

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed the contract for a historical consultant to perform a detailed evaluation of the courthouse. The cost of the evaluation is \$13,000.

Mitchell County Sheriff Curt Younker presented the February Sheriff report of fees collected. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the report in the amount of \$8,215.73. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that the Osage Municipal Utilities has agreed to run a gas line to the Mitchell County Secondary Road shop on March Avenue. OMU will also supply the pipe. It will cost the County approximately \$900.00. A plumber is being contacted to see what it will take to convert from LP to natural gas. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to move forward with the gas line and to convert the shop building and the Engineer's office to natural gas. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Penney Morse reviewed the draft report for the Mitchell County Planning for Preservation project which was prepared by Tallgrass Historians L.C. Final cost of the report is \$6,300.60. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve paying 70% of the invoice (\$4,410.42) at this time and to pay the remaining 30% once clarifications are made and the report is final. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney also asked permission for members of the Mitchell County Historical Preservation Commission and herself to attend the Iowa Statewide Historic Preservation Conference April 27 & 28 in Decorah. Early registration is \$40.00 plus \$25.00 for the banquet. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve paying for up to seven members to attend, plus mileage. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Marreel stated that the County Engineer was ill today. Marreel read a prepared statement that the Roads department is blading roads and spotting rock where needed. Also, analyzing the bridges for sizes and reviewing the budget to see if there is money to repair one or two of the bridges this fiscal year. Getting quotes on upgrading the two way radio system.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill meeting and tours of the Courthouse with two different architect firms. The February Clerk of Court report was received in the amount of \$1,634.75. Effective February 27, 2012,

Tracey Mooberry, Clerk in the Treasurer's office, received a salary step increase to \$11.60 per hour. Manure management plan updates were received from the Benson Site owned by Knapp Finishers, LLC, Fitzmaurice/Tip 5 Finisher Farm and Geiger Sow Farm Sow/Litter both owned by Iowa Select Farms, L.P., Curt Halvorson Finisher Farm, NE Site and SW Site for the Borderline Buildings L.L.C. and Hemann West Finisher Farm owned by Omega One L.L.C.
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors