

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to include new hires and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Osage Chamber of Commerce Secretary Wendy Heuton discussed erecting signage along the Avenue of Saints and Interstates 35 and 90 for promoting Tourism in Mitchell County. Wendy reported that a county assessment would need to be completed. Cost for the assessment would be \$15,000. Discussed ways to promote Mitchell County and forms of advertisements. This will be reviewed more at a later date.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that legal descriptions for the wind towers are at NIACOG. Discussed plans for a new proposed shop building at St. Ansgar. Also discussed including paving the road past the County Care facility between 370th and 385th Streets.

Nick Varga was present to discuss schooling for the Weed Commissioners training conference. The BOS will consider paying Nick's expenses and wages while attending the conference.

County Attorney Mark Walk gave an update on the Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating lawsuit regarding heating issues at the County Services building.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the January 20th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community Action, 28E County Social Services Board and the Economic Development meetings. Marreel reported on the State Supervisors meeting that he and Voaklander attended and the NIVC, DECAT and the Riceville Community Club meetings. Effective January 23, 2009, Becky Johnson, Home Care Aide III, is to receive a salary step increase to \$13.60 per hour. Received manure management plan updates from Myron Hemann, Wright Way Farms, McIntire Finisher Farm and Thorsen/Tip 10 Sow Farm Sow/litter. Received Auditor's reports from Mental Health Center of North Iowa, Inc. and Community Support Programs of June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Tabled approving the hiring of new Jailers until the February 3rd Board meeting.

Reviewed preliminary FY 2010 budget figures. Present was Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. Set March 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. for the FY 10 County budget hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors