

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

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include discussion on Courthouse repairs and garage building and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk closing costs for the property that the County is purchasing for the St. Ansgar maintenance shop. Also discussed a request for rock on two miles of the State Line Road west of the Absolute Ethanol Plant. No action was taken.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the Sheriff's report for June. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the Sheriff's report in the amount of \$28,486.22. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the Roads department is grading roads and upgrading three miles of the worst snow roads.

P&Z Director Mark Ross reported on a junk nuisance at a property in Mona. Mark stated that the property owners had been given thirty days notice to clean up the property and the thirty days is now past. The property owners have done some work but haven't finished. The Board directed Mark to send a letter giving the property owners until August 5<sup>th</sup> to finish the clean up otherwise the County will come and clean up the rest of the property and will add the cost to the property taxes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the claims pending a clarification on one of the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the Carpenter Wastewater Improvement Project. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve invoices #3 and #13 to Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. for professional services in the amount of \$4,969.35. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a proposal from Ellingson Companies for the additional improvements that will be required to meet the electrical inspectors requirements. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Amy Markham representing the Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition and Prairie Ridge presented a new un-mandated program regarding beverage server training. Also present was Marcia Mork. The program is to encourage businesses to have their employees attend a beverage server training course. One of the major goals is to protect the server from potential fines or law suits. Amy stated that she is one of instructors for the training. The session for bars is for

five hours and three hours for convenience stores. Cost is \$78 per person. Consensus of the Board is not enough is known about the program, so therefore no action will be taken at this time.

Kirk Kraft of Iberdrola Renewables reported that the wind turbine project for Newburg Township has been put on hold. Also present was Assessor Dean Pohren and P&Z Director Mark Ross. Kirk reported that Iberdrola is working on upgrades of transmission lines in Worth and Mitchell Counties.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on a Health Care meeting with a representative from Senator Harkin's office and a Landfill meeting. Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment and the NCRERC meetings and a tour of the Mason City Fire Department. Received a manure management plan update from Baarsch Farms – Junction South. Reviewed drawings for a combination garage and office building for County use. Discussed on going repairs at the Courthouse. The Board has serious concerns about additional potential structural problems with this facility.

Barb Baldwin gave an update for new computers in the Supervisor's and other offices. Barb is checking into quotes for a government rate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors