

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

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

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a request from Larry Fox to farm the east quarter section of a dirt road between Section 9 and 16 in Jenkins Township. The west quarter section of the dirt road is now being farmed by a neighboring farmer. Consensus to permit Larry to farm the section of the road.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed his request to amend the FY 2009 Sheriff's department budget. The request is for building maintenance and increase for insurance. The money should not be needed, but is a worse case scenario. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the amendment to the FY 2009 Sheriff's department budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the April 28th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reviewed paving contracts. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to accept the project bids and authorize the Chair to sign the following contracts for Manatts Inc. L-L PPCC-1-09-73-66 Division 1, L-L PPCC-1-09-73-66 Division 2, L-L PPCC-1-09-73-66 Division 4, L-L PPCC-1-09-73-66 Division 5, L-L PPCC-2-09-73-66 Division 5, L-L PPCC-2-09-73-66 Division 2, L-L PPCC-2-09-73-66 Division 3, L-L PPCC-2-09-73-66 Division 4, L-L PPCC-2-09-73-66 Division 1. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Contract #66-C066-039 with Concrete Foundations, Inc. for a stimulus project east of McIntire, IA and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Extension Director Neil Wubben gave an update on the 2009 ISU Extension restructuring plan. Statewide Extension Services will be going to a regional system with County Directors serving five to seven counties each. Neil stated that he will be retiring in January of 2010.

Discussed starting to use the interim financing that was set up at the C US Bank for the Carpenter Wastewater project. Directed the Auditor to make arrangements with the bank to start utilizing the financing. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve payment of invoices for professional services associated with the Carpenter Wastewater project. V&K invoice #1 \$1,642.50, #10 \$4,157.25, #11 \$1,662.90 and Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. \$2,270.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Community Action meeting and Marreel reported on the NIVC Board

meeting. Received manure management plan updates from Friesen Farms – East, Friesen Farms – North and Friesen Farms – Liberty 34 Site.

Deferred for one week approving the appointment of a new dispatcher at the Mitchell County Communications Center.

The meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. Reconvened at 10:30 a.m. at Adams Plumbing & Heating for a presentation on geothermal energy. Present were Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer, Katie Rice and Dean Buendorf of Terra-Therm, Inc. Dean gave an explanation of what geothermal energy is and how it works. Discussed different types of systems and potential savings on heating and cooling bills. Since the stimulus bill contains monies for green energy, consensus to have Dean figure cost estimates and savings for the Courthouse, Law Enforcement and County Services buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors