

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include County Car, employee mileage and email regarding economic development and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the Mower County jail contract and the annual prisoner rate increase. County Attorney will send a letter to the Mower County Commissioners to remind them of the increase. Also discussed reinstating the Mitchell County Road Protection Ordinance No. 41. This will be placed on the December 8th agenda for possible action.

Discussed a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) request for the Park Plaza Apartments in Osage. The property is owned and managed by the North Iowa Regional Housing Authority which provides affordable housing for lower income families in Mitchell County. By waiving the PILOT, NIRHA would be able to invest the money back into the property and continue to improve the housing condition. The request was tabled for one week. Supervisor Voaklander will check into this further.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve V&K invoices #8 and #18 in the amount of \$1,979.65 for professional services pertaining to the Carpenter Wastewater Improvement Project. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the change orders once they are received. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the November 24th meeting. Roll call vote: All ayes.

County Conservation Director Milt Owen gave an update on the new Recycling Center building and discussed the hours of operation. This will be discussed further at the next Conservation Board meeting. Milt also gave an update on the Wapsi Bike Trail. Milt reported that the next phase of the trail thru the McIntire and Bailey areas up to the Minnesota border is progressing. Discussed engineering for bridges and for paving the trail. Bids will be let in October of 2010. Rich Brumm will assist with this. Milt will also consult with the Iowa DOT regarding the bridges.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm discussed a detour agreement with the State of Minnesota. The detour will carry MN Trunk Hwy. 105 traffic on Mitchell Co. roads during the contract construction season. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve MN Contract #95879 when all signatures are obtained and subject to

the Engineer's final approval. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed an agreement with WHKS for the Halvorson Bridge Project at a fee not to exceed \$24,000 and the Federal Bridge Inspection Agreement with WHKS to inspect 154 Mitchell County bridges at a fee not to exceed \$16,000. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve both agreements. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Osage Rural Library Board Member Kevin Kolbet gave an annual update for the Mitchell County Rural Library Association. Also present were Cindi Youngblut and Jim Cross. The Library Association is requesting an increase of \$3,910 in county funding for FY 2011. Total asking would be \$101,660. This will be reviewed during budget meetings in January.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services meeting. Effective November 21, 2009 Susan Birkholz-Mead completed the required 40 hour jail school. Her rate of pay will increase to \$15.56 per hour.

Supervisors received a letter from Betty McCarthy withdrawing her application for appointment to the compensation board. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to appoint Jane Mosher to the County Compensation Commission for a four year term. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed use of the County car and the Sanitarian's mileage claims. Consensus that the Sanitarian continue to use his own vehicle for the present time.

Discussed an email that Supervisor Walk received regarding economic development.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors