

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer and Betty McCarthy. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to delete County Attorney general discussion, include manure management plan updates and mediation and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

The Board interviewed Jane Mosher as an applicant for the Mitchell County Compensation Commission. Jane stated that she would be happy to serve and honored for the position. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the November 10th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the appointment of Russell E. Hintz as a Reserve Deputy of Mitchell County effective November 12, 2009. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the stimulus and the blacktop projects are done and the Nora Springs and Rudd roads are being shouldered. Discussed changing the speed limit on the Golf Course Road to 30 miles per hour. Jim stated that Henkel Construction may start work on the Halvorson Bridge south of St. Ansgar sometime this winter.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Juvenile Detention meeting and Walk reported on the Conservation and Mental Health meetings. Effective November 14, 2009, Laura Huisman, office staff, is to receive a salary step increase to \$14.17 per hour. Effective December 1, 2009, Grace Barenz, HCA III, is changing employment status from PT-15 to PRN. Received manure management plan updates from Gaskill Finisher Farm and Libassi/Tip 16 Finisher Farm.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that he had talked with Cerro Gordo Supervisor Bob Amosson. Bob stated that he had once worked as a State Mediator and that the BOS shouldn't be afraid to enter into mediation in regards to the steel wheel issue. Supervisor Walk asked if the Board agreed to meet with a mediator would the mediator then in turn make a recommendation on how to resolve the issue. Also, the Board did agree to suspend the ordinance for 60 days to allow the farmers with steel wheels to harvest their crops. After that it will be back to square one. No action was taken.

Elderbridge Agency on Aging Executive Director Lahoma Counts gave an update for the agency and made a FY 2011 match fund request of \$7,234.92 from Mitchell County. This represents a 5% increase from FY 2010. Also present were Linda Berghoefer and Shirley Moore. No action was taken at this time. This will be reviewed during budget meetings in January.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors