

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Marrel and Voaklander present. Also present was Warren Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include discuss roads and Senior Citizen's request and to approve the amended agenda. Marreel and Voaklander voted aye.

Walk arrived at 8:33 a.m.

Fair Board members Mike Stricker and Gene Pitzen reviewed the Mitchell County Ag Society annual financial report for the year ended September 30, 2008. Discussed repairs, next year's fair dates and the all events center building.

CPC Director Bob Lincoln reported that Pat Clark is doing social work full time at the County Care Facility. Discussed finding someone to replace Pat for the County General Assistance position. Bob stated that he would write up a job description. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to post the position as the Community Service Coordinator. Roll call vote: all ayes. Bob also reviewed a revised proposed 28E agreement for North Iowa Community Services. This will be given to the County Attorney for his review.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the November Sheriff's report. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$34,027.47. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Lindsey Falk and David Falk gave an update on a water discharge meeting held with the DNR. Lindsay stated that Falks pump quarry water into Spring Creek and Turtle Creek. The DNR is proposing to eliminate the discharge of water into near by streams. A follow up meeting is scheduled for December 18th. Voaklander and Walk plan on attending the meeting.

County Engineer Jim Hyde discussed road paving projects. Present were Steve Ham, Gene O. Maakestad, Tedd Maakestad, Bob Hollatz and John Morische. The farmers present were in support of having 1st Street in Osage blacktopped from Lime Kiln Road to Highway 9. The Board stated that they would consider their request. Jim stated that he would write the language for the paving bids.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed purposes for 28E agreements. Mark will review the latest revision to the proposed North Iowa Community Services 28E agreement.

Discussed an upcoming symposium dealing with a Veterinarian's role in animal cruelty and neglect. The symposium will provide information about current animal care legislation that affects lowans. This is scheduled for

February 10th at Ames. The BOS will consider having someone attend.

Dan Schroeder from NIACOG reviewed changes to the original draft of the Mitchell County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Dan stated that some of the hazards were removed and some mitigation plans were changed. The plan will be submitted to FEMA for approval.

Floyd Roske, representing the Osage Senior Citizen Center, reported that the Center had done an energy audit this past year, as recommended by the BOS. New windows and insulation were installed. Floyd stated that they are averaging serving one hundred meals and delivering fifty meals each day. The Center is asking for continued financial support from the BOS during the next year.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the December 9th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Reviewed the Compensation Board salary recommendations for FY 2010. After discussion, consensus to table for a week. Discussed wages for the hourly County employees. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve a 3.5% wage increase, with a minimum floor of 50 cents per hour for the regular hourly employees. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve Resolution #742-08 Construction Evaluation Resolution. The resolution relates to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation and Mental Health meetings and Voaklander reported on an Economic Development meeting and a meeting with Hospital officials. Effective December 19, 2008, Nancy Milbrandt, Office Staff, is to receive a salary step increase to \$11.25 per hour. Effective December 21, 2008, Jule Larson, R.N., is to receive a salary step increase to \$21.55 per hour. Received a manure management plan update from Pete Thome. Effective December 15, 2008, David Hartogh has been hired as the Maintenance person for the Courthouse. His hourly wage is \$13.00 per hour. Reported that employment applications are being received for the Veteran Affairs position.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve placing \$20 in the Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement Fund for the Wapsi Trail Brick Project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors