

May 9th, 2017

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017, with Bob Beck, Jim Cary and Tom Broeker present.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported paperwork will be sent to the school districts in preparation for the School Elections in September. County Engineer Brian Carter talked to IDOT and their five year road plan will be released and voted on in June. Public comment will be requested within the next 30 days. They have funding for the remainder of Phase I (1st 10-miles) of Hwy 61 four-lane expansion and funding for right of way and design of Phase II (around Mediapolis) and Phase III (around Newport Junction). He suggested letters of support from local communities to IDOT supporting the expansion of Hwy 61. The County Engineer, County Sheriff and Mediapolis Fire Chief have spoken to IDOT regarding access from Hwy 61 to Mediapolis. There are concerns about only one access onto Hwy 61. IDOT is considering grading and paving full width shoulders to allow access if a lane is blocked. The Engineer reported a hole along Beaverdale Road is being fixed. The Pleasant Grove Rd bridge project should be pouring the deck next week. The project is progressing, probably be June before the project is completed. Dust control on gravel roads will start in late May or early June. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated his crews are busy. They are getting ready for the Youth Jamboree at Big Hollow this Saturday. They expect around 1,000 plus to attend the event. This is the area's biggest outdoor field day event. The Big Hollow project is moving forward, sewer and water lines are being installed. DNR trails crew is at Starr's Cave doing the initial trail work. Due to the high river level the boat docks have not been installed. The online Summer Camp signup opened a couple of weeks ago. Every camp is full except for two. County Attorney Amy Beavers stated her office will be moving to their new location next Wednesday. Their phone and email maybe down for a couple of hours during the move. Safety Director Angie Vaughan stated the tour for the Risk Management Assessment at Conservation went smoothly. She stated on Monday she went to seventeen different offices and gave instructions on stretching exercises to use each morning before starting work. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine stated a jail inspector will tour the jail in June. They are doing some maintenance work in anticipation of the inspection. They are also replacing some of the lights with LED lights. County Sheriff Mike Johnstone mentioned Pottawattamie County recently lost a deputy. The deputy was shot by a jail inmate during transfer to the courthouse. He emphasized the danger all deputies may see each day. Several of his deputies attended the funeral service. He also stated the Grandparent/Grandchild scam is still going on. He encouraged everyone NOT to give personal or credit card information over the phone. If someone calls saying a grandchild is in the hospital or jail, call the facility directly to verify the information. Do not wire money or give credit card information to these individuals. Last month two trucks were stolen and eventually found in the Skunk and Mississippi Rivers. Do not leave keys in vehicles and lock the vehicle. Last week the sheriff's office assisted in a drug raid, almost six pounds of meth was confiscated. The County Attorney commented about plea bargains and questions about the process. Circumstances dictate whether a plea bargain takes place. Sometimes the victims and witnesses do not want to cooperate. Some witnesses cannot be found and the defendant has the right to ask the victim or witness questions. The Sheriff stated the public needs to standup for what is right. Community Services Director Ken Hyndman reported all eight counties in the SEIL Region have signed the resolution for the revised 28E Agreement. Their contract expenditures can go thru the fiscal agent account instead of thru each individual budget. The region is also discussing whether to have region employees or county employees. The new 28E opens new possibilities for the region. He stated lots of contracting for the SEIL Region is taking place. His office will be down to two case managers soon.

Correspondence: Cary stated the Danville Lions Club will not be at the County Fair this year; it is not due to the Fair Board deciding to sell beer. It is due to lack of helpers. A road petition for 172nd Street was received. The petition, by adjoining owners, is to establish the road as an Area Service Class C Road. This portion lies between 220th Ave and Jimtown Road. The Board received the petition into record.

Taxable Payroll Claim Reimbursements in the amount of \$1,034.27 were approved upon motion made by Cary. Broeker seconded.

Broeker motioned to approve a Class C Liquor License for Hy-Vee Inc. serving at the Barn on the Ridge for a Wedding Reception. Cary seconded.

The County Engineer presented a notice to set the hearing date to establish an Area Service Class C Road classification for 172nd Street. Broeker motioned to approve the hearing in the Board Room at the Courthouse on May 23rd at 9:15 AM.

The following personnel actions were approved. Correctional Center: Dakota Day, FT correctional Officer, unpaid leave for May 6th. Cary motioned to approve. Broeker seconded.

The following reports were received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Recorders Report of Fees Collected, April 2017 and Veterans Affairs Monthly Report, April 2017.

Broeker motioned to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on May 2nd, 2017. Cary seconded.

Future agenda items: The Governor has signed the fireworks bill and the County Attorney has reviewed how the new law will affect the County's Fireworks Ordinance. A work session will be held May 30th.

The Board did not have any Committee Reports.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

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

Approved May 16, 2017
Bob Beck, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor

Following the meeting was a work session; the County Engineer took the Board of Supervisors on a Road Tour.