

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 3, 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, Craig and Janeal Dunn, Mary Dunea, Joshua Randall, Jerry Fisk, John Kasel, Marion and Chareen Neeley, Leo Meitner, John J. Ross, Mark Ross, Sandra Heckstein, Judy Champion, Lanny and Pat Hepner, Jason Schmidt, Channel 3 Television and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include Mitchell County employment applications and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

A proposed food vendor ordinance, in connection with the Valent plant project was discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk. County Attorney stated that he had questions with some of the language and the intent of the document. Consensus of the Board that an ordinance is not necessary at this time.

Kathy Showalter of PlanScape Partners stated that plans for the Valent Plant are moving forward. Kathy updated the BOS on the urban renewal plan and also assessed values for the development agreement. Kathy stated that the assessed value came in lower than expected. After discussion, consensus of the Board to proceed forward with the development agreement while determining a minimum property tax payment made by Valent for the duration of the payment on the pre-treatment facility. Kathy reviewed an amended scope of services with PlanScape. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the amended PlanScape proposal. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Amendment #2 to the Memorandum of Understanding by and among Mitchell County, City of Osage and Valent BioSciences Corporation. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is working on bridges and blading roads. Rich stated that his office has received dust control requests. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve Resolution #820-12 to establish a 20 mile per hour speed limit and to erect appropriate signs in the town of Toeterville, approximately 1050 feet south and 600 feet north of the SW corner of section 29-100-17. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney Morse invited Chip Overton of the Keefer/Overton (K/O) Architect Firm to give an overview of services that his firm could provide for the County Courthouse. He stated that they had worked on the Dallas County Courthouse and other historic buildings in the Des Moines area and throughout the Midwest. Blueprints of the Courthouse were provided to K/O by Penney Morse and then digitalized. No invoice was presented for the work. A scope of work with K/O had previously been approved, but no contract had been signed. Penney asked about having two space needs assessments

performed. She stated that there should be due diligence to the public in evaluating the building. Consensus of the Supervisors is to have no further studies of the courthouse structure, but to move forward with sending out information for a new courthouse design.

Dorothy Faust, Director of the Second Judicial District of the Department of Correctional Services, gave a report on the services that is provided for this area. 2nd Judicial provides probation and parole for adults in our district and Mitchell County is a part of this district. Supervisor Walk is a member of their Board. Betty McCarthy is a member of their Advisory and Executive committees. Dot stated that their mission is to prepare their clients to go out into the community workforce, enhance community safety and facilitate a positive change in adult offenders.

The subject of sending out requests for proposals (RFP's) to area architect firms for the Courthouse was discussed. Language for the RFP's was questioned. The Board stated that they would work on the language for the RFP. Consensus of the Board is to send out RFP's to architect firms. Timelines, a public vote, grants and a straw poll were discussed. John J. Ross stated that he had heard rumors that the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Courthouse may be moved. He stated there were concerns by other Veteran's organizations in the county.

Supervisor Walk gave a report on a proposed natural gas line that would run from Emmons, IA thru Worth County and down to Osage. Stan stated that he has been in contact with two natural gas companies. Estimates for the line will be received April 13th. Financing, easements and public/private partnerships were discussed.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the March 27th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Upper Cedar River Watershed project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the legislative forum and Voaklander reported on a Heartland Insurance meeting via a conference call.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the hiring of Kristine Kirsch as a part-time dispatcher and a part-time jailer at the Mitchell County Sheriff's department. She will be considered PRN. Her official hire date is March 29, 2012 and her rate of pay is \$16.13 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Action on the County's health insurance family plan for spouses of retired employees was table for one week.

A more current version of a County employment application form was discussed. This will be reviewed with the County Attorney at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.