

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Judy Voaklander, Barb Francis, Dean Pohren, Al Winters, Mark Ross, Bill Zimmerell, Ron Mueller, Jerry Dunay, Dennis Sponheim, Karen Damjanovic and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the November 6th meeting. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk asked the Board if they were intending to take any action on cleaning up the Russ Kephart property in New Haven. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to proceed with cleaning up the property. Roll call vote: all ayes. County Attorney stated that the Iowa Public Information Board will hold a hearing on November 15th for the Al Winters complaint against the Mitchell County BOS. Discussed procedures for redistricting the County into five separate Supervisor Districts. In 2019 the BOS shall set up a committee to divide the county into 5 equal voting districts by population.

Discussed hiring a full-time IT (Information Technology) person for Mitchell County. Interviews were held in October. A Department Head meeting has been scheduled for November 15th to discuss this further.

Discussed TIF allocations. The Mitchell County Economic Development Commission will be asked for input on another housing study. Also discussed allocating TIF funds for rocking more of the rural roads.

County Sheriff Greg Beaver presented his monthly report for fees collected. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the October Sheriff's report in the amount of \$18,533.91. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report of Revenue in the amount of \$223.40. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Auditor Tesch recommended that the BOS approve the hiring of Rachel Hannam as a new employee in the Auditor/GIS office. Rachel's effective hire date will be November 19, 2018. Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin will be retiring at the end of June 2019. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Jerry Dunlay stated that the BOS should consider appointing Joel Voaklander as the BOS representative to the FMC Landfill Board. No action was taken.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community action and Valent. Smolik reported on the Fair Board meeting and a meeting at the County Services building with an Architect and Consultant for remodeling the building. Walk presented the NIACOG Annual Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Al Winters asked

Supervisor Walk to give an update on the North Iowa Port Authority meeting. Dean Pohren asked if there was going to be any Port Authority meetings held somewhere else besides Mason City. Walk stated that Mason City is the central location for the other Counties involved.

County Engineer Rich Brumm recommended the BOS approve hiring a new employee for the Secondary Roads department. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve hiring Ken Boge for this position. No start date was given. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich stated the snow equipment has been put on the trucks. The City of Stacyville has approved an agreement for the \$74,000 bridge project on the main street of their town. Discussed road designation signs.

Meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. Reconvened at 10:10 a.m. The Board constituted themselves a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvas the votes of the November 6, 2018 General Election. It was found that candidates received votes for County offices as follows:

Barbara J. Francis	Democrat Supervisor District 1	441 votes
Steven A. Smolik	Republican Supervisor District 3	883 votes
Mark L. Walk	Republican County Attorney	3,593 votes
Pat Skuster	Democrat County Recorder	3,816 votes
Shannon Paulus	Democrat County Treasurer	2,845 votes
Jon Koster	Public Hospital Trustee 6 year term	3,558 votes
Betty McCarthy	Public Hospital Trustee 6 year term	3,139 votes
Bruce J. Johnson	Soil & Water Commissioner 4 year term	3,072 votes
Dana Norby	Soil & Water Commissioner 4 year term	3,085 votes
Keith Meitner	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	3,337 votes
Shawn Sponheim	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	3,256 votes
Kirk Phelps	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	2,874 votes
Mary Klaes	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	3,380 votes
Bryan Tabbert	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	3,088 votes

Township Clerks and Trustees Elected to 4 year terms

Burr Oak	Clerk	Daniel E. Sullivan
Burr Oak	Trustees	Dale F. Hemann & Charlotte Barker
Cedar	Clerk	Gerrid Mellmann
Cedar	Trustees	James Urbatsch & Vincent Morische
Douglas	Clerk	John Hartogh
Douglas	Trustees	Laverne Reimers & David Smalley

East Lincoln	Clerk	Marilyn Wright
East Lincoln	Trustees	Alan Damjanovic & Jake Hemann
Jenkins	Clerk	Deanna Eastman
Jenkins	Trustees	Leland Minnis & Randy Kephart
Liberty	Clerk	Mary C. Puettmann
Liberty	Trustees	Wilbur Puettmann & Brian Juenger
Mitchell	Clerk	Beverly Hendrickson
Mitchell	Trustee	Mark Hendrickson
Newburg	Clerk	Bruce Gerdts
Newburg	Trustees	Duaine G. Dierks & Dennis Sponheim
Osage	Clerk	Joe Malecek
Osage	Trustees	James A. Havig & Roger Valasek
Otranto	Clerk	Gregory D. Goplerud
Otranto	Trustees	John Edwin Jahr & Will Bartz
Rock	Clerk	Michael Heimer
Rock	Trustees	Dennis Dieterich & Dennis Popp
St. Ansgar	Clerk	Steven Neeley
St. Ansgar	Trustees	Elizabeth Neeley & John Groth
Stacyville	Clerk	Joseph Smith
Stacyville	Trustees	Samuel Kruse & Brian Retterath
Union	Clerk	Michael Mullenbach
Union	Trustees	Lawrence J. Bissen & Dale Hoffman
Wayne	Clerk	William Hemann
Wayne	Trustees	Daniel E. Adams & Stephen McCarthy
West Lincoln	Clerk	Ruth Wetherell
West Lincoln	Trustees	Dwight Meerdink & Richard W. Rogers

Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the canvass and sign the abstract of votes for the General Election candidates. Roll call vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors