

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Jim Cross (Media) and Jean Simmit (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that Judge McKinley had upheld the previous ruling on the constitutionality of Mitchell County Road Protection Ordinance.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the October 26th meeting as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Suspension #278 for property taxes in the amount of \$270.00 per petition from the Department of Human Services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the amended and restated Mitchell County UR-2 Economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan. Public present were Lawrence Bruggeman, Thomas Knudsen, Allen Hofland, Duane May, Harry May, Deo Koenigs, Mark Ross, Jeff Heil, Gary Reicherts, Jerome Koenigs, Tim Bruggeman, Joe Myhre, Mike Patterson, Duane Hemann, Rich Brumm, Richard Brunner, Travis Sprung and L. Dean Pohren. Joe Myhre of NIACOG explained the purpose of the urban renewal plan and what the TIF funds will be used for. Copies of the plan were sent to the taxing bodies that would be affected and a consultation was held. The taxing bodies are all in agreement with the plan. The Mitchell County P&Z Commission met on October 21, 2010 and granted their approval also. The Chair asked the Board if they had any comments in regards to the plan and Voaklander and Marreel replied that they had received concerns on the borrowing and how the money was to be spent. The Auditor replied that his office had not received any oral or written comments. Deo Koenigs stated that he was objecting that the taxpayers in the St. Ansgar and Riceville School Districts were being unfairly taxed. He asked why the Board was intending to pave additional roads. Supervisor Walk gave an explanation of how TIF affects the school districts. Jeff Heil of Northland Securities, Inc. stated that using TIF funds was the best way for Counties to get projects completed. The taxpayers are getting the best of both worlds. Roads are being upgraded without raising property taxes. Deo stated that he believes in borrowing money to do projects and that the school portion should be left alone. Supervisor Voaklander stated that this is a way to pave roads without raising taxes. Supervisor Marreel stated that most of the roads that were paved last year and those proposed for 2011 are in his District (District 3) of the County. Marreel also stated that he is only in favor of repairing existing roads and not paving any new roads. Gary Reicherts stated that Shadow Avenue needs attention due to all of the trucks hauling out of the Dynes Quarry and creating a lot of dust. After further discussion, the

public hearing was closed at 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #790-10 determining an area of the County to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the County; designating such area as appropriate for an Urban Renewal Project; and adopting the Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Mitchell County UR-2 economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign a Financial Advisor Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tim Bruggeman asked about the status of paving Hickory Avenue north of Toeterville and the State Line Road going west to Hwy. 218. Also discussed the bridge on the State Line Road, right-of-way and shoulder work that needs attention.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed an incident where someone had driven on 420th Street before the cement was properly cured. Discussed taking coring samples and negotiating with an insurance company regarding possible damage to the road surface. Rich reported that the full-time position has been posted, new tractor has been delivered, approach work and painting is being done for the Halvorson Bridge project. Roads department is cleaning ditches and getting ready for winter.

Ryan Kittleson inquired about requesting a zoning change for storage of vehicles on his personal property. The Board stated that he would need to make this request with the Planning & Zoning Board.

Deputy Sheriff Jeff Huftalin made a request to attend a four day training session for an advanced computer forensics class. Cost of the class is \$1,995.00 plus lodging and meals. Jeff stated that the County will be reimbursed for the expenses. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve Jeff attending the training and paying the expenses. Jeff will give a report following the training. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Naturalist Mary Jo Burkgren made a request for the Mitchell County Recycling Center to place an ad in the 2011 Mitchell County Conservation Board Conservation & Recycling art calendar. Cost of the full page ad is \$115.00. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the request and to pay for the ad out of the Rural Basic Fund. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors