

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

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

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve a utility permit for the Carpenter Wastewater Project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve placing \$992.60 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund for Cans for Conservation. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 24th meeting as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes.

P&Z Director Mark Ross reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment unanimously recommended that the Popp Quarry be approved for operation. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the opening of the Popp Quarry. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Barb Baldwin discussed having the Sidwell Company do a partial aerial fly-over of Stacyville, St. Ansgar, Osage, Wayne Township and the ethanol plant. Estimated cost will be \$18,000. Barb stated that half could be paid in June and the other half in July. After discussion motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the partial fly-over GIS project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Marreel left at 9:00 a.m. to attend a funeral. Vice-Chair Walk took over as Chair of the meeting.

Angie Huffman and Wendy Heuton were present to inquire if the Board had made a decision on attending the Fish Philosophy seminar for community leaders. The Board said they wanted another week to think it over.

V&K Engineer Tim Moreau reviewed the bids for the Carpenter Wastewater Project. Tim recommended that the Board award Contract #1 to Ellingson Drainage, Inc. of West Concord, MN and Contract #2 to R&R Excavating, Inc. of Hutchinson, MN. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a resolution making award of construction contracts #1 to Ellingson Drainage, Inc. for the amount of \$654,363.93 and contract #2 to R&R Excavating, Inc. for the amount of \$195,786.60 subject to USDA-RD approval. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that work for the deck and painting of the Mill Bridge at St. Ansgar would begin in mid-April and should be completed in two to six weeks. Jim also reported that Mitchell and Worth Counties are

each purchasing three used motor graders for an average cost of \$106,000 for each machine. Motor graders are superior for snow removal on gravel roads. Delivery will be in July.

Ernie Schofield inquired which roads were to be paved in Wayne Township and about replacement of a bridge on Windfall Avenue near McIntire. Supervisor Walk gave an update on the wind turbines and the tax increment financing (TIF) project.

Conservation Director Milt Owen discussed taking bids for garbage removal at the County Recycling Center and for the County parks. The County Attorney will be consulted on whether this can be done at the Recycling Center. Consensus to allow Milt to seek bids for the parks.

Sheriff Curt Younker discussed with the Board county wide law enforcement. Supervisor Walk reported that five counties in Iowa have gone to county wide law enforcement. Supervisor Voaklander is to meet with the safety committee of the Osage City Council.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the claims with the exception of claim #4132. No invoice was provided detailing the purchase. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Economic Development and the 28E Oversight Board and Walk reported on the T 21 meeting. Marreel left notice that he had attended the Board of Health, E911 and DECAT meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Roger Schroeder and Jen Rae Pork. Scheduled a budget workshop for Monday, March 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Vice Chair Board of Supervisors