

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Warren Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include discussion on Homestead tax credits and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the County Weed Commissioner's position. Consensus to advertise the position in the four county newspapers.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign right-of-way plans for the City of Carpenter wastewater project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the DECAT and NIVC meetings and Voaklander reported on the Economic Development and the 28E Oversight Board meetings. Received a manure management plan update from Anders Knudsen.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the sale of interest in County property. The Chair asked the Auditor and the BOS if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the public hearing. It was reported that none were received. Supervisor Walk read a letter from the Mitchell County Attorney to Pioneer Wind Farm I LLC addressing the Wind Company's intent to install underground electrical distribution lines, communication lines, roads and other improvements associated with a wind energy project crossing an easement held by Mitchell County. After brief discussion, the public hearing was closed at 8:50 a.m. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the lease with Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm I LLC for the sale of County property in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00). Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the Roads department is doing routine work. Members of the public present to discuss the Halvorson Park Bridge and paving projects were Mike Heimer, Stan Ask, Paul Groth, Pete Hemann, Lindsey Falk, Lee Boerjan, Wayne Sponheim, Dick Brunner, Mark Patterson, Tim Bruggeman, Lawrence Bruggeman, Allen Hofland, Don Hofland, Russell Sampson, Marilyn Edgington, Carolyn Sherman and Tom Knudsen. County Engineer discussed widening the Halvorson Bridge deck from the present twenty-four (24') feet to thirty-two (32') feet. Discussed funding, cutting down the hill to the south of the bridge and adding a bike lane to the bridge. County

Engineer stated that the State doesn't recommend adding bike lanes to bridges for safety reasons. After more discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to proceed with plans to widen the Halvorson Park Bridge to thirty-two (32') feet. Roll call vote: all ayes. Also discussed future paving projects and using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to assist with paving Hickory Avenue north of Toeterville.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk Mitchell County Ordinance #12 Rural Address System. Present were E911 Director Ginger Thompson and Conservation Naturalist Mary Jo Burkgren. Reviewed section 6 of the ordinance which pertains to road markers. Also discussed enforcement and unauthorized removal of 911 signs. County Attorney will review the ordinance and report back to the Board.

Supervisor Walk discussed with the County Attorney Homestead tax credits. County Attorney stated that this is an individual issue and not a BOS matter.

Further discussion was held with the County Engineer regarding future paving projects, financing and Farm-to-Market funds. After lengthy discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to go forward with the road plan as proposed. Roll call vote: Walk and Voaklander voted aye. Marreel voted nay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors