

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Al Winters, Randy Conrad, Barb Francis, Vern Meyer, Mike Patterson, Denny Sponheim, Judy Voaklander, Dean Pohren, Bob Lohuis and Steve Thompson (Media). Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to delete request to amend the forgivable loan applications, include EMA truck lights and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the June 26th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed a petition being circulated in the county to request a county wide vote to change the makeup of the Board of Supervisors from 3 members to 5 members. Discussed what constitutes a "walking quorum."

Supervisor Walk stated he was happy with the TIF information meeting held June 27th at the Nature Center but was disappointed that some questions were not related to the topic at hand, TIF. The meeting was to be a TIF meeting, not a housing or Port Authority meeting.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed the Miscellaneous HMA Paving Project. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to set July 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for the letting of the paving project. Bids are to be received by 8:15 a.m. on the 31st and bids will be opened at 9:05 a.m. Roll call vote: all ayes. Other business. A request was made to grade pot holes on the Fair Grounds property. The excavator will be delivered next week.

Bob Lohuis of Bailey discussed a drainage issue on his property located near Valley Avenue and 485th Street. Engineer Brumm will meet with Bob to work out a solution to the problem.

Assessor Amy Folkerts presented one 2018 Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit Disallowance and twenty-two 2018 Business Tax Credit Disallowances. Amy recommended that each should be disallowed for various reasons. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve all the Disabled Veterans and Business Property Tax Credits for 2018. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Smolik reported that Mitchell County needs to reimburse Worth County for half the cost of the emergency lights on the EMA truck that wasn't agreed to previously. Total cost of the truck and the lights is \$9,250.00. Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the final payment of \$9,250.00 to Worth County. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Valent meetings. Smolik reported on the

Alert training. Walk reported on the Port Authority and 2nd judicial meetings.

Walk left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Received manure management plan updates from Anderson Finisher Site, Blong North, Junction South, Emory Unruh and Happy Pork Inc. Effective June 23, 2018 Laura Huisman, office manager, received a \$1.00 per hour increase to \$23.07 per hour. Effective June 24, 2018 Leanna Troge, Home Care Aide III received a salary step increase to \$18.14 per hour. Effective July 5, 2018 Nicole Bierbrodt, Home Care Aide III received a salary step increase to \$15.86 per hour. Effective July 11, 2018 Heather Huffman, R.N. is to receive a salary step increase to \$27.42 per hour. Christine Hackenmiller has been hired as a FT-40 office assistant. Her start date is July 23, 2018 and her starting wage is \$15.39 per hour. Barbara Jeffries will be retiring from her full time position on September 30, 2018.

Public comments were received from Al Winters, Dean Pohren and Amy Folkerts. Discussed proceedings from the last Port Authority meeting and the amendment of the Urban Renewal Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors