

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:32 a.m. with Marreel and Voaklander present. Walk was driving school bus. Also present were Tom Thome, Chuck Pajer and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Treasurer Pam Meyer reported that she has decided on a new hire for her office. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the hiring of Tracey Mooberry as a FT-40 clerk in the Treasurer's office. Tracey's date of hire is February 28, 2011 and starting wage is \$11.00 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Recorder Pat Skuster stated that effective May 1, 2011 her office will no longer be able to issue passports. The State Department will no longer allow issuances of passports by facilities that also issue birth certificates. The Auditor's office will consider taking on the role of issuing passports.

County Attorney Mark Walk recommended that the Board approve an agreement between Mitchell County and Dean Snyder Construction. On or about October 22, 2010 employees of Dean Snyder Construction drove one or more vehicles on A-38 (420th St.) when the new concrete had only cured for approximately twelve to twenty-four hours. The parties are uncertain if damage occurred to the road. In order to avoid replacing the section of the roadway, the parties agree that at later dates to inspect the road for damages. Dean Snyder Construction's insurance company and Mitchell County agree that the appropriate statute of limitation is five years. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney stated that he has not received a response from the insurance company regarding a claim for fire damage to the asphalt surface on Zinnia Avenue. The Board is considering taking legal action if no response is received in the next few weeks from the insurance company.

The Planning for Preservation Grant Contract was reviewed. The County Attorney stated that the County could be held financially responsible if the project is not administered in accordance with all applicable regulations and procedures governing Historic Preservation Fund grants. After further discussion, the Chair tabled the matter.

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

The approval of the minutes of the February 15th meeting was tabled.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Landfill and Heartland Insurance meetings. Effective January 31, 2011 Sydney Hein was hired as direct support staff at the County Care Facility. Her starting wage is \$10.00 an hour.

Regular meeting recessed at 9:10 a.m. The Assessor's FY 2012 Budget hearing convening at 10:00 a.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Supervisor Walk was present.

Economic Development Director Brenda Dyer discussed hiring Bond Counsel for an Economic Development project. Brenda recommended that the firm of Dorsey & Whitney be put on retainer for a fee of \$5,000. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to move forward. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is looking at a used 1987 Cat loader. Asking price is \$45,000. Rich feels the loader is a needed item for his department. He will review his budget before making an offer on the loader. Discussed hiring a new employee for June of this year. Consensus for Rich to move forward.

Meeting recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. at the County Care Facility. Present were Director Peggy Hanson and Pat Clark. Peggy gave an update for the facility. The State Fire Marshall is coming soon for the annual inspection. There are currently thirteen residents at the facility. Pat Clark reported that she is working on the HAB Waiver and that the ID Waiver is going well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors