

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Eli Zimmerman, Dan Zimmerman, Jimmy Reiff, Penney Morse, Paul Groth, Jim Cross from the Press News and Jean Simmit from Agri News. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the Iowa State Highway Patrol will not allow any of their troopers to be private investigators for the steel wheel issue. This is contrary to a previous agreement. County Attorney will hire someone to install a motion activated sensing camera to watch for violations of the county ordinances.

County Attorney reported that the Equal Employment Occupation Commission (EEOC) agrees with the Iowa Civil Right's decision regarding the Deb Freeman discrimination case. The EEOC will not take any action.

The County Attorney recommended that the BOS seek a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to assist with language pertaining on what to do with the Courthouse for the 2012 General Election ballot. He stated that any decision this Board makes cannot bind any future Boards.

Authorizing the Chair to sign a planning grant agreement between Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division and Mitchell County was tabled pending the County Attorney reviewing the original document.

County Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the October Sheriff's report of fees collected. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the report in the amount of \$10,738.23. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the construction projects are nearing completion. The ordering of 911 street signs was discussed. Payment of the signs will come from the Rural Basic Fund. A new roads department shop at St. Ansgar was discussed. Potential sites are being looked at.

Elderbridge Agency on Aging Interim Executive Director Beth Bahnsen gave an update on the agency and made a budget request of \$7,761.88 for FY 2013. This represents a \$250.00 increase from FY 2012. According to the 2010 Census, Mitchell County has 2,918 residents age 60 and over. The BOS will consider the request during budget meetings in January. Neil Wubben was also present for the request.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer presented a resolution approving a request for certification of an Enterprise Zone move in Mitchell County. This is a new zone of 4.55 acres described as Block 82 Original Town of St. Ansgar. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve Resolution No. – New St. Ansgar Zone 4.55 acres. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sydney Heimer, Jim Cross and Herb Wright, representing the Mitchell County Rural Library Board, were present to make a FY 2013 budget request of four (4%) percent. The County is contributing \$105,727.00 in FY 2012. The 4% increase will equate to \$109,957.00. The BOS will take the request under consideration. Jim gave an update for the Riceville Public Library.

County Treasurer Pam Meyer gave an update on the County's investments that are in the County Banks. Interest rates were discussed. Pam reported that one of the County Banks requires a five to seven year agreement on one of the funds. This will be checked into before continuing with the existing agreement.

Penney Morse gave a Mental Health Board update.

An environmental study for the Courthouse was discussed. Present were Assessor Dean Pohren, Treasurer Pam Meyer, Recorder Pat Skuster and Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. A consensus of the group is to move forward with the study. A functional needs study for the Courthouse departments was discussed.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation meeting and Voaklander reported on a tour of the County.

The BOS constituted themselves as a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvas the votes for the City Elections held November 8, 2011. Elected as per canvas were:

Carpenter: Mayor 2 year term – David Bublitz. Councilpersons 2 year terms – Patricia Anderson, Debra Bublitz, Tom DeBower, Arik Finch, Ty Peterson

McIntire: Mayor 2 year term – Donovan Kempe. Councilpersons 2 year terms – Jerry Cummings, Dick Huddelston, Tony Koenigs, Cheryl Schlampp, Ron Schneider.

Mitchell: Councilpersons 4 year terms – Tony Huebsch, Randy Kamp. Councilperson to fill Vacancy 2 year term – Jesse Fischer.

Orchard: Mayor 4 year term – Mark McGivern. Councilpersons 4 year term – Todd Adams, Andrew Block, Kyle Hobbs, Ron Muhlenbruck.

Osage: Mayor 4 year term – Steve Cooper. Councilperson at Large 4 year term – Kurt Elliott. 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilperson 4 year term – Judy Voaklander. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilperson 4 year term – Brian R. Adams. Park Board Commissioner 6 year term – Shelley Parks. Public Measure A was adopted.

Riceville: Mayor 4 year term – Dean Eastman. Councilpersons 4 year terms – Bob Foss, Mark A. Patrick. Councilperson to fill Vacancy 2 year term – Michelle M. Richardson.

St. Ansgar: Mayor 2 year term - David W. Tollefson. Councilpersons 4 year terms – Gerald D. Beaver, Jason Squier, William K. Squier.

Stacyville: Councilpersons 4 year terms – Gervin Halbach, Roger Hemann, Amanda Skjeie.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to certify the election as canvassed. Roll call vote: all ayes. The Board then adjourned as a Board of Canvassers. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors