

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Penney Morse, Jerry Dunlay, Ed Jordan and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to include discuss flood plains and insurance value on the courthouse and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

At 8:31 the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications and form of contract for the Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements. The Chair asked if the Auditor and if the BOS had received any oral or written comments prior to the hearing. It was replied that none were received. The Chair asked if the public in attendance wished to make any comments. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #868-13 adopting plans, specifications form of contract and estimate of cost. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby Associates gave an update on the bids for the project. Eleven companies bid on the project. Low bid of \$5,495,000 was received from Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. of Winona, MN. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #869-13 making award of construction contract to Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. for the amount of 5,495,000. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom reviewed pay request #3 and recommended that American Structures, Inc. be paid the amount of \$252,523.19 for work performed per contract. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve pay request #3. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #870-13 ordering bids, notice to bidders, fixing amount of bid security, and ordering Auditor to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the construction of the "VBC Industrial Pretreatment Facility Phase IV: Treatment Process" for Mitchell County, IA. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that he is emailing the language for the snow emergency ordinance to the County's legal counsel for review. Axel weight limits for dump trucks hauling rock on select routes of the county's secondary roads was discussed.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the Sheriff's report of fees collected in March. Motion by Marreel and second by Voaklander to approve the Sheriff's report for March in the amount of \$4,791.01. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the roads crew is working on the gravel roads and receiving a salt shipment. Plans for the Hickory Bridge are being finalized. The new FEMA flood plain maps were discussed. Issues

have been expressed by property owners who when they built their homes were not considered in a flood plain. Now they are. This will be placed on the April 23rd agenda for more discussion and possible action.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the April 9th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A letter sent to the Board of Supervisors from the Conservation Districts of Iowa, the State Soil Conservation Committee and the Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District concerning an issue regarding taxation for maintaining conservation/watershed structures was discussed. The letter is asking the BOS to support a resolution to change wording in Iowa Code Section 161E.9 from 'agricultural land' to 'all real property currently subject to property tax' to allow possible future taxes to be levied in a fair manner on a county wide basis. No action was taken.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve placing \$9,826.07 in the Conservation Land Acquisition & Capital Improvement Fund for Wapsi Trail long term maintenance. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the FMC/ECI and the NCREERC meetings and Walk reported on the Conservation and Transportation 21 meetings. Manure management plan updates were received from Ruehlow 2 LLC, Jen-Rae Site, Osage River City Egg, Sunner, Carpenter North Finisher.

To be noted that \$400,000 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic to the Secondary Roads Fund, \$100,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax (LOSST) to the General Supplemental Fund and \$30,000 from the General Basic to the Land Acquisition Fund.

To set a figure of \$250,000 as the amount of value to be placed on the vacant courthouse building for insurance purposes was discussed. Consensus of the Board to set the value at \$250,000.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors