

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Eli Zimmerman, Betty McCarthy, Penney Morse, Janeal Dunn and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include budget report and wage increase and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he is reviewing a county policy which allows Mitchell County employees and spouses to remain on the County's health insurance policy after they retire or resign. County Attorney will continue to research this with the Wellmark Insurance Company.

Road maintenance and tree trimming of 487th Street, near Mona was discussed. County Engineer reported that there is no county right-of-way and that this portion of the road is actually a driveway and not a thru street. The recommendation of the County Attorney is to not trim the trees since it is not a county right-of-way. County Engineer will do more research.

Gary Anderson of Skott & Anderson Architects reviewed a proposal to perform a space needs assessment study of the Courthouse. Skott & Anderson would provide the study for a lump sum of \$3,500 with a completion date of no later than March 16, 2012. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to proceed with the needs assessment study. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney Morse reviewed a Grant-in-Agreement for Certified Local Government Grant 2012-07 for a master plan for the Courthouse. The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has obligated \$8,400.00 in Historic Preservation Funds provided that Mitchell County would move forward with rehabilitating the Courthouse. No action was taken at this time.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is scraping roads. Rich stated that a bridge on Timber Avenue, just north of 430th Street was closed last week.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting with changes. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on a teleconference call with CPC Director Bob Lincoln and the County Social Services Board. Walk reported on the Statewide Supervisors and Farm Bureau meetings. Marreel reported on the FMC-EI meeting. Manure management plan updates were received from Griffiths Finisher Farm and Mapes Finisher Farm owned by Gold Standard Farms, L.C. The January Clerk of Court report was received in the amount of \$1,063.65.

Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reviewed the status of the FY 2013 County budget. Consensus to reduce the Sheriff's budget for FY 2013 by 3%.

Effective January 29, 2012, Chelsie Bode received a 25 cent per hour pay increase to \$11.00 per hour due to finishing her med manager course at the County Care Facility.
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors