

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA**

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Penney Morse, Janeal Dunn, Mary Dunea, Mary Blake, Kurt Meyer, Jerry Fisk, Dean Steffen, Adam Shirley, Sheriff Greg Beaver, Betty McCarthy and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to delete wastewater treatment plant update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he has received documents for the purchase of the lot for the new roads shop at St. Ansgar.

The rescinding of Resolution #769-10 and dissolving the Mitchell County Historical Preservation Commission was discussed. Kurt Meyer, member of the Commission, asked to address the Board. Kurt, speaking on behalf of the Commission members, reviewed six points that they thought the Board might have overlooked in regards to the dissolving of the commission and the Certified Local Government designation. The Board has raised ethics concerns due to recent negative ads that have appeared in the Press News as a reason to dissolve the Commission. Mr. Meyer stated that the ads were placed in the paper by a separate body and that no commission members are officers in the "Friends of the Courthouse" group. It was pointed out that Commission members are also members of the "Friends" group. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #868-13 to rescind Resolution #769-10 and dissolve the Mitchell County Historical Preservation Commission effective March 26, 2013. Roll call vote: all ayes. The BOS stated that they will leave the door open if some other individuals wish to make a proposal for another commission.

Mitchell County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that he has received quotes for the foreman's truck that was damaged by an electrical fire. Rich is also getting quotes for repairing the truck. Semi-truck traffic using the March Avenue Bridge over the trout stream was discussed. Rich will look into signage for diverting the trucks over to the Orchard Road. Roads department is spotting rock and blading roads. Changing the foreman's wages from salary to hourly was discussed. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve that change. Roll call vote: all ayes. Merlyn Hegland's hourly rate will be \$22.36 per hour.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Conservation Director Adam Shirley presented a CAT Grant request. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the request form. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Bids were reviewed for asbestos removal at the Courthouse. Low bid of \$78,887.00 was received from Advanced Environmental Testing and Abatement, Inc. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the proposal with Advanced Environmental for the abatement of asbestos. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Marreel stated that the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) and the Wellmark Insurance Company have informed the County's Wellness Committee that they are considering having the County do all the paperwork regarding any incentives that are earned thru the Wellness program.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Heartland Insurance, Prairie Ridge and Economic Development meetings. Marreel reported on the Wellness, Board of Health, DECAT Governance and the Riceville Community Club meetings and Walk reported on the RC&D meeting. Manure management plan updates were received from Robert Niess, Hemann West Finisher Farm, Fitzmaurice/Tip 5 Finisher Farm, Halvorson Finisher Farm, Benson Site and Geiger Sow Farm Sow/Litter. The Prairie Ridge Audit report was received.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors