

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with Tom Broeker, Bob Beck and Jim Cary present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: Deputy Auditor Terri Johnson repeated the requirements for yard signs. Absentee ballot request total 1,574. County Recorder Lisa Schreiner reported she attended a PRIA (Property Records Industry Association) Conference in Dubuque last week. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Hwy 99 is open. Grading and seeding along the road needs to be finished. He thanked all of the residents for being patient. Madison Ave culvert work is proceeding. They are still having utility issues. They poured concrete on Monday. North Gear and Flint Bottom Rd work is continuing. They hope to have their first pour of concrete next week. The Roads crew is replacing a bridge deck west of Mediapolis. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported approximately seventy people attended the annual volunteer banquet held August 27<sup>th</sup>. His crews are pulling the docks out of the river due to high water. They will put the docks back, after the river level lowers. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller gave an update on flu clinics, they will start scheduling clinics at the end of September or early October. County Attorney Amy Beavers reported her office is busy and preparing for a murder trial in two weeks. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported Bridgeway is leaving Iowa. GRMC recently hired a fifth psychiatrist which will help take up the slack. Optima is hiring a nurse practitioner to be a prescriber. He stated there are a lot of mental health needs. CHC has a psychiatrist and other mental health staff for their patients. He felt there were still people falling thru the cracks and there are not as many safety nets as there were several years ago. IT Director Gina Erickson reported a great turnout for the eWaste program. They are extending hours to accommodate residents not able to get there by 5pm. She is pleased with the program and is looking at having a spring pickup or at least an annual pickup program. Nilo Tech shreds the hard drives so no data can be retrieved. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported she will be conducting refresher active shooter training next month for county employees.

Cary motioned to approve a Class C Liquor License for Spirit Hollow Clubhouse, seconded by Beck.

The Burlington Community School District purchased property at 3110 Johannsen Drive in January 2016. The parcel will be used for additional parking at the Transportation Facility. They are requesting the Board to abate \$131 in taxes for the year. Beck motioned to approve the abatement, seconded by Cary.

The following report was received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Jail Stats, July 2016

Beck motioned to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on August 23, 2016, seconded by Cary.

Other Business: Cary inquired into having a work session in the next couple of months, regarding allowing "side by side ATV's" on county roads. The Board asked the County Attorney to be present. It will be scheduled at a later date.

Future Agenda item: Work session with Department Heads on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss timesheets and IRS regulations.

Committee reports: Beck reported he completed IT's email test. The IT Director stated she would be pushing out the test next week for all county employees. Cary attended a Community Action meeting. They had a proposed buyer for the six-plex they were trying to sell. Since the meeting, the buyer backed out and now the building is back on the market.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

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

A work session to discuss a Public Health Issue regarding wolf hybrid dogs running loose and residents feeling threatened by the dogs. Several residents spoke about animals being attacked and other issues they have

had in the area. Deb Wirt, 4491 160<sup>th</sup> St, Burlington, is a neighbor to Michael Hanson, 4279 160<sup>th</sup> St, Burlington. He stated he has downsized and currently has twenty dogs, down from his original thirty to forty dogs. He reduced the number of dogs following an attack on a child early this year. Mike Kelley, 16547 45<sup>th</sup> Ave, Burlington lives a half mile from Hanson and has seen the dogs in his yard. The Safety Director trains dogs and stated it is difficult for an individual to care for more than six dogs. Josey Jackson, 17936 150<sup>th</sup> St, Danville stated he did not want any leash laws in the county. The County Sheriff said this is a complex issue and strays running loose are a common problem. He stated the county may have to develop a Dog at Large regulation. The Public Health Administrator provided the Board with Iowa Code Chapter 351. If the animals are considered dogs they fall under Chapter 351. If they are wolf hybrids then the County has home rule and a county ordinance could regulate the animals. None of the board members want to see any animals in the county required to be tied up, they do not want a leash law. But they also felt no one should be scared to walk to their mail box. The Board along with Law Enforcement, County Attorney and Public Health will have another work session to discuss options on possible regulations. The Board requested written responses from neighbors or suggestions from anyone on possible regulations.

Following the Department Head meeting the County Engineer and Supervisors took a tour of road projects.

Approved September 6, 2016  
Tom Broeker, Chairman  
Attest: Terri Johnson, Deputy Auditor