

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Betty McCarthy and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that the release has been signed regarding the collapse of the Otter Creek Bridge on Dancer Avenue. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the release letter. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the language for the social host and minor consumption ordinances. Supervisor Voaklander is working on new wording.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve V & K invoice no. 1 in the amount of \$1,510.00 for services rendered for the Carpenter wastewater improvement project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 23rd and March 1st meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the FY 2011 County Budget. Present were Betty McCarthy, Barb Jeffries, Russ Brandau, County Department heads and Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. Supervisor Walk gave an explanation of the budget. Stan stated that General Basic levy will remain the same, but that the Supplemental, Mental Health and Rural Basic levies will be slightly less. Debt Service and the Urban levy will increase a small amount. The Chair asked if there were any written comments received prior to the public hearing. The Auditor, BOS and the Department heads all replied that none were received. The Chair asked for comments from the public. Betty McCarthy commented on the ending fund balance, print size of the public hearing notice published in the Press News and an employment ad for the Recorder and Auditor/GIS offices. Assessor Dean Pohren reviewed property valuations and the process of determining the values. Supervisor Walk credited the department heads for holding the line on their individual budgets and for being frugal on spending. After further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 9:16 a.m.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 2011 County Budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the Roads department is cutting brush and doing equipment maintenance. Discussed a utility light at the intersection of Hwy. 9 and 360th Street. Consensus to move forward with having the light installed. Also discussed shop plans, old equipment and cracks in the pavement on the Red Ball and March Avenue.

Present from the St. Ansgar Heritage Association were President Marion Neeley and Treasurer Audrey McKinley. They reported that they are having water seeping into their basement. They had received bids for repairs with a low bid of \$5,433.00. The Board asked what they were requesting from the County and they stated \$2,500.00. The Heritage Board has requested \$7,500.00 from Worth County and won't hear until April 15th if they will receive the funds. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to contribute \$2,500.00 to the St. Ansgar Heritage Association towards the repairs. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services meeting and Walk reported on the NIACOG housing meeting. Walk reported that in Mitchell County there were 27 grants awarded for new houses. To be noted that effective January 31, 2010, Dawn Adams reached her one year of employment at the County Care Facility and received a salary step increase to \$10.45 per hour. Effective January 31, 2010, Linda Bird became the kitchen supervisor at the Care Facility and received a salary step increase to \$12.85 per hour. Received a manure management plan update from Roger Schroeder.

Discussed the ISAC spring school in Des Moines. None of the Board will be attending this year.
The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors