

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include mileage rate and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

The State of Iowa County Commission of Veterans Affairs allocation program was discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk. Mitchell County has received a \$10,000 annual allocation to assist with maintaining a Veterans Affairs office and for providing an executive director who in turn performs veteran's services at a minimum of 20 hours per week. The allocation funding is to be used for the operational expenses of running the VA office, outreach events and training. If any portion of the allocation is not spent for approved expenditures during the fiscal year, it is to be returned to the State. It is of the opinion of the County Attorney and the BOS that the director's wages should be able to be claimed from the allocation and not to be returned to the State.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that Stillwater Bridge deck is being poured. Rich is working with the DOT for upcoming detours and roads department is doing routine summer work. A concern regarding excess fines in the rock that is being put on gravel roads was discussed. Rich stated that the gradation tests of the rock being hauled from the Grundel Quarry are meeting the requirements specified to be used on the roads. It was noted that the rock is really dry at this time. The rock run is being monitored by the Engineer and the rock hauler.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve placing \$663.85 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund - \$360.00 for equipment and \$303.85 for Cans for Conservation. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Wayne Fredericks invited the BOS to attend the Ag-Urban Xtreme Strength Summit in Ames on August 24th.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the County Care Facility FY 10-11 Financial and Inventory report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander stated that he was contacted by the Skott & Andersen Architect Firm. They have expressed interest in evaluating the Courthouse. A representative from the Firm will be invited to the August 30th BOS meeting to discuss this in more detail.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation meeting and Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill meeting. Received manure management plan updates from Schrad Farms LLC, Groth Farms and LCH Farms LLC.

Supervisor Marreel reported that the Internal Revenue Service has increased the optional standard mileage rate to 55.5 cents per mile for the final six months of 2011. The previous rate was 51 cents per mile.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors