

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Eli Zimmerman, Dan Zimmerman, Mary Jo Burkgren and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include discussion on Courthouse, NIACOG Audit Report, health insurance and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the December 6th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney Morse reported on a fact finding trip to the Davis County Courthouse. Penney will provide the Board a copy of the report.

Supervisor Voaklander reported on a request from the North Iowa Regional Housing Authority (NIHRA) to consider waiving the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) in the amount of \$1,308.89 for their Fiscal Year ending 9/30/2011. The property involved is the Park Plaza Apartments in Osage which has a total of ten apartments. This amount will be used for playground equipment. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to wave the PILOT amount of \$1,308.89 for the year ending December 31, 2011. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the roads department is cutting brush. Rich is getting a quote for a utility light for the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Walnut Avenue. A low water crossing was discussed for Hickory Avenue.

Rich stated that Mower County, MN is considering replacing a bridge on the State Line Road between Primrose Avenue and Mower County 670th Street. Mower County says it can't fund the bridge replacement because Mitchell County has the road posted as a Level B road. A few years ago the public requested that the route be maintained to a higher level. Increased traffic and bus routes are a couple of reasons to eliminate the Class B designation. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to remove the Level B signs east from Primrose Avenue to the State Line blacktop. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Planning and Zoning Director Mark Ross discussed two junk yard issues in New Haven. Mark will continue to monitor the properties.

Supervisor Voaklander reviewed a loan document with the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission for the development of a construction project of a spec. building in St. Ansgar. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the loan documents along with a change to the language. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #814-11 to expend the purpose of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Center to provide crisis recovery and transportation services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to grant holiday pay to Kevin Dammen at the Mitchell County Recycling Center retroactive to December 9, 2008. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment meeting, Voaklander reported on the Juvenile Detention meeting and Walk reported on the 2nd Judicial and NIACOG meetings. The November Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$1,620.41 was received. Effective December 5, 2011, Sandy Loden was classified as PT-10 and Linda Slindee was classified as PRN at the County Care Facility. Effective December 5, 2011, Amy Ring, Home Care Aide III, received a salary step increase to \$12.57 per hour. The Mitchell County Regional Health Center Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2011 and the North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2011 were received.

Supervisor Walk reported on a United Health Care Health insurance plan that NIACOG had received. Directed the Auditor to contact the agent to obtain more information.

Consensus to notify Mary Dunea that the Courthouse is not planning on moving to the Washington School building at this time.

Meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. at the County Care Facility.

Director Peggy Hanson gave an update for the Facility. A replacement of the LP fuel tank was discussed. Peg will get quotes for a new tank. Supervisor Voaklander will check on having a natural gas line run to the facility. Peg reported that there are 15 residents at the facility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors