

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Stan Ask and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include stamped warrants and mental health system update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a junk nuisance in Mona. Also present was P&Z Director Mark Ross. The property owner was sent a thirty day notice to clean up the property. Mark reported that the thirty days notice is past and the junk has not been removed. The Secondary Roads department will be directed to enter the property and perform the clean up. County Attorney recommended Mark to video tape the whole process of the clean up and recommended the Roads department keep track of all expenses. Also discussed the bridge collapse over Otter Creek, concrete issue at the Jail, an unemployment claim and the incident where a motorist drove on wet concrete.

Members of the public present for public comment were: Briana Williamson, Mark V. Wagner, Becky Wagner, Troy Krahenbuhl, Brian McPhail, Sheriff Curt Younker and Osage Police Chief Russ Slight. Owners of the restaurant asked what the basis of a letter sent by the Board to the Iowa Highway Patrol Post 8 which named Teluwut in the letter. The Board responded that they had received questions from the public and were trying to get some clarification. Brian McPhail, representing Teluwut, asked if the Board would consider issuing a public apology. The letter from the Iowa State Patrol had not been received by the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting. Then Sheriff Younker presented a copy of the letter from the Iowa State Patrol addressed to the Board of Supervisors. Upon reading the letter Marreel stated that he was issuing an apology to Teluwut and to Trooper Ty Williamson. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to issue an apology for any misunderstanding there may have been. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed with County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm updated the Board on a new road sign on March Avenue near the County Care Facility alerting the public that there may be residents walking on the road. Jim stated that the bid letting for the Halvorson Park Bridge is to be let this morning (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>), paving is progressing and the pipe is in for the Otter Creek bridge.

CPC Director Bob Lincoln gave an update on the County mental health system. Bob stated that there are changes to be proposed to the Mental Health Fund. A pilot project will be presented on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the State Capitol.

Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health Director Deb Freeman reviewed plans for a modernization of Public Health in Iowa and to request the Board to support the Board of Health's compliance with the Iowa Public Health

Standards. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to support the BOH in pursuing and complying with the Iowa Public Health Standards. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve placing \$1,041.55 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund from Cans for Conservation and the Wapsi Great Western Brick Fund. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed adding more phone lines at the County Care Facility. It was reported that the office at County Care has received quotes from two phone companies. Consensus to have Bob Marreel talk to Donna Anhorn and have her order the additional phone line. Also discussed repairing the old chicken house at the facility. The Board will get an estimate for the repairs.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the County Conservation and NIACOG meetings and the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Annual Employment Seminar that he and Voaklander attended. Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment meeting. Received a manure management plan update from Hemann East Finisher Farm.

Directed the County Auditor to place an ad in the newspaper to sell three county vehicles.

Discussed the Wellmark Health Insurance Company Wellness program. This is a voluntary program for County employees. Barb Jeffries has volunteered to chair the committee for the program and is asking for a representative from each County department.

Discussed with County Treasurer Carol Zerck stamped warrants in regards to future investments. Supervisor Walk stated that at the NIACOG meeting Winnebago County had stamped warrants for a drainage project and was earning more interest than what banks were paying. Carol stated that the County used to issue stamped warrants but hadn't done so for a number of years. Carol recommended that the Board review the County Investment Policy before taking any action. Carol will provide the Board with copies of the policy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors