

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Betty McCarthy and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include discussion on steel wheels and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that the Iowa Civil Rights Commission has reached a decision on the Deb Freeman termination case and found no evidence that Mitchell County had done anything wrong. Mrs. Freeman can request the commission to reconsider their decision and reopen the case. The request would have to be done prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Freeman could also request a 'Right-to-Sue' letter and file a lawsuit against the County in District Court. This would have to be requested within two years.

It was reported that steel wheeled tractors have been seen traveling on certain Mitchell County hard surfaced roads. County Attorney is suggesting that off duty deputies be hired to patrol these roads. He is willing to pay for their time from unused funds from his County Attorney budget. The Board asked the County Attorney to hold up on hiring off duty deputies until the Sheriff attends a Supervisor's meeting and explains why deputies are not patrolling these trouble areas on a regular basis.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby Associates gave an update on the pre-treatment wastewater treatment facility improvement project for the Valent BioSciences plant. Plans for the pre-treatment plant are on schedule. Yaggy Colby has been receiving water samples from Valent. Tom reported that there are plans for a detention pond on site to take care of runoff rain water.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the August 30th meeting with a change. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Marreel reported that the Federal mileage rate has been increased to 55 ½ cents per mile. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve increasing the county rate from 51 cents to the Federal rate of 55 ½ cents per mile effective September 1, 2011 and the County rate will always follow the Federal rate. Roll call vote: Marreel and Voaklander voted aye and Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Chickasaw/Mitchell County Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska reported on indirect costs and reviewed the monthly financial report. The agency is getting more referrals of clients.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve Tax Suspension #281 for \$280.00 and Tax Suspension #282 for \$1,074.00 per request by Department of Human Services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer reviewed the Apple Valley EZ contract. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on a meeting in Des Moines with Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Director Deb Durham and Marreel reported on a NIVC meeting.

Meeting recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that paving work has been delayed for one week and the rock run has been finished. Roads department is doing routine maintenance work and putting up signs that were blown down.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors