

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Karri Pilgrim, Bob Lincoln, Marloe Ellingson and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include discussion on flood insurance and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that he is still checking on the hotel/motel tax situation.

A shortfall of revenue to the Mitchell County Jail fund due to the elimination of the Mower County contract to house their prisoners was discussed. Supervisor Walk had reviewed Sheriff Younker's estimate of \$139,487 of jail-related savings after 8/2/10 and stated that \$150,000 of revenue would be needed. The \$111,901 Sheriff Younker claimed as savings from laying off of two jailers would be reduced expenses regardless if Mitchell Co. houses its own prisoners or not. It was noted the jail building will not be closed, as offices, dispatch and holding cell would still be needed. Supervisor Voaklander stated that he had received comments from the public. Some said close the jail, others said that is a tough decision and others said to keep the jail open. Marloe Ellingson said that the jail was built for what was needed at the time. It was reported that the housing of Federal and State prisoners has been looked into and at present there is no outside interest in housing prisoners in Mitchell County, Sheriff Younker will be asked to attend the July 27th BOS meeting.

Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska stated that Butler County had opted out of the original 24 on-call agreement and Dallas and Warren Counties have asked to be included. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #781-10 for "24 Hour On-Call Case Management Emergency Coverage Agreement". Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm recommended that the Board approve the bid of \$11,142.00 from Havig Excavating and Trucking for culvert work and ditch clean outs. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the bid. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich reported that the Halvorson Bridge project is running behind schedule due to the recent rains. The Stillwater Bridge project is scheduled for in 2011. Roads department is mowing ditches and hauling rock.

CPC Director Bob Lincoln gave an update on the Care Facility and doing a site assessment of the building. Bob reported on a Call Center at Waterloo, the Mental Health Center and a performance audit that was performed by the State Auditor's office.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The property schedule for the Courthouse was discussed. Supervisor Voaklander reported that the Courthouse is

insured for \$4.5 million and the County's insurance carrier has it valued at \$3 million. Voaklander stated that the County could save premium costs by lowering the coverage. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to reduce the insurance value to \$3 million. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Economic Development meeting and an insurance meeting which also was attended by Jane Rowe and the Auditor. Marreel reported on the NCERC meeting and Walk reported on the Conservation, Mental Health and TEA 21 meetings. Effective July 6, 2010, Melissa Mayer has changed to PT-10 status and after successful completion of C.N. A. training will be working as a Home Care Aide III and her hourly wage will be \$10.01 Received the Mitchell County Agricultural Society Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. A net income of \$45,440.23 was reported.

Supervisor Walk reported that the County is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and residents would be entitled to apply for flood insurance. Cities would need their own resolution of participation for city dwellers to apply.

Meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. Reconvened at 10:45 a.m. at the County Care Facility. Director Peggy Hanson gave an update for the facility. Window air conditioners were discussed. Consensus for Peggy to purchase the air conditioners. Pat Clark reported on the Elderly Waiver and the Habilitation Waiver.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors