

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

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Betty McCarthy, Jean Simmit (Agri News) and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include memo to Sheriff Younker and County Care Facility and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported on the Northland Securities contract to provide annual updates to the Security Exchange Commission regarding the bonding that the County did in 2009. The cost is \$1,250.00. County Attorney recommends that the Board sign the contract. This was approved at the April 27, 2010 meeting.

County Attorney discussed the steel wheel hearing scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Mitchell County Magistrate Court. He stated that the Board is not required to attend.

County Attorney reported that the Larsen's Food Pride contract to provide jail meals renews automatically each year.

Public present for the third reading of the Social Host Ordinance No. 43 were Natalie Bellairs, Emma Boehmer, Catherine Clark, Scott Dryer, Lisa Friesen, Deb Freeman, Danelle Hejhal, Tim Hejhal, Trevor Hejhal, Jay Pedelty and Joshua Randall. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the third and final reading of Social Host Ordinance No. 43. Roll call vote: Marreel and Voaklander voted aye, Walk voted nay. Motion carried. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A recovery zone bond allocation and waiver process with the Iowa Finance Authority was discussed. Supervisor Walk stated that he had reviewed this with Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer. It was determined that there is no need for this at this time. This will be discussed again at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Walk reported that for the new housing program each new house is required to be inspected. The State of Iowa has its own building inspector. Cost to inspect each house would be \$845.00. The Board discussed hiring a person to do the inspections on a unit basis. County Attorney will do some research on what needs to be done and report back to the Board.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the rock run will begin after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Work on the Halvorson Park Bridge is progressing. Roads department is working on frost boils and doing routine work. Future paving plans were reviewed. Supervisor's Voaklander and Walk agreed to support a new paving project north of

Toeterville on Hickory Avenue and Stateline Street to Lyle, MN, Jersey Avenue from Lim Kiln Road to Mitchell Line Street, 340<sup>th</sup> Street from Jersey to Balsam Avenue, Mitchell Line Street to Balsam, once a new set of wind turbines are erected in the northwest portion of Mitchell County. Additional TIF revenues will fund the following paving projects: In calendar year 2010: 420<sup>th</sup> Street from the county line to T-26, five miles. To be let in October of 2010: Patterson Seed Road from 218 to the Stacyville Road (465<sup>th</sup> St.); the Meyer Road from the Stacyville Road (465<sup>th</sup> St.) to the State Line and west one mile; from Riceville north on Addison Avenue to 470<sup>th</sup> St.; Walnut Avenue from Highway 9 to 360<sup>th</sup> St.; 360<sup>th</sup> St. from New Haven to Addison Ave.; and 320<sup>th</sup> St. from Hwy 218 to Underwood Ave. Total est. costs of the resurfacing, \$5,600,000. The board plans on also replacing some weight restricted bridges. Supervisor Marreel stated that no new construction should be undertaken until all existing roads have been repaired.

Paving projects using Farm to Market dollars to be let in October: the blacktop north of Stacyville; the road running through New Haven from Hwy 9 and then going south on Underwood to the county line and 330<sup>th</sup> St. from Underwood to Addison Ave.

Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska gave a monthly update for the Chickasaw-Mitchell Case Management department. Sheila reported eight counties will participate in the DHS on-call program. This will start on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Service meeting. Effective April 24, 2010, Dana Thompson, Home Care Aide III, received a salary step increase to \$12.07 per hour. Effective May 1, 2010, Hilary Altick and Greta Hubsch, have both completed the required 40 hour jail school. They are to receive a salary step increase to \$15.56 per hour. Received manure management plan updates from Jax Dairy owned by Roger Jax, Osage River City Egg owned by Ron McDonough, Friesen Farms – North, Friesen Farm – East and Liberty 34 owned by Myron Friesen.

Discussed reappointing John Hartogh to a five year term to the County Conservation Board. This was tabled for now.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to reappoint Ron Douglas to a three year term to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Board discussed sending a memo to Sheriff Younker requesting updates from his department. Consensus to make this an official request.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that he had contacted the USDA concerning a grant for an energy savings remodeling project at the Care Facility. Joel is getting RFP's from three engineering firms as requested by the USDA.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors