

October 8th, 2019

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019, with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Bob Beck and Member Jim Cary present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously.

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported ballot proofs are being reviewed for final approval and will send a news release when absentee voting will be available. Johnson gave an update on precinct locations. For the Combined City/School Election on November 5th everyone will vote at their normal General Election locations. This means all precincts will be open in November. The polling locations will be open from 7AM to 8PM. Pct 5 and Pct Union are now in the same location at First Church of the Nazarene. Due to structural damage at Trinity Lutheran Church – Pct 4 will move to St John’s Church Hall with Pct 6 at least thru the 2020 elections. Chief Deputy Brett Grimshaw reported the new deputies are being trained and are in Step 3 of their training. Public Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported they are busy with flu clinics. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported they are busy and currently interviewing for a misdemeanor attorney. Hope to have an attorney hired by the end of the month. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported the C3-Deescalating training is going well. She reminded everyone the Courthouse will have Active Killer Training at 2:30 PM. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail population is 95. CDS Director Ken Hyndman thanked the IT Department and the Budget Director for installing Tyler budget software on their computer system and providing training on the budgeting program. County Engineer Brian Carter reported Pleasant Grove Road opened last Tuesday. Sperry Road is still closed but the bridge deck has been poured. Next week the Iowa Department of Transportation will have a pavement bid letting for Highway 61 expansion and Iowa City Road. Carter will have a local bid on November 7th for the Gear Ave paving project. Carter stated 200th Ave is closed for a disaster reimbursement repair project to a couple of culverts that failed last spring. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported things have been quiet and working on a couple of minor subdivisions. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported this weekend is a Halloween Camping Event at Big Hollow on Saturday from 4PM to 7PM. Lee stated the parks usually close at the end of October depending on the weather. Big Hollow will remain open until consistent freezing takes place and then the water service will be shut off to prevent any pipes from freezing. Electric and sewer will still be available until the snow flies. Then the park will close down because they do not provide snow removal.

Correspondence: Broeker reported he received a request for a letter of support from Hope Haven. They were requesting the letter of support for the Rural Health Network Development Program to submit for a 15-bed Dual Diagnosis Program in Burlington as there is currently no such service available in this area. This program would provide residential services for individuals with co-existing conditions of mental illness and substance abuse. Broeker read the support letter into record.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$1,212.50 and Non-Cash taxable in the amount of \$111.40 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

The Board discussed Rural Resident Fall Clean-up dates. The Board decided on October 14th thru December 7th. The same list will be used as the previous clean-ups. Beck motioned to approve the dates and seconded by Cary. The notice will be in the newspapers and posted on the county website.

Personnel Actions: Assessor’s Office – Kurt Schulte, Property Appraiser. Resignation effective 10/04. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor’s Office:
Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected, September 2019
Jail Stats, August 2019

Committee Reports – Broeker attended a property tax seminar in Ames last week with the County Auditor and Budget Director to learn about the new law changes and extra publications needed. Beck stated the Board members and County Engineer attended a Gypsum Plant Tour last week.

Cary motioned to approve the October 1st, 2019 meeting minutes and seconded by Beck.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Following the meeting was a work session, the County Engineer and Board of Supervisors took a road tour.

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.dmcountry.com

Approved October 15th, 2019
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor