

March 13, 2009

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors held the 2009-2010 Budget Hearing at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 13th, 2009, with Jeff Heland, Bob Beck and Dan Cahill present.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Beck and seconded by Cahill. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Director Cheryl McVey explained the budget process and stated that the County's auditing firm reports the County is fiscally strong due to its low indebtedness. Cahill expressed appreciation to all department heads who worked so hard to cut their budgets. The County will end the current fiscal year with a positive fund balance. Heland added that the poor economy and the flood hit at the same time. He thinks the County can't continue to pay as we go. Beck stated that he has no problem with short term borrowing but State bureaucracies, such as DNR and Landfill, are out of control. Everyone wants clean air and water but it's costing counties big money. Cahill doesn't approve of bonding even though interest is low. Also, counties can borrow for specific items or projects but not for current expenses.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Cahill and seconded by Beck. Motion passed unanimously. Beck moved to approve the 2009-2010 County Budget. Seconded by Cahill. Roll-Call Vote: Beck, Aye Cahill, Aye Heland, Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Approved March 24, 2009
Jeff M. Heland, Chairman
Attest: Carol S. Copeland, Auditor

This Board meeting is recorded and the tape is kept on file for two years. The minutes are also posted on the county's website www.co.des-moines.ia.us