

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

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 Marreel, second by Voaklander to include discussion on possible loan and letter regarding City of Carpenter sewer bills and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Years of Service Awards were awarded to Deb Farkas for 20 years of service as an RN Nurse and to Curt Younker for 50 years of service as a Mitchell County Public Official.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported on a farmer who drove his steel wheeled tractor across a white topped cement road without putting down any protection to the road. After discussion, consensus of the Board to direct the Mitchell County Sheriff's office to issue a ticket to the farmer. The County Attorney is working on the language to the social host ordinance. The Board will review the language before proceeding.

The Carpenter City Clerk is requesting the BOS to send a letter to residents of the City of Carpenter who are past due on their monthly sewer rent payments. After discussion, consensus of the Board to have the City send the letter.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the March 23rd meeting with a change. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed plans for lowering the hill south of the Halvorson Park Bridge on Foothill Avenue. This will improve the sight distance to the bridge. Consensus of the Board to move forward with the project. Jim reported that the Roads crew will do the rock hauling this summer. Last year this was contracted out. Discussed a utility light for the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Walnut Avenue. No action was taken.

Chickasaw-Mitchell Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska gave an update for the Targeted Case Management department. Sheila reported that new referrals are coming in and that both counties can expect a refund of \$1,310 coming back to the General Fund from indirect costs.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the Board of Health meeting. To be noted that effective March 15, 2010, Mitchell County Community Service Coordinator Marcia Mork is to receive a salary step increase to \$12.25 per hour. Effective March 23, 2010, Tami Goodale was hired at the Care Facility. Her status is PT-10 and her starting wage is \$10.00 per hour. Effective March 22, 2010, Rhonda Weber was hired as a PT-10 clerk in the Recorder's office and a PT-10 clerk in the Auditor's office. Her starting wage is \$9.50 per hour. Received manure management plan updates from Ruehlow 1 LLC, Ruehlow 2 LLC, Ruehlow 3 LLC and Wilt Finisher Farm.

Supervisor Walk reported that the second phase of the City of St. Ansgar Season's First Subdivision will be developing ten more building lots. Alliant Energy will bury the electrical lines at a cost of \$32,000. Alliant would be willing to make a loan for the cost and charge an interest rate of 7.5%. Walk asked if the BOS would consider making a loan to the City to cover this cost plus interest. Supervisor Voaklander said that the St. Ansgar Economic Development Board officials should come and meet with the Board of Supervisors.

Brad Merker of Mayo Clinic Health Solutions gave a presentation regarding health insurance and the differences of being self insured and fully insured. Also present was Betty McCarthy. Brad reviewed how self funding works and reasons to consider self funding. After more discussion, the Board stated that they will pursue this further.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m. at the County Care Facility. Director Peggy Hanson and Pat Clark were present. Peggy gave an update for the facility. Pat reported on the Home and Community Based Service Waiver program agreement. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Board to sign the corrective action plans for the HCBS Waiver. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed the new resident rate for the waiver program. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to accept the new rate of \$73.98 retroactive to January 1, 2010 for residents on the HCBS waiver. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors