

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Dan Zimmerman, Eli Zimmerman, Betty McCarthy and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk recommended that the County send a letter to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for Medicare revalidation for the Mitchell County Home/Public Health department. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the letter. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby gave an update on the progress of the pretreatment plan for the Valent BioScience project. Tom stated that he recommends the County consider a proposal to seek quotes for seven tanks for the project. It would be a significant cost savings to the County since it isn't part of the regular contract. This will be considered.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to accept the Compensation Board recommendations, plus a 3.75% increase for the County hourly employees for FY 2013. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Marreel voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is cutting brush. Rich stated that he is getting estimates to convert the 2 way radios to a narrower band. Using rail cars for a bridge replacement was discussed.

Tobie, Ed and Amos Petersheim were present to request permission to drive a horse and buggy across a bridge on Windfall Avenue that has been closed for repairs. County Engineer stated there would be a liability concern if anyone would open the barricade to cross the bridge. Consensus for the bridge to remain closed. County Engineer is working on plans to get the bridge repaired as soon as possible.

Kathy Showalter of PlanScape Partners gave an update on Amendment #2 to the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Plan. A meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission is scheduled for March 28th.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 28th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the FY 2013 Mitchell County budget. Present from the public were Betty McCarthy, L. Dean Pohren, Leland Meitner, Rodney Koch, Penney Morse, Department Heads and Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. The Chair asked if there were any public comments received prior to the hearing. It was replied that there were none. Betty McCarthy asked questions regarding debt service and re-estimate amounts from last year. Betty

stated that she was pleased to see that funds were now listed in the unassigned line of the budget. Recently retired Assessor L. Dean Pohren explained that roll back has gone from 69% to 57% on some of the agriculture land in the county. Supervisor Walk stated that there is approximately \$1 million dollars still owed for the jail building. Local option sales tax was discussed. There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:48 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 2013 County budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney Morse gave an update on the Planning for Preservation Grant. An architect from Des Moines is scheduled to meet with Supervisor Voaklander and Penney on March 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Items of note: Walk reported on natural gas issues that may affect the City of Riceville. Marreel reported on the Wellness Committee meeting.

CPC Director Bob Lincoln gave an update on the Mental Health Redesign Bill at the Iowa Statehouse. Bob stated that the mental health system is still \$55 million short thru out the State.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors