

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Tom Martin, Jackie Reams, Joe Reams, Penney Morse, Jerry Fisk, Sheriff Greg Beaver and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Election hours for the November 5th City Election and the bonding question for the Courthouse were discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk. County Attorney's advice is to keep the polls open to 9:00. The Auditor expressed his displeasure with the Friends of the Courthouse for putting out incorrect information that the polls will remain open to 9 p.m. According to the Iowa Secretary of State's office and Iowa Code Section 49.73 (2), polls shall close at 8 p.m. for any nonpartisan election. The Auditor firmly stated that since he is the County Commissioner of Elections he will follow the Code section and the backing of the Iowa Secretary of State's office.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby Associates reported that the VBC plant and the pre-treatment projects are both progressing. Tom reviewed a change order to the VBC pre-treatment plant project. The change order reduces the project cost by \$11,132.10. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the change order. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the October 15th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver provided a pamphlet to the BOS on the Wide-Area Emergency Notification System (WHENS). The Sheriff will contact the company and ask them to give a demonstration at the November 19th Board meeting.

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

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the final paving plans for the Walnut Avenue PCC overlay. Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the final plans for FM-CO66 (58)-55-66 Walnut Avenue PCC overlay project. Roll call vote: all ayes. Roads department is working on bridges and getting the equipment ready for winter. Rich reported that the bridge at the intersection of Noble Avenue and 370th Street was closed for repairs.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve a Class "C" liquor license for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Osage Post #7920. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Paulus reported on a request from the Stacyville City Park committee for financial assistance with their city park handicapped accessible restroom project. Total cost of the project is \$51,000. A representative from the committee will be invited to attend the next Board meeting to give more information.

The old historic Otranto Bridge was discussed with Conservation Director Adam Shirley. Adam has been in contact

with Will Morrow, owner of the property where the bridge is setting and the dam, about obtaining an acre of land on the east side of Cedar River to develop a boat access for the public. Discussion has been held regarding shoring up the east side of the bridge due to recent flooding and eroding away of the bank. Estimated cost for the repairs is to not exceed \$5,000. Adam stated that the Conservation department is not interested in obtaining the bridge. Adam will work with Morrow on acquiring the access and the dam.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the NCRERC and T-21 meetings, Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill, Heartland Insurance and the North Iowa Juvenile Detention meetings and Walk reported on the T-21 meeting. Received the Heartland Insurance Annual Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2013. Received manure management plan updates from Anders Knudsen and Gold Standard Farms LC.

\$300,000 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors