

May 1st, 2018

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 1st, 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 Primary Election absentee voting in-person and by mail begins May 7th. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is May 25th at 5PM. The last day to absentee vote in person is June 4th at 5PM. Precinct Chairs need to be filled in a few locations. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener stated his department is busy preparing for the air conditioning season and the mowing season has started. They are working on the remodeling of the female general population area at the jail. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist stated her office is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Stony Hollow Road east of Hwy 61 will close for approximately 8 weeks for a box culvert project. He is in the process of having discussions with IDOT to help with dust control during the Hwy 61 project because IDOT will use Pleasant Grove Rd to Hwy 61 as the fill haul route but the empty truck return route will use a portion of gravel roads (Iowa City Road) one way. He plans to treat this road at least twice a year. The hauling should begin in early May. County Attorney Administrative Assistant Cindy Bowen reported their office is busy and the County Attorney was currently in court. Conservation Director Chris Lee stated after a few repairs the water was turned on to the Big Hollow shower house. Park Ranger Pat Rogge made the first official flush, he had waited 28 years for a County Park's first flushing toilet. The campground was half full last weekend and getting busier. Dragon Boat races will be held May 5th – 6th followed by the Youth Jamboree on May 12th. Land Use Administrator Zach James stated a couple of subdivisions were out for review and should be ready for approval next week. He has received a lot of informational inquiry calls and wanted to remind people to get building permits, when needed, prior to construction. CDS Director Ken Hyndman stated it is contracting time of the year. Local CDS offices will be setting up meetings with providers for contracts. He will visit all eight counties thru June 30th and they will also discuss outcome measures. He stated they have some excellent providers. Safety Director Angie Vaughan stated her office is busy. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail population is 89 and they are starting the female general population area remodeling. IT Director Colin Gerst reported he conducted training last week on spam emails. He will send out training videos to all employees for review. Chief Deputy Jeff White stated they are busy and as a follow-up to the County Engineer's discussion regarding Hwy 61 construction he wanted to remind the public to be aware and watch for the truck traffic.

Correspondence – Chairman Cary stated he received an email from a committee member representing the Northern Des Moines County Rural Fire District (NDMCRFD). He wanted to express his gratitude to County Attorney Amy Beavers. He praised her work in assisting the NDMCRFD to formulate a 28E Contract for Services with the City of Mediapolis for Fire Protection. He stated without her assistance, this would not have been possible and this is certainly a part of her job that the public may not know, but is of great importance. He further stated the City of Mediapolis as well as residents of Benton, Franklin, Huron, Jackson and Yellow Springs Townships can rest assured that they will continue to receive the same outstanding fire protection service by a dedicated volunteer staff. And by the City and NDMCRFD entering into this contract, both entities will be able to share resources that will enhance the financial stability of the department for many more years.

Accounts Payable claims in the amount of \$1,427,872.64 were approved upon motion made by Broeker and seconded by Beck.

Class C Liquor License for HyVee Wedding Reception on 5/26/2018 was reviewed. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Employment Contract for IT Manager was presented for Colin Gerst. The contract is for the period beginning April 30th, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021. He will be paid an annual salary of \$72,251 effective 4/30/18 and this salary will increase to \$75,000 effective 7/1/2018. Broeker motioned to approve the contract and seconded by Beck.

Personnel Action: IT Department – Stuart S. Mason, IT Systems Administrator received a salary increase. New rate \$51,444 yr., effective 4/30/18. Beck motioned to approve, seconded by Broeker.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Jail Stats, March 2018 and Veteran's Affairs Reports, April 2018.

Beck motioned to approve minutes for the Board meeting held on April 24th, 2018. Seconded by Broeker.

Committee Reports: Broeker was in Des Moines attending administrative rules subcommittee meetings for Mental Health and Disabilities Services (MHDS). One of the catches of the new core services is at least two of those services say, "No eject – No reject". The Sheriff's insisted on this and it needs to be defined because Intensive Residential Service homes are concerned about this. The Providers are concerned a home with two or three vulnerable residents could be stuck with a sexual offender or physically aggressive individual which could put staff and other residents at risk. Well trained staff will be needed. He stated some work is involved in making these services so they will be available. Providers need to be willing to provide the services and make sure they work the way they should.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Following the meeting was a work session with the Board of Supervisors regarding the "Stepping Up Initiative". Others present were CDS Director Ken Hyndman, Jail Administrator Doug Ervine, Asst. Jail Administrator Colter Levinson and Sara Berndt, Henry County CDS Director and Transition Link Jail Diversion Program Director. Ms. Berndt stated there are three coordinators serving six counties. She stated the Stepping Up Program is a National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. Several counties have used the Sequential Intercept model and explained each intercept. If the Board chooses to use this initiative they will need to adopt a resolution and proclamation.

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.dmcounty.com

Approved May 8, 2018
Jim Cary, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor