

October 27th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 27th, 2020, with Member Bob Beck present. Present via Webex were Chairman Tom Broeker and Vice-Chair Jim Cary. 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 that out of the 11,165 absentee ballots that have been mailed 9,800 have been returned for an 88% return rate. 1,365 are still out. 28 have been returned unsigned. She stated that the Auditor's Office will be open for voting on Saturday, October 31st from 9 AM to 5 PM. She also announced that next week's board meeting will be changed from Tuesday, November 3rd to Wednesday, November 4th. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported that his office is busy and they're having trainings. County Engineer Brian Carter reported things are going well and that the road crews are done with pinching and are busy ditching and blading. The Highway 99 Bridge project will be starting soon. Sergeant Kevin Glendening reported everything is going well in the Sheriff's Office and that they are moving forward with the hiring process for a new deputy. The jail population is 86. Safety Director Angie Vaughan reported her office is busy. CPR training sessions are complete. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office will be involved in the new data management transfer training this week. She said the new attorney is doing well, but they are still looking for a replacement for the misdemeanor attorney. There will be another Jury Trial next week. Via WebEx: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported that they are starting the winterization process. They have shut down the shower house and water, but there are still some campers at Big Hollow. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter was present but had nothing to report. Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist also was present but had nothing new to report.

COVID-19 Update. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller stated that there are 1,396 positive cases with 819 recovered. The county's percentage has gone from 15% down to 14.6%. Broeker reported the EOC is having a meeting this afternoon.

County Compensation Board appointment. Jeff Heland submitted a letter to be considered for the Treasurer's representative to compete a term, which will expire July 2022. Broeker motioned to approve and it was seconded by Cary.

Tax Abatement requests: The City of Burlington requested abatement of taxes for 15 properties. Broeker motioned to approve all 15 parcels and seconded by Cary. Properties approved for abatement: 710 S 10th St; 1412 Agency St.; 626 S 8th St; 1241 Angular St; 1313 Ashmun St; 1013 S 13th St; 701 S 8th St; 632 S 7th St; Jefferson St vacant lot (pt Peasley Add lot 5); 1034 Brooks; 1211 Franklin St; 1301 Iowa St; 1305 Iowa St; 1207 Linden St; 1309 Ashmun St.

Cancel Outstanding Treasurer's Checks totaling \$1,370. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Broeker.

Personnel Actions: Correctional Center – Seth Dickson, CO-FT. One day unpaid (8.25 hrs) Oct 18. Broeker motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office:
Jail Stats, September 2020
Southeast Iowa Riverboat Commission Report

Broeker motioned to approve the October 20th, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by Beck. Cary abstained.

Future Agenda Items: November 4th meeting – approve Line of Credit for bridge projects.

Public Input: Michael Cecil, 2815 Herblo Dr., commented about the election.

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.dmcountry.com

Approved November 10th, 2020

Bob Beck, Member

Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor