

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

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Claudia Lacour, Blake Ruehlow, Dean Pohren, Jeff Huftalin and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include Hospital update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the Sheriff report of fees and expenses collected for June. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the Sheriff's report in the amount of \$7,055.14. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Drug testing if a county employee is involved in an accident while driving a county vehicle was discussed. County Attorney Mark Walk stated that random drug testing doesn't apply to county, city or state employees. He also stated that he was not aware of any other counties doing any random drug testing.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve Resolution #809-11 waiving the County's right to appeal the issuance of a final construction permit for the Ruehlow Livestock Site confinement feeding operation buildings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that contracts are ready for the Stillwater Bridge project and for the City of Stacyville paving project. Roads department is seeding ditches, mowing, spotting rock and fixing washouts.

State Senator Mary Jo Wilhelm gave an update on this past year's Legislative session. Mary Jo stated that because of redistricting her legislative area will be changing to include Mitchell County. This will take effect with the 2012 General Election. Property tax reform and unfunded mandates were discussed.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The responsibility of mowing the grass at the Carpenter wastewater treatment lagoon was discussed. The Mayor of Carpenter will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss this further. Sanitarian Mark Ross discussed purchasing a locator if sewer lines need to be marked within the city of Carpenter. The locator can be used for locating other sewer and water lines. Consensus to have Mark order the locator.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation, T-21 and a housing meeting with NIACOG Director Joe Myhre. Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment Early Child Development and the NCRERC meetings. Voaklander reported on the redistricting meeting.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to reappoint Jeff Hansen to a 6 year term to the Civil Service Commission. Roll call vote: all ayes.

\$150,000 is to be transferred from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Basic Fund and \$30,000 is to be transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Supervisor Walk reported on a meeting with Mike Johnston who will be doing an investigation with the human resources team from the Mercy Medical Center regarding internal affairs at the Mitchell County Hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors