

May 5th, 2020

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020, with Chairman Tom Broeker via Webex, Vice-Chair Bob Beck and Jim Cary present. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic declaration, this meeting was held 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 absentee voting by mail for the 2020 Primary Election has greatly increased following the Secretary of State mailing absentee request forms to all active registered voters in Iowa. Auditor Johnson reported 968 absentee ballots were mailed on May 1st. On May 4th, 1,127 absentee ballots were mailed with 634 more to be mailed today. To date a total of 3,084 ballots have been mailed. This surpasses the total number of persons that voted in the 2016 Primary election (1,176) and even the 2018 Gubernatorial Primary election (2,869). More absentee ballots and envelopes have been ordered. Lieutenant Clint Williams reported the Civil Service hearing ended this week. Business has been slower than normal, however domestic abuse assaults have increased. The quarantine lockdown may have added to this situation. IT Director Colin Gerst reported he is working thru a lot of livestream meetings. Via Webex: County Engineer Brian Carter reported his department is busy with construction projects. North Gear Avenue will have the next mainline pour soon. Iowa City Road has two more days of mainline pour. The Mediapolis Road bridge construction crew is driving pilings. Countywide dust control will be done tomorrow. Bid opening for Flint Creek Bridge will be held on May 7th. CDS Director Ken Hyndman is busy and working on getting people services. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter reported a lull on new land use calls and inquiries, so they are working on the land use ordinance updates. The County Hazard Mitigation Plan should be done soon and ready for review by FEMA. Clerk of Court Jackie Myers reported they are conducting business as best as they can and have seen an uptick on domestic abuse cases including violation of no contact orders. There is an increase in mental impairment cases and feels the isolation is taking a toll on the public. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Londquist reiterated the March installment payment for property taxes can be continued to be paid thru May 27th without interest. Car registrations due February & March can continue to be paid without penalty and the 30-day deadline for filing vehicle titles is waived thru May 27th. Her office is busy with business being conducted by mail, drop box and phone. She thanked her staff and the public for being patient and understanding. County Recorder Lisa Hazell stated her office is busy with indexing and electronic filing. They have received lots of phone calls regarding registering boats and ATV's. Maintenance Supervisor Rodney Bliesener reported his department has been very busy with lots of projects. Emergency Management Coordinator Gina Hardin stated the Emergency Operation Center is still open. Jail Administrator Doug Ervine reported the jail population is 56, three are in Lee County to meet distancing requirements. Three should be heading to Oakdale soon. He thanked Colin Gerst in his assistance in getting the new fingerprint machine. It should be installed today, and he stated the video visitation is going well. With the personnel action on the agenda they will be up to full staff at the jail.

COVID-19 Update. Local Health Administrator Christa Poggemiller reported Des Moines County has 19 COVID-19 cases and expected to go up and with contact tracing will continue to follow-up. Currently 304 have been tested in the county. Des Moines County is one of 22 counties still closed per Governor's Proclamation. Poggemiller encouraged everyone to continue practicing social distancing, washing hands, and stay home if sick. Everyone needs to do their part to discontinue the spread.

Correspondence. Supervisor Beck stated he received information from the Department of Natural Resources they will be hosting a series of dam safety webinars. DNR's Dam Safety program will host four free webinars in May for those with an interest in dams. Visit iowadnr.gov/dams for more information about the free webinars.

Accounts payable in the amount of \$775,581.51 was presented. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Payroll Claims Reimbursements Non-Cash Taxable in the amount of \$44.62 was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Liquor License for Flint Hills Municipal Golf Course was presented. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

County Engineer Brian Carter presented an Engineer's Report of Bid results for two construction projects. Upper Flint Road LFM-P114PCC—7X-29 low bidder is Jones Contracting Corp. from West Point for \$382,757.77. Starr's Cave Road intersection L-P24PCC—73-29 low bidder is MJ Daly Construction Company Inc from Burlington for \$53,294.40. Each bid was below the Engineer's Estimate.

Personnel Actions: Correctional Center – Tucker Hulse, Correctional Officer Full-Time. Reclassification to full time. New rate \$37,578.82 yr., effective 5/12. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Engineer's Office – Taylor Sours, Seasonal Worker. New hire, new rate \$11.00 hr., effective 5/4. Cary motioned to approve and seconded by Beck.

Local Health – Megan Gahn, Public Health Nurse. Resignation effective 5/1. Beck motioned to approve and seconded by Cary.

Reports received and filed in the Auditor's Office: Jail Stats, March 2020

Cary motioned to approve the April 28th, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Beck.

Other Business. Broeker stated the County received a work comp safety dividend check for \$28,504 as a result of hard work and efforts of Des Moines County employees, Safety Director Angie Vaughan and the Safety Committee.

Committee reports. Broeker has attended ZOOM meetings for the Emergency Operations Center. The meetings are now only three times a week. Everything is going well for Des Moines County and our numbers look good.

During Public Input – Auditor Johnson announced a secure drop box has been installed under the security light next to the handicap parking stalls in the courthouse south parking lot. This will be available for after hours drop offs. The drop box inside the courthouse is still available.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 AM.

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 12th, 2020
Tom Broeker, Chairman
Attest: Terri Johnson, Auditor