

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Penney Morse, Algie Slindee, Deanna Eastman, and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he had nothing new to report on.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reviewed the Sheriff's June report of fees and expenses collected. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$ 3,379.81. Roll call vote: all ayes. Sheriff Beaver gave an update for the jail and the lightning strike on July 9th which took out the radios. Estimated damage is \$69,000 so far. Equipment that was damaged was twenty years old. New equipment is to be installed in the next two weeks. Insurance will cover the costs except for the \$1,000 deductible.

Motion by, Voaklander second by Walk to approve the minutes of the July 9th and 11th meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the services of Renee Von Bokern as the County's legal representative for the next fiscal year's Union negotiations. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the T-21, Hazmat and Conservation meetings and Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill meeting. The June Clerk of Court report was received in the amount of \$2,170.24.

At 8:46 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on a request from the residents of the Cedar Ridge Subdivision for a proposed Rural Improvement Zone under Iowa Code 357H. Present were Cedar Ridge residents Mark Walk, Dave Mayer and Mark Wagner. Others present were Tom Martin, Tedd Maakestad and Stanley R. Ask. Dave Mayer explained that the residents of the subdivision are looking into being a true association. The chair asked Supervisor Voaklander if he had received any oral or written comments. Joel stated that he had received some negative comments. Supervisor Walk also stated that he had received four negative comments. The Auditor stated that his office had not received any comments. Mark Walk stated that his understanding of the Iowa Code allows a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in a rural area and he feels that the association has met the proper qualifications. Stan Ask asked if the lake in the subdivision was open to the public for fishing. It was replied that this is a private lake. Voaklander stated that in Iowa Code 357H.8, that the board of trustees of the rural improvement zone, in order to pay for improvements shall institute a standby tax. The rate of the standby tax shall not be less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property

and not more than two dollars and fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property. Voaklander reported that he has contacted the County's Bond Counsel, John Danos, for his interpretation of this code section. Discussed taxable values and a possible assessment for hard surfacing the existing roads. The public hearing was closed at 9:15 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to table taking any action on the request until July 23rd. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department has started the rock run and they are getting caught up on the flood work. Rich is getting quotes on pipe for the Hickory Avenue Bridge. Deficient bridges were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors