

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present were: Les Perry, Dean Wright, Karen Wright, Leo Meitner, Mervin Leid, Jonas Leid, Peter Nolt, Clem Johanns and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include discussion for a pump at the Care Facility and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed procedures for handling complaints regarding the road protection ordinance. Discussed the County junk ordinance and the number of junked vehicles that are allowed on a property.

Les Perry stated that he had made a complaint to the Sheriff regarding possible overweight trucks crossing a posted bridge on Timber Avenue. The County Attorney informed Mr. Perry to get a description of the truck, the driver of the truck and the time that he witnessed the trucks crossing the bridge before any charges can be brought forth. The Sheriff will pursue the matter when all the specifics are available.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the Sheriff report for September. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the report in the amount of \$34,561.19. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm reported that Mayer's Digging is doing shouldering work along Hickory Avenue north of Toeterville. Mathy's are scheduled to begin asphalt work on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Rich is starting to work on the 2010 secondary roads construction program.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: All ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the Auditor's quarterly report of revenue in the amount of \$237.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Public comment was received regarding the Road Protection Ordinance. Jonas Leid asked why his Mennonite sect couldn't drive their tractors, which are equipped with steel cleats, on the paved roads as they have in the past. Supervisor Walk explained that years ago there were signs posted that stated that equipment with lugs were prohibited from traveling on county paved roads. The BOS are intending to keep the integrity of the roads. Supervisor Marreel stated that Iowa law states that no tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberances of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface. Dean Wright asked if the damage done to the road surface was just cosmetic or was it deeper and how was this determined. Supervisor Voaklander shared photos of previous damage. The Chair stated to those in attendance if they had other

concerns they should contact the Auditor and be placed on a future agenda.

Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health Director Deb Freeman reviewed the Iowa Youth Survey given to 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students thru out the state regarding underage and binge drinking. Also present was Sharon Reinardy. Deb made a request for funding on behalf of the Mitchell County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition for FY 2011. Deb asked for permission to apply for the funds that Prairie Ridge Treatment Center was participating in for the past ten years. Prairie Ridge will no longer be requesting these funds from Mitchell County. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the Coalition pursuing the grant for substance abuse in Mitchell County subject to final approval by the BOS. Roll call vote: all ayes.

CPC Director Bob Lincoln and DHS Personnel Business Manager Vickie Hendershot discussed the possible transfer of the DHS conference room to the MHD program. Bob stated that other agencies have occasionally used the room. Vickie commented that the DHS Agency hasn't had a great need for the room and it is their intent to make it work for everyone. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to transfer the DHS Conference room to the MHD program. Roll call vote: all ayes. Bob Lincoln discussed the direction of future funding of the Mitchell County Care Facility program. Also present were Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin and Care Facility employees Pat Clark and Donna Anhorn. Reviewed the Medicaid and Waiver programs and how the programs were working at the Care Facility. Discussed the need for more staff to assist with more one-on-one time with the residents. It was recommended to continue with the Waiver program with direction. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to proceed with Bob Lincoln assisting with Peg Hanson in making administrative decisions in regards to the direction of the County Care Facility program. Roll call vote: all ayes. Bob Lincoln reviewed the County Social Services Project Plan.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the memorandum of understanding between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the BOS to provide substance abuse prevention and related services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the payment of \$13,147.77 to Gross & McPhail for legal services in connection with the Carpenter Wastewater Improvement project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the NIVC meeting. Received the September Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$2,300.57. Set Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. for a department head meeting to discuss preliminary budgets.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve appointing Allan Smalley of the Osage City Council as a City appointee to the NIACOG Board. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Marreel volunteered to be a member of the County Wellness committee.

Discussed a pump issue at the Care Facility. Consensus to purchase a permanent pump. Supervisor Walk will check with Sanitarian Mark Ross before proceeding.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors