

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Mitchell County Law Enforcement Center Training Room with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer, Jackie Reams, Joe Reams, Randy Conrad, Penney Morse, Betty McCarthy, Jerry Fisk, Jeff Huftalin, Ray Huftalin, Algie Slindee, and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

A granular road issue was discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk and County Engineer Rich Brumm. Manure and mud was tracked on a gravel road between Jersey and Kirkwood Avenues. The farmer had tried to remedy the problem, but the road surface is now slimy. Rich will have the roads department work on the problem.

A power point presentation for a Wide-area Emergency Notification System (WENS) was viewed. Stephen J. Lehman conducted the presentation via a conference call. He explained how the system works. Cost for the system would be \$7,900 per year and is based on the census population for Mitchell County. The system could also benefit other internal entities such as cities, schools and the hospital. The Board will take this into consideration.

County Engineer reported that the Noble Avenue pipe project will be done this week. Roads department is getting equipment ready for winter. Discussed moving fill to the new St. Ansgar shop property. Also discussed the bike trail thru McIntire. Rich stated that the Emergency Repairs Projects Construction Program needs to be amended. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to allow the Engineer to amend the program. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Hospital CEO Kevin Runolfson gave an update for the Hospital. He stated that the hospital is in need of one or two more physicians. Kevin is requesting the County to partner with the hospital in recruiting more physicians. He is asking \$7,500 to \$15,000 from the County. Kevin is also seeking financial assistance from the Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation Boards. After discussion, consensus of the BOS to participate. No amount was agreed upon.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the October Sheriff report. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the report in the amount of \$6,501.12. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Matt O'Brien from NIACOG gave an update on the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan for the unincorporated areas. The Plan is to be completed by January 27, 2014. Matt will be back in February for a follow up.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that the Valent project is progressing.

After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the Conservation Loan Agreement for the Mitchell Mill Dam repairs. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the November 12th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve Resolution #893-13 authorizing the use of a preliminary

official statement by Northland Securities in marketing the sale of \$6,500,000 General Obligation County Purpose Bonds, Series 2013A for (1) repairing County roads and bridges damaged by floods and (2) constructing sanitary sewer treatment improvements. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Two bids were opened to remove trees around the Courthouse. Bids were received from Rock Creek Tree Service and Sharper Service, LLC. Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the low bid of \$8,200.00 turned in by Rock Creek Tree Service. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Consensus to have the Auditor place an ad in the County newspapers to sell two county vehicles.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve a change to the BOS minutes of October 29, 2013 meeting. The minutes should state that the Mitchell County Historical Preservation Association has committed funds to repair the Otranto Bridge, not the Mitchell County Historical Society. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve placing \$5,399.68 in the Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement Fund - \$208.00 from cans for conservation, \$199.68 from Land – Ghost Gobblers, \$5,000 Foundation for Enhancement of Mitchell County. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the Wellness, Empowerment, Veteran’s Affairs meetings and the ISAC conference. Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Board of Health meetings. Walk attended the Worth County Development Authority awards presentation. Received a manure management plan update from Christensen Farms & Feed Lots.

The Auditor stated that a request to place and light a Christmas tree in the cupola one last time was denied.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors