

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

Thursday, March 19, 2009

A Board of Supervisors meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with Walk and Marreel present. Voaklander was attending another meeting. Also present were County Attorney Mark Walk, Hospital Administrator Sandy Leggett, Mercy Hospital Attorney Robbie Anderson, Mitchell County Hospital Trustees: Larry Abel, Don Hendrickson, Jan Moody, Jean Brumm and John Lessard. Members of the public present were: Keith Eastman, Gary Moody, Becky Lessard, Alan Streeter and Stephanie Duckert. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to include set date for public hearing for bonding for Carpenter wastewater project and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Supervisor Walk read an opening statement supporting the needs for the Hospital and a key role that it plays in economic development for Mitchell County. Supervisor Walk expressed concerns on two questionable Hospital Board closed sessions. He also expressed concern regarding the Hospital Trustees not having their own legal counsel concerning hospital issues with Mercy. Supervisor Walk asked the Trustees that were present a question about legal counsel. Walk was advised that Mercy's Attorney would answer all questions. Supervisor Walk also expressed concern about the Mercy Administration Fee based on two percent (2%) of all operating expenses and the Hospital's lack of any incentives to be efficient and hold down rapidly rising expenses. Mercy's Attorney assured everyone that there are no problems and that she can represent both Mercy and the Hospital Board of Trustees, equally and fairly. There being no additional concerns, this part of the meeting concluded.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to set March 31, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to seek additional bonding for the City of Carpenter wastewater project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors