

September 8th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 with Chairman Tom Broeker, Vice-Chair Jim Cary and Member Bob Beck present. This meeting was held with limited capacity due to COVID-19 and electronically via Webex and YouTube live streaming. Public input was available through board email or call in.

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

Meet with Department Heads: County Auditor Terri Johnson reported as of today her office has received 5,260 request forms for the General Election. The Iowa Secretary of State Office has mailed request forms to every registered voter in the state. Johnson encouraged absentee voting to keep everyone safe and to keep poll workers safe. Absentee ballots will be mailed on October 5th the same day in-person absentee voting begins at the Auditor's Office. The Mediapolis School Special Election is today, and polls are open from 7AM to 8PM at Mediapolis City Hall. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported the casualty of a tree in front of the courthouse due to weather and his department is busy. Sergeant Kevin Glendening reported the jail population is 64 and the Sheriff's Office is busy. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported his office is busy and regional meetings will be held tomorrow. County Engineer Brian Carter reported after the much-needed rain road crews are blading roads. The Mediapolis Road bridges are done, and guard rails installed but the road is not open yet. The contractor is marking lines on the pavement and seeding along the road needs to be completed but the weather has delayed those projects. Starr's Cave/Irish Road intersection project is underway. Irish Ridge will be one lane during the project. The Iowa City Road new shop concrete is being installed. Land Use Administrator Zach James stated a Zoning Commission meeting will be held next week at the SEIRPC Office. SEIRPC is working on the County Hazard Mitigation plan. Via WebEx: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the parks were extremely busy over the Labor Day weekend. There was some storm damage and a couple of trees will need to be removed and they will have to check the trails for down trees. They are keeping an eye of the river levels. Lee reported they will be rearranging the Conservation Office on Washington Road to move staff from Starr's Cave Nature Center due to internet issues. Emergency Management Coordinator Gina Hardin reported she is working on grants received and with the Fire Department on HazMat training. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reported her office is busy. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her department is busy and continue with contact tracing COVID cases. Currently there are 633 cases with 189 recovered with 7.8% 14-day rolling positivity rate. Poggemiller is working with schools and with any questions that come up.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements in the amount of \$377.69 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

The National Voter Registration Month Proclamation was read by Chairman Broeker. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION BY DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, 2020 marks the centennial anniversary of women gaining access to the ballot box through the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, one of the national leaders of the women's suffrage movement was Iowan Carrie Chapman Catt; and

WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, 17-year-olds are now eligible to register to vote in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's voter registration process is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa's online voter registration system enables citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as National Voter Registration Month; and Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 as National Voter Registration Day.

Signed this 8th day of September 2020 in Burlington, Iowa
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Jim Cary, Vice-Chair
Bob Beck, Member

Resolution Adopting the Des Moines County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update 2020 was presented. Zach James, SEIRPC was present to discuss the plan and the Board waived reading the plan and the resolution. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-042

A RESOLUTION OF DES MOINES COUNTY, IOWA ADOPTING THE DES MOINES COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2020

WHEREAS Des Moines County, Iowa recognizes the threat that natural and man-made hazards pose to people and property within Des Moines County; and

WHEREAS Des Moines County, Iowa has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as *Des Moines County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update, 2020* in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS *Des Moines County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update, 2020* identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in all of Des Moines County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the County Board of Supervisors of Des Moines County, Iowa demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the *Des Moines County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update, 2020*,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Des Moines County, Iowa adopts the *Des Moines County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update, 2020*.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2020.

By: Thomas Broeker, County Supervisor Board Chair
By: Robert Beck, County Supervisor
By: Jim Cary, County Supervisor
ATTEST: By: Terri Johnson, County Auditor

Personnel Actions. County Auditor – Jack Engel, Temporary PT Clerk. New rate \$10 hr., effective 9/14 thru 11/3. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Conservation – Will Wagner-Ertz, Natural Resource Manager. New hire, new rate \$43,999.38 yr., effective 8/28. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Sheriff's Office – Trish Osborne, PT Clerk. New hire, new rate \$15.50 hr., effective 9/14. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: General Assistance Monthly Report, August 2020

Beck motioned to approve the September 1st, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Cary.

Chairman Broeker stated the Board will go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(C). Cary motioned to go into closed session and seconded by Beck. Following the closed session, Cary motioned to go out of closed session and seconded by Beck. Chairman Broeker stated they discussed litigation.

Committee Reports. Beck attended a Conservation meeting.

Public Input. Michael Cecil, 2815 Herblo was present and Richard Beames, 10824 Mill Dam Rd. had a question about property taxes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

This Board meeting is recorded. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county's website www.dmcounty.com

Approved September 15th, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor