

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

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

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

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed the Silos & Smokestacks Contract. By signing the contract the Board will be agreeing to be the responsible party. County Attorney stated that more tickets are being written each week for violations of the road protection ordinance.

Supervisor Walk reported that the BOS had received an oral complaint regarding gun fire noise from the Mitchell County Trap Range. County Attorney stated that the trap range was approved in 2005 and was in compliance with the zoning ordinance. Public present were Arnold Bergan, Michael Palsic, Deputy Greg Beaver, DNR Officer Eric Johnston, Larry Johnson and Mary Jo Burkgren. After a lengthy discussion consensus of the Board is that this is a private matter and the party who issued the complaint should consult their own legal counsel.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm opened bids for the paving project west of St. Ansgar on 420<sup>th</sup> Street. Also present were Jim Wherry, Tom Bonner, Mike Viehdorfer, Tim Schmitt, Rich Stafford and Lindsey Falk. Five bids were received with the low bid of \$860,376.25 turned in from Concrete Foundations. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to accept the low bid from Concrete Foundations pending final calculations by the Engineer's office. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Rock bids were received from L.R. Falk Construction and Croell, Inc. Engineer's office will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Board at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Kevin Clark of Horizon Wind Energy and Leo Jordan discussed an issue with a driveway installed by Horizon for an access to Horizon's wind turbines and the flow of water passing thru culverts under the driveway and potential damage to his land. Leo also feels that ice is a problem in the spring. An agreement for ditch cleaning was discussed. Consensus of the Board is that both sides need to try and work out their differences privately.

Discussed cracks in the cement past the Osage maintenance shop and on the Orchard road. The Engineer stated that they will be sealed this summer.

It was reported that fill is needed for a portion of the lot where the future St. Ansgar maintenance shop is to be built and there is concern about drainage onto adjoining properties. Supervisors Voaklander and Marreel stated that a new

location should be sought out. Supervisor Walk stated that he would look at the lot.

Judy Funk, Consultant to the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, presented the annual renewal of Mitchell County's insurance package. Judy reported that Mitchell County would receive \$141,750 premium credit for FY 11. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the renewal and authorize the Chair to sign the coverage form. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with a change. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Penney Morse reported that the Mitchell County Historic Preservation Commission is planning a driving tour thru Mitchell County the summer of 2011 and a Hamlin Garland poem reading will be held June 21, 2010.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA) 2010 General Grant Contract. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the Certified Local Government Agreement (CLG). Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer discussed an upcoming fuel seminar and a Department of Energy Grant.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that the three RFP's for the County Care project have been turned in. Discussed applying for a grant to assist with the project. This will be discussed with Bob Lincoln before proceeding.

Supervisor Marreel stated that he has talked to Mark Ross regarding compensation for weekend calls that may arise for the Carpenter sewer system. No decision has been reached at this time.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Landfill meeting. Received the May Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$1,540.01.

Discussed maintenance costs for the Oak Grove Cemetery at Mitchell. A township can levy a tax of .06750 per \$1,000 of valuation to assist with this. The City of Mitchell needs to contact the Township Trustees for the FY 12 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch – Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors