

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Lindsey Falk and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include creek signs and Newburg windmills and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

At 8:32 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed drawings and specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimate of cost for the construction of Carpenter, Iowa wastewater collection and treatment improvement project for Mitchell County, Iowa and taking bids therefore. Present from the public were Tim Moreau and Mark Ross. The Chair read a Resolution approved by the Carpenter City Council on November 3, 2008 adopting the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project. The Chair asked if there were any written comments received prior to the hearing. The Auditor replied that none were received. The public hearing was closed at 8:38 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contracts and estimate of cost. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign a utility permit application to put sewer lines underneath Hwy 105 at two locations in Carpenter. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska gave a department update and reviewed the January financial report.

Milt Owen reviewed equipment needs for the Conservation department. Estimated cost for the equipment is \$120,000. Milt stated that he is budgeting \$30,000 each year for equipment. Milt asked for authorization to begin proceedings to borrow the necessary funds. Consensus to hold a public hearing before proceeding with borrowing the funds. Discussed road signs that would designate the names of creeks in Mitchell County. Milt thought that present signs were purchased thru the Soil and Water Conservation District. This will be checked into further.

County Attorney Mark Walk was asked if he represents the Hospital Board of Trustees. County Attorney stated that he doesn't represent them. Discussed concerns in the Hospital management agreement.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and the minutes of the special Board meeting on the evening of the 10th. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign an application for a Community Disaster Grant. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the Emergency Management Agency's budget hearing. Walk gave an update

on a proposed windmill project in Newburg Township.

The Board is seeking a person to represent Mitchell County on the North Iowa Mental Health Board.

County Engineer Jim Hyde discussed future road projects and sites for a new maintenance shop at St. Ansgar.

Matt Eldridge, Senior Account Manager with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa, gave an annual report on Mitchell County's health insurance plan.

Cedar River Complex Director Angie Huffman and Osage Chamber Director Wendy Heuton gave a report on an upcoming seminar in Minneapolis for a program entitled Fish Philosophy. The program is geared for community leaders and for creating partnerships between the county communities.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors