment and no written objections had been received by the Auditor. Cahill stated that this loan for equipment for E911 has been an issue for over 20 years. The State has required upgrades of equipment but restricted the amount of revenue that agency receives. People rely on the 911 system and the County has to have it. Beck moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Cahill.

Motion to approve the Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill. Motion to approve the Resolution directing the acceptance of a proposal to purchase \$370,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012 was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill.

Motion to approve the Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill. Motion to approve the Resolution directing the acceptance of a proposal to purchase \$100,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012 was made by Cahill and seconded by Beck.

Dan Eberhardt with Regional Planning reported on the bids received for asbestos and hazardous household material removal from houses damaged in the 2008 flood. The successful bid of \$5,745 came from Active Thermal Concepts, Hiawatha, Iowa. Motion to accept this bid was made by Cahill and seconded by Beck. Eberhardt stated that this project could be complete within two weeks and demolition can begin.

CPC Ken Hyndman presented a letter of intent to begin a waiting list for disability services. Hyndman stated that he and DHS have reviewed his budget and he will be out of money at the end of June. The State will be reclaiming their money to apply to the non-federal share of Medicaid and the County will be reduced to the amount generated by county property taxes. Hyndman estimates that his department faces a \$1.2 million shortfall if they continue at the current level of services. He wants to be proactive and have some operational funds until property taxes are received in September. Cahill stated that this county should reduce its assistance to 150% of the Federal guidelines of poverty level. Des Moines County currently uses 200%. Hyndman responded that will be changed when the county management plan is rewritten. Bob Bartles with Hope Haven also addressed the Board, stating that 19 people served by his agency will be affected by the mental health reform bill. Motion to approve the waiting list was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill. This takes effect immediately.

The following personnel actions were approved: at County Conservation, Lisbeth A. Hoover has been hired as summer intern. Amy Holley and Patrick Moore have been hired as summer seasonal help. They will all be paid \$9.00 per hour. Motion to approve was made by Cahill and seconded by Beck. Nicholas Chamis has been hired as summer intern at the County Attorney's office at \$12.00 per hour. Motion to approve was made by Cahill and seconded by

Beck.

The following reports were received and filed:
Clerk's Report of fees collected for April 2012
Boarding and Lodging of Prisoners, April 2012

Minutes for the meeting held on May 15th, 2012, were approved upon motion by Beck and second by Broeker. Roll Call Vote: Beck, Aye Broeker, Aye Cahill, Abstain

Future Agenda Items: next week's agenda will have an Issuance Resolution for the E911 Bonds. Also, the Supervisors Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 4th, due to the Primary Election.

During committee reports, Beck had attended a Chamber breakfast recognizing small business and a youth committee meeting in connection with the Imagine campaign. Broeker attended meetings for the Burlington Comprehensive Plan, Board of Health and Solid Waste Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

A work session was held with Gina Erickson, Director of IT, to discuss restructure of her office. Erickson is proposing that staff be reduced to 3 full time and one part time. She presented a survey of salary levels by regions across the State and had also contacted the City of Burlington for salaries of their IT staff. Following lengthy discussion, an agreement on salaries and benefits was agreed on. With this information, Erickson will now be able to advertise the open positions.

This Board meeting is recorded and the tape is kept on file for two years. The minutes are also posted on the county's website www.co.des-moines.ia.us.

Approved May 29, 2012
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, Auditor