

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Marreel and Voaklander present. Walk was attending a bus drivers meeting. Also present was Charlie Pajer. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to delete meeting at County Care Facility and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Lynette Kooker and Matt Eldridge from the Wellmark Health Insurance Company explained the ISAC Wellmark Wellness program. Also present was Barb Jefferies. Reviewed various programs that are available. Also discussed setting a date for employee meetings to explain the benefits of an employee wellness program. Barb will coordinate setting up a Wellness committee with a volunteer from each department. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to participate in the ISAC Wellness Program. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the cold-in-place work will begin in early September and that the Red Ball Road is completed and that the Contractor is now paving Kirkwood Avenue. Also present was Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm.

Deferred any action to a financial request by the City of Stacyville for their Industrial Park Road pending more detailed information on what was paid by the Rise Fund Grant.

Motion by Voaklander second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the August 11th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the appointment of Lucas Irvin as a full-time 40 Mitchell County Deputy Sheriff. Roll call vote: all ayes. Lucas's date of hire is August 17, 2009 and his rate of pay is \$46,575 per year.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 08-09 County Care Facility Financial report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander and Marreel reported that they attended the RC& D picnic and Marreel gave an update on the Board of Health meeting. Received manure management plan updates from Friesen Farms Northeast, Wheeler Finisher Farm owned by Meadow Crossing Farms, LLC and Tooker/Tip 12 Finisher Farm owned by Iowa Select Farms.

To be noted that \$200,000 is to be transferred from the General Basic Fund to the General Supplemental Fund.

Discussed changing the Board meeting time to 8:35 a.m. effective September 1st. Consensus to make this change.

It was reported that the Conservation Department is exempt from collecting a hotel and motel tax for the cabin at

the Cedar Bridge Park.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he had sent a letter to the contractor who installed the cement on the north side of the Jail. It's been reported that the cement surface is flaking off. Discussed a complaint about a dog running loose in Toeterville. This will be referred to the Sheriff's department.

Present to discuss steel wheel tractors operating on County paved roads were: Jonas Z. Leid, Mervin Leid, Peter Z. Nolt and Rodney Koch. The Board stated that they had received notice from the paving crew foreman that he had noticed damage done to the new paving on Primrose Avenue. Due to the design to the wheels of their tractors the Leid's and Mr. Nolt feel that they haven't done any damage to the road. They stated that the reason they still use steel wheels is because it's a tradition. It was stated that this is a surface impact issue with the steel cleats hitting the road. The County Attorney stated that a flat steel wheel is legal by Iowa law to drive on Iowa roads, but wheels with cleats are the problem and if there is damage done the person responsible is subject to a fine. County Attorney stated that the County needs to enact an ordinance to protect the roads. After further discussion, consensus of the Board to direct the County Attorney to prepare a notice for a public hearing for such an ordinance. The Board then proceeded to Primrose Avenue to inspect the new concrete road.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors