

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

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a certification of a special assessment regarding the Mace property in Mona. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve certifying the debt in the amount of \$10,041.03 to the Mitchell County Treasurer who will in turn assess the real estate taxes for the clean-up expenses to the property. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the Sheriff report for December. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the report in the amount of \$30,072.65. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Emergency Management Agency Director Ray Huftalin made a one-time request of \$14,616 to equip the Emergency Operations Center. These funds would be in addition to his regular EMA budget. In FY 2010 the County is contributing \$12,500. After discussion, consensus to plan on going ahead with the request.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that one of the Roads employees is in need of additional sick leave. Jim stated that some of the employees are willing to donate a portion of their sick leave to their fellow employee. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to allow the employees to share their sick leave. Roll call vote: all ayes. Jim reported that another stimulus program will be available. There will be approximately \$500,000 available for a road project, but it can't be a current program project. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to plan on using the stimulus funds to pave five miles of 420<sup>th</sup> Street west of St. Ansgar to the Worth County line. Roll call vote: all ayes. Also present was Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm.

Floyd Roske of the Osage Senior Citizen Center gave an update for the Center. Floyd stated that their meal numbers have been down but donations are about the same as last year. Floyd stated that the Center is facing a \$1,400 street assessment and would like to upgrade the sidewalk. The BOS stated that they plan on contributing an additional \$250 this next fiscal year making the total contribution \$1,250. Supervisor Walk will check with the St. Ansgar Senior Center to find out what their needs are for this next fiscal year.

Members of the Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition (MC SAC): Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health Director Deb Freeman, Osage Community School Superintendent Steve Bass, Osage High School Principal Tim Hejhal, St. Ansgar High School Principal Scott Dryer, Julie Marley, Osage Ministerial Chairperson Dennis Hanson, County

Attorney Mark Walk and Deputy Sheriff Greg Beaver were present to discuss a proposed minor consumption ordinance and a social host ordinance. The group stated that underage drinking is a significant problem in Mitchell County and that the coalition is looking to local law enforcement to correct the actions of the youth regarding under age drinking. The coalition has been looking for solutions to the problem for a year-and-a-half now. The County Attorney has reviewed both drafts and recommends that the minor consumption ordinance be revised to include language specifying a penalty for an underage person possessing or consuming alcohol in public or appearing in public after having consumed any alcohol beverage. The County Attorney also explained present state law has more severe penalties than what county ordinances can provide. The Board expressed concerns regarding enforcement and profiling. Discussed soldiers returning from active duty who are under the legal drinking age. This will be placed on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Board agenda for further consideration.

Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reviewed the preliminary FY 2011 County budget figures. The budget is still a work in progress.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report for the calendar year ended December 31, 2009. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the 2009 employee gross payroll report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the Board of Health, NCRERC, TEA 21 and Alliance safety meetings. Walk reported on the Mental Health meeting, a management seminar at NIACC and a meeting for a new housing program for low to moderate income families. Received manure management plan updates from Wright Way Inc., Kuper Hog Site #2 LLC, McIntire Finisher Farm, Thorsen/Tip 10 Sow Farm Sow/Litter and Alpine LLC.

To be noted that \$60 is to be transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve an abatement of taxes to correct a homestead credit in the amount of \$58.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors