

December 8th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, December 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 her office is busy finishing up the election reports and the Veterans Affairs position has been posted on the county website. IT Director Colin Gerst stated his office is busy. County Engineer Brian Carter reported he is working on a funding resolution. Crews are working on the gravel roads grading etc. Carter reported road crews are using the nice weather to blade gravel roads. The Hwy 99 bridge project is moving along, and they should be driving piling for piers soon. Carter reported the bid opening for the Flint Bottom Road project will be on December 15th at 11 am. Sheriff-Elect Kevin Glendening reported they are working on items for the FY22 budget and the School Resource Officer contracts. The jail population is 80. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener was present. CDS Director Ken Hyndman reported the SEIL Region monthly meeting is tomorrow. He reported the billing process may be changing to allow providers to enter their billings into the CSN software next fiscal year. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported her department is busy and gave a COVID update. They continue with contact tracing and currently there are 3,114 cases with a 17.5% rolling 14-day average and 13% 7-day average. County Attorney Lisa Schaefer reported her office continues to work on cases until the courts open. The first court date is February 16th. They are continuing pre-trial conferences. Via WebEx: Conservation Director Chris Lee reported the field team is working at Starrs Cave and gathering firewood at the parks. Land Use Administrator Zach James reported Land Use is going well and working on several subdivisions. They are trying to finalize the ordinance update.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements for 12/4 in the amount of \$152.25 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Des Moines County Compensation Board – Marlis Robberts submitted a letter of interest to represent the County Attorney. This will be a 4-yr term expiring in July 2024. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

The 2020 Gas & Electric Utilities Assessment was presented. The assessed value is \$380,417,675 with taxable value of \$59,053,103. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

The 2020 Utility Assessment for Telephone, Railroads, Pipelines and Transmission Lines was presented. The assessed value is \$41,873,381 with taxable value of \$38,911,541. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

County Engineer Brian Carter presented a resolution of Support for Application for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding for DMC Hwy 99 Rehabilitation Project. Applying for the grant rotates among the neighboring counties. The funding when received is ran through Regional Planning and will not be available until 2025. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

RESOLUTION **#2020-052**

WHEREAS Congress enacted the Fixing America’s Transportation (FAST) Act which provides grant money through the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG), and

WHEREAS the Iowa Department of Transportation receives these funds and swaps them for non-federal funds and transfers non-federal funds to local entities as STBG-SWAP funds for construction and/or reconstruction for eligible routes, and

WHEREAS DMC Hwy 99 (X99) is an eligible route, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors approves the application for monies from the STBG-SWAP program for rehabilitation of DMC Hwy 99 from near Burlington CL to intersection with Meeker’s Landing Road, and agrees to provide the local share from the county’s Farm to Market or Secondary Road Fund, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Des Moines County agrees to maintain, or cause to be maintained, the completed improvements in a manner acceptable to the IDOT and the FHWA and in accordance with county policy.

ADOPTED this 8th day of December 2020.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tom Broeker, Chair
Jim Cary, Vice Chair
Robert W. Beck, Member
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor

Personnel Actions: Local Health – James Holley, Environmental Health. Retirement effective 1/4/2021. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck. Sheriff’s Office – Keaton Hoschek, Deputy. New hire, new rate \$45,735.05 yr., effective 12/28. Trish Osborne, PT Clerk. 6-mo step increase. New rate \$16.50 hr., effective 12/14. Beck motioned to approve both actions and seconded by Cary.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor’s Office:
General Assistance Monthly Report, November 2020
Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected, November 2020
Veterans Affairs, November 2020

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

No Committee Reports. No Public Input.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 AM.

Following the meeting the Board of Supervisors and Department Heads attended a Budget Kick-off meeting at 11:00 am regarding the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget.

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

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