

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

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Karri Pilgrim, Karla Mitchell, Eugene Schrage, Gerald Beaver, Paul Groth and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he had sent a letter to the Iowa State Department of Revenue regarding the reporting of a hotel/motel tax payment.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #780-10 allowing the usage of golf carts on the Golf Course Road. Roll call vote: all ayes. Golf Course Road may now be used by golf carts provided that the golf cart has been issued a permit by the City of Osage and all golf carts must comply with all other rules as set forth in City of Osage Ordinance No. 907.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

EMA Director Ray Huftalin was present to discuss a flood insurance program and flood plains. Ray stated that a County has to have an ordinance in place to qualify. It was unclear whether the County has adopted such an ordinance. This will be checked on and the insurance program will be discussed more in a couple of weeks.

County Engineer Rich Brumm opened bids for culvert work and ditch clean outs. Five bids were received with the low bid of \$11,142.00 being turned in by Havig Excavating and Trucking. Rich will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Board for action. Reviewed specs for a new tractor which will be used to pull the road groomer and for other uses. The specs will be sent out soon. Roads department is mowing ditches, blading roads and hauling rock. A request from the City of Mitchell to assist with paving North and South Park Street was discussed. This street is jointly owned by the city and county. Estimated cost to the County is \$21,920.00. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the request by the City of Mitchell. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Curt Younker presented the report of fees and expenses collected during June. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the report in the amount of \$30,234.26. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Younker presented an estimate of jail related savings for after August 2, 2010 when the Mower County jail contract ends. Total estimated savings would be \$139,487. The transportation of prisoners to another county was discussed. The Sheriff stated that the safety of employees is still a concern. An energy audit of the building was also

discussed. Letters from the St. Ansgar City Council and concerned citizens were presented urging the Sheriff's Department and the Board of Supervisors to come to a compromise, which would allow the Jail to remain open while cutting costs to operate the facility. Supervisor Walk stated that he will crunch the numbers on the estimated savings and that this will be reviewed further in the upcoming weeks.

County Maintenance person Dave Hartogh reported on the jail building attic. He stated that there is air leakage and that he suggested that the leaks be sealed up using foam insulation. Dave has received two bids to perform the work. Low bid of \$4,046.25 was turned in from Unruh Insulation. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to move forward with the insulation project as bid by Unruh. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Noted that effective August 3, 2010 the following will be the employment status for the Mitchell County Jailers: Jail Captain Rose Hinders FT-40, Kurt Elliott FT-40, Betty Huffman FT-40, Karri Pilgrim FT-30, Jason Schmidt PT-10, Brodie Mitchell PT-10, Hannah Gerleman PT-10, Gretchen Castle PT-10, Susan Birkholz-Mead PT-10, Hilary Altick PT-10, Greta Huebsch PT-10 and Judy McIntire PRN.

Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reported that the County ending fund balance as of June 30, 2010 was \$947,000.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the NIVC meeting, Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill meeting and Walk reported on the St. Ansgar City Council meeting. The Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$2,302.77 was received for the month of June. Manure management plan updates were received from Baarsch Farms – Junction South, Emory Unruh and Johanns Farms Ltd. owned by Keith Johanns.

The battery back-up system at the County Services building was discussed. Two bids have been received. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to sell the battery system to Dale Gansen for \$200. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors