

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

Tuesday, April 20, 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 add a sign in Orchard and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

At 8:30 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to sell two Mitchell County properties. The Chair asked if there were any comments received prior to the hearing. It was replied that none were received. There were no comments from the public at the hearing. The public hearing was closed at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to allow the buyers to purchase the two parcels of old railroad right-of-way in Section 27 of Wayne Township at the agreed price of \$15, 740.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed Social Host Ordinance No. 43. Public present were Catherine Clark, Natalie Bellairs, Emma Boehmer, Danielle Hejhal, Jay Pedelty, Joshua Randall, Steve Bass, Lisa Friesen, Jolene Norby, Scott Dryer, Deb Freeman and Kim Weigle. The Chair asked if there were any comments received prior to the hearing. It was replied that no objections or comments were received. Deb Freeman, representing the Mitchell County Substance Coalition, stated that the Coalition is in favor of the passage of the ordinance. Jay Pedelty of Prairie Ridge and the Coalition commented that everyone in attendance is in favor. The public hearing was closed at 8:47 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the first reading of Social Host Ordinance No. 43. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Marreel voted aye, Walk voted nay. Motion carried. The second reading will be held on April 27, 2010.

Jeff Heil of Northland Securities was present to discuss bonding for more road work. Also present was Assessor Dean Pohren. Dean reported on additional value to the wind towers. The Urban Renewal Plan would need to be amended in order to include additional roads for paving. Mr. Heil will determine how much money is available.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported on bridge work and discussed asphalt removal. Jim stated that fill is needed for the lot where the St. Ansgar shop is to be built. Discussed a speed limit sign in St. Ansgar for the new Grain Millers road. It was stated that the City of St. Ansgar has the jurisdiction to put up the sign. Also, the City of Orchard needs a sign for Hwy. 218 and Osage. The Engineer will order a sign and have it put up.

Dennis Renner of Renner & Birchem, P.C. presented the Board copies of the Mitchell County Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2009. Discussed the audit report and the audit firm's findings. There were no areas of concern in the

audit.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.  
Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 10:42 a.m. the Board moved the meeting to the County Care Facility. Also present were Robert Grayson from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence, Kelly Needles from the Energy Group, State Senator Amanda Ragan and CPC Bob Lincoln. A tour was taken of the facility. It was recommended that the windows be replaced and that an energy assessment be completed. Alliant Energy might help with the assessment. Supervisor Voaklander will spearhead the project.

The Board returned to the Courthouse at 12:40 p.m. Bob Lincoln discussed remodeling the Care Facility and adding central air conditioning. Work would begin after July 1, 2010.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the Emergency Response Hazmat meeting and Walk reported on the T 21 and Mental Health meetings. Effective April 17, 2010 Belvia Lovik, Home Care Aide III, is to receive a salary step increase to \$12.07 per hour.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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Barb Baldwin - Mitchell County Deputy Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors