

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

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with Voaklander and Walk present. Marreel was attending a funeral. Also present were Charlie Pajer, Kathy Falk and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meetings with clarification. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conservation Director Milt Owen reported that he had received two bids for garbage service at the Recycling Center and the county parks. Waste Management turned in the low bid of \$15,009.80 for the parks and Jendro Sanitation had the low bid of \$12,730.00 for the Recycling Center. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the bids as recommended by Milt and the Conservation Board. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve placing \$3,300 in the Land Acquisition Capitol Improvement Fund for negotiating Conservation easements. Roll call vote: all ayes.

St. Ansgar Community Chamber Chairman Kathy Falk reported on matching funds from the St. Ansgar Chamber for the grant application for Fun In The Park at the annual Town and Country Days. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve contributing \$750.00 each to the St. Ansgar Chamber and to Riceville Community Club. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that deck work will begin on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the St. Ansgar Mill Dam bridge. The bridge will be closed for approximately one month. Roads department is blading roads and working on frost boils.

Discussed a request from Larry Fox to farm the east quarter section of a dirt road between section 9 and section 16 in Jenkins Township. The west quarter section of the dirt road is now being farmed by a neighboring farmer. Will direct the County Attorney to do a title search.

Jeff Heil of Northland Securities reported on funding for the loan agreement on the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2009. Also present was Treasurer Carol Zerck. Jeff discussed interest rates and reported that Mitchell County had received an "A Plus" rating for the interest rate. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a Purchase Agreement of \$8,965,000 on the issuance of the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Dennis Renner and Mike Birchem of Renner & Birchem, P.C. reviewed the Mitchell County Independent Auditor's

Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Discussed concerns, changes and procedures connected with the audit.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve Resolution #749-09 naming Bank Depositories. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer presented an amendment to the EZ08-HEZ-046. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the amendment and to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the contract amendment. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the Absolute Energy, LLC funding application to IDED and to approve Resolution #750-09. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve change order #2, contract 1 – Ellingson Drainage for the Carpenter Wastewater project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the Waste System Grant Agreement for the Carpenter Wastewater project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Alliance and Sister City meetings and Walk reported on the Conservation and Mental Health meetings. Received a manure management plan update from Lipson/Tip 3 Finisher Farm. Effective April 12, 2009, Donna Anhorn office staff, is receiving a salary increase to \$12.35 per hour at the Care Facility. Effective April 26, 2009, Dawn Adams is receiving a salary increase to \$9.35 per hour for completing her nurse aide course and her probationary period at the Care Facility. Effective April 17, 2009, Belvia Lovik, Home Care Aide III, is changing employment status to PT-10 and is receiving a salary step increase to \$11.20 per hour.

Walk stated that NIACOG would rent a Transit Bus to Mitchell County for transporting the Russian delegation to tour the Absolute Energy plant and the wind towers on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40.00 per hour with a qualified driver. Walk stated that he would qualify to drive the bus. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to fund the rental cost and to have Walk drive the bus. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Vice Chair Board of Supervisors