

December 10, 2013

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with Tom Broeker, Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried.

Meet with Department Heads: Administrator of Public Health Barbara Baker reported that her department is still giving flu shots. The clinic is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4 PM. Julie Winter, Assistant to County Engineer, reported that the culvert on Dodgeville Road is being filled in. CPC Ken Hyndman reported that SE IA Case Management met in Ottumwa on Thursday and the Regional group will have a follow-up meeting with the providers on Friday.

The following correspondence was received: letter from the Domestic Violence Intervention Program explaining the reorganization of this service. They will be present at a future Board meeting to discuss the changes.

Sally O'Riley with Early Childhood Iowa presented her annual report and explained the purpose of this program for children from birth to school age. She asked the Supervisors to contact our Legislators and Governor to keep the program funded.

Land Use Administrator Jeff Hanan presented a Resolution reappointing John Roth to the Zoning Commission for another term. Motion to approve was made by Beck and seconded by Cary.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors approves appointments to the Des Moines County Zoning Commission and,

WHEREAS Commission member John Roth has expressed interest in continuing to serve,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the reappointment of John Roth to the Des Moines County Zoning Commission

Approved and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tom L. Broeker, Chair

Robert Beck, Vice Chair

Jim Cary, Member

ATTEST: Carol S. Copeland, County Auditor

Broeker read a Resolution reappointing Beck to the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. Motion to approve was made by Cary and seconded by Broeker.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors has recommended Robert W. Beck to serve on Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS: The SEIRPC Board of Directors has reviewed Des Moines County's membership status and found the County to be in good standing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Robert W. Beck is hereby appointed to a one year term on the SEIRPC Board of Directors, which term will expire on January 1, 2015.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Thomas L. Broeker, Chair

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Jim Cary, Member

ATTEST: Carol S. Copeland, Auditor

A Resolution supporting the designation of the Upper Mississippi River as a Marine Highway was presented by Dan Wiedemeier, the Board's representative to the Mid-America Port Commission. Wiedemeier explained that this commission was formed in 1999, the only commission that covers three states. He stated that the Amazon River and Panama Canal were being implemented as major shipping lanes. Locks and dams on the Mississippi need to be upgraded to stay competitive. The dams on the river were built in the 1930's and the locks need to be enlarged to handle longer barges. Motion to approve this Resolution was made by Beck and seconded by Cary.

## RESOLUTION

### **Resolution Supporting Designation of the Upper Mississippi River as a Marine Highway**

WHEREAS, for economic growth we must compete in a global market using the most efficient means of transportation and

WHEREAS, 60 percent of the grain exported from the United States travels part of its journey by barge on inland waterways, and

WHEREAS, trade growth on the Mississippi river is projected to increase by 40 percent over the next 20 years and

WHEREAS, 1 barge is equivalent to 70 53-foot semi-trucks. A disruption of river service, and the resulting shift of freight to highways, would cause severe deterioration of roads and bridges and increase road congestion by multiples and

WHEREAS, the Illinois River and the Upper Missouri River, both smaller tributaries of the Mississippi River have been designated Marine Highways

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisor, Des Moines County, State of Iowa, urges County Boards of Supervisors and Commissions, other units of local government, local and state officials, interested stakeholders, state general assembly members and governors in the states of the Upper Mississippi River Basins to ask their Congressional delegations to urge the U.S. Maritime Administration to designate the Upper Mississippi River a Marine Highway, which is vital for the continued economic development of this entire Midwest multi-state region.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

By Thomas Broeker

Wiedemeier then presented a Resolution supporting funding for upgrading and maintenance of the locks and dams on the Upper Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri Rivers. Beck moved to approve. Seconded by Cary. Wiedemeier will forward these resolutions to Congress.

## RESOLUTION

### **Resolution Supporting Funding for the Upgrading and Maintenance of the Locks and Dams and Navigation on the Upper Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri Rivers**

WHEREAS, for economic growth we must compete in a global market using the most efficient means of transportation and

WHEREAS, trade growth on the Mississippi river is projected to increase by 40 percent over the next 20 years and

WHEREAS, locks and dams on the rivers have a 50-year design life and

WHEREAS, the average age of the Upper Mississippi river locks is 72 years and

WHEREAS, of the 27 locks and dams on the Upper Mississippi river, only 1 is within its 50-year life, 2 are 20 years past design life, 21 are 30 years past design and 3 are over 30-years past their design life and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure on the Illinois and Missouri rivers is in a similar state of disrepair

WHEREAS, a single point of failure at any lock shuts down the entire system and

WHEREAS, current funding only addresses critical maintenance and emergency repairs. Since 1990 that annual funding has been cut from \$13 billion to \$7 billion and

WHEREAS, 1 barge is equivalent to 70 53-foot semi-trucks. A disruption of river services, and the resulting shift of freight to highways, would cause severe deterioration of roads and bridges and increase road congestion by multiples and

WHEREAS, Congress has greatly reduced funding to the Army Corps of Engineers, making planned upgrades and normal maintenance of the locks and dams on the Upper Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri rivers impossible and greatly increasing the possibility of the system failure and

WHEREAS, to increase economic development in communities of the Upper Mississippi and Missouri river region by improving river navigation, it is necessary that the existing federal legislation supporting the expansion of the locks and dams and associated legislation, as listed below, be approved and fully funded by the U.S. Congress and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the partnership among the Upper Mississippi and Missouri river states urge the passage of the 2013 Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) which is critical to maintaining navigability of our waterways and

WHEREAS, it is critical to encourage the Congressional delegations of the Upper Mississippi and Missouri river

states to fully fund the Inland Waterways Trust Fund set forth in the industry supported Waterways Are Vital for the Economy, Energy, Efficiency, and Environment (WAVE 4) Act

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, Des Moines County, State of Iowa urges CoCounty Boards of Supervisors and Commissions, other units of local government, local and state officials, interested stakeholders, state general assembly members and governors in the Upper Mississippi and Missouri river states to contact their Congressional delegations to secure passage of this legislation that is vital for the economic development of this entire Midwest multi-state region.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013

By Thomas Broeker

Stacy Hocking, fulltime CO at the Correctional Center, received her 24 months step increase per contract. Motion to approve was made by Cary and seconded by Beck.

The following reports were received and filed:

Veteran's Affairs, November 2013

Clerk's Report of Fees Collected, November 2013

Cary moved to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 with a minor correction. Seconded by Beck.

Other business: a new location for County Attorney will be discussed next week.

Future Agenda Items: a work session regarding Fitness for Duty with County Engineer and City/County Safety Director. The Safety Director will also present her annual report.

Committee reports: Beck attended a CPC planning meeting for the eight county region. Broeker attended the Eggs and Issues Legislative Forum on Saturday morning. He reported that our representatives favor TIF reform. Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

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.dmcounty.com](http://www.dmcounty.com)

Approved December 17, 2013

Tom Broeker, Chairman

Attest: Carol Copeland, County Auditor