

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to delete County Attorney general discussion and include recreational usage, RISE report, Sister City membership, health insurance and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Nathan Hale, Troy Tourtellott, Joe Niess, Ken Boerjan and Karl Herman were present to discuss possible recreational usage by all terrain vehicles (ATV's) and larger utility vehicles (UTV's) on selected Mitchell County secondary roads. The group asked the Board what they would like to see in regards to guidelines for riding and county permits for each vehicle. The group stated that riders should be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license, vehicles should have turning signals and not be allowed to ride in the ditches. Sheriff Younker stated that his major concern would be safety and that the vehicles only be allowed to travel during daylight hours. Consensus of the Board to pursue.

Sheriff Curt Younker presented the February Sheriff report. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the report in the amount of \$32,382.51. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed the area that the St. Ansgar First Responders covers. Sheriff Younker stated the map at Dispatch was very old. Supervisor Marreel stated that his current map is dated 10/2007. Marreel will make sure the rescue map is updated.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that FEMA has agreed to cover the ditch clean outs from the flood of 2009. Discussed a utility light for the intersection of Hwy. 9 and 360th Street, the St. Ansgar shop plans and possible road embargo's for this spring. Roads department is repairing ruts.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the March 2nd and 5th meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the certification of cost allocation plan for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Landfill and Osage City Council meetings, Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment meeting and Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting. Received the February Clerk of Court report of fees collected in the amount of \$1,956.86.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve appointing Betty McCarthy to the Assessor's Examining Board. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the RISE closing statement for the creation of 35 full-time jobs by Absolute Energy, LLC. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve a payment of \$40.00 for Supervisor Voaklander's membership dues to the Sister City Organization. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that he has been in contact with the Midwest Benefits Company and Mayo in regards to health insurance plans. Meetings with their representatives will be scheduled in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors