

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include Senior Citizen Center funding and jail tour and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed a settlement on damage to the Otter Creek Bridge. It was reported that the matter is still in negotiations. Discussed the Social Host and Minor Consumption Ordinances. County Attorney stated that a social host law doesn't exist under state law. More discussion will follow the public hearing.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the proposed junk vehicle ordinance No. 42. Present was Planning & Zoning Director Mark Ross. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. It was reported that none were received. County Attorney Mark Walk commented that the language to the restrictions section of the ordinance be changed to state that no person shall store one or more junk vehicles on their property. Also discussed adding after 30 days junked vehicles would be required to be removed or put inside a building. County Attorney will make revisions. Another public hearing will be scheduled at a later date. The public hearing was closed at 8:56 a.m.

Approval of the first reading of the junk vehicle ordinance died for a lack of a motion.

Discussion with the County Attorney continued. County Attorney is making revisions to the Social Host and Minor Consumption Ordinances. Supervisor Walk suggested raising the fine for littering from \$500 to \$1,000. County Attorney will review this ordinance also. Sheriff Younker has invited the BOS and the County Attorney to take a tour of the Jail. County Attorney will check his schedule. Discussed the County sick leave policy. This will be discussed at the next department head meeting.

Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the Roads crew is plowing snow and sanding intersections. Rich stated that the second round of the Stimulus for Mitchell County will be fully funded. 420th Street west of St. Ansgar will be paved west to the Worth County line. The cement paving project is estimated to cost \$981,000. The project is pending the Stimulus bill being signed. Rich is still working on the St. Ansgar shop plans. Discussed roads equipment.

P&Z Director Mark Ross reported that the Board of Adjustment recommends the approval of a zoning district change for six (6) acres of land located in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 all in Section 26, Township 100, Range 15, along the 3200th block of Walnut Avenue. The Zoning District is to be changed from the original AG-Agricultural to Light Industrial.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the Zoning District change. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed an invoice for a service call on a defective pump for the City of Carpenter sewer system. Mark Ross stated he had inspected the problem and reported it to the Ellingson Company. The pump was replaced but Ellingson sent a bill for the service call. A portion of each property owner's monthly service fee is to be placed in a separate fund to cover any future maintenance. The Board's position is that this is the City of Carpenter's responsibility to pay this bill.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign a loan extension form for the City of Carpenter Wastewater Improvement project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the claims with the exception of claim #8468 pending an explanation of the claim. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the Recorder's quarterly report in the amount of \$23,383.47. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the Staff Motel Lounge, LLC Class B liquor license and Sunday Sales. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve a request from the Mitchell County Concert Association for the County to contribute \$250.00 during FY 2011. This is the same amount that was requested in FY 2010. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Economic Development, Prairie Ridge and Juvenile Detention Service meetings and Walk reported on a meeting on a builders program for Mitchell County. Effective February 16, 2010, Larry Klemesrud, Director of the Mitchell County Veterans Affairs, is to receive a salary step increase to \$11.58 per hour.

Discussed the importance of Mitchell County citizens filling out the 2010 census forms.

Consensus to contribute \$1,250 each to the Osage and St. Ansgar Senior Citizen Centers in FY 2011.

Regular meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

The Joint 28E Chickasaw/Mitchell Targeted Case Management Board convened at 1:00 p.m. at Chaff's Restaurant in New Hampton. Present were Chickasaw County Supervisors John Andersen, Arnie Boge, Rick Holthaus, Sherry Mattke, Auditor Joan Knoll, Mitchell County Supervisors Bob Marreel, Joel Voaklander and Auditor Lowell Tesch. Also present was Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska.

Sheila reviewed the caseloads of the Case Managers, staff personnel, the December financial report and the FY 2011 Case Management budget. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Holthaus to approve the FY 2011 budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Both Boards were requested to complete the annual performance evaluation of the TCM Director. The results will be reviewed via conference call on February 2, 2010.

Motion by Marreel, second by Mattke to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. All voted aye.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors