

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Monday, December 23, 2013

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

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a public records request for electronically stored records. Mark recommended that the Auditor respond to the request.

Voaklander gave an update for the Valent project. The building is in the construction process and is on schedule. 350th Street past the VBC site is to remain closed at this time.

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

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve Resolution #899-13 authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of \$6,410,000 General Obligation County Purpose Bonds, Series 2013A and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #900-13 adopting and approving Tax Compliance Procedures Relating to Tax Exempt Bonds. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the December 17th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Voaklander reviewed a listing of county owned property and building values established by the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool. After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to increase the property values except for the St. Ansgar Secondary Roads shop, County Care Facility and the Annex building. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on proposed action to institute proceedings to enter into a loan agreement and borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$500,000. The Chair asked if any comments had been received prior to the hearing. The Auditor replied that he had not received any. Paulus stated she was asked to find out how much money had been spent so far on the courthouse project. Paulus also read a letter from Betty McCarthy with remarks in opposition to the proposed action to enter into a loan agreement. Following the reading of the letter Walk stated that he disagreed with some of the renovation comments made in the letter. Jim Cross asked about demolition and soft costs. Jerry Fisk asked if the financing was going to be a GO or a Revenue Bond. Penney Morse asked about the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Walk explained the advantage to the county by using TIF revenues. The revenues will stay in the county and are being used for an essential purpose. The public hearing was closed at 9:15 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve Resolution #898-13 taking additional action to enter into a loan agreement and borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$500,000 for funding the demolition of the Courthouse.

Roll call vote: Voaklander and Walk aye. Paulus nay. Motion carried.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the FY 2015 Compensation Board recommendation of a 3% salary increase for all the County elected officials. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The FY 2015 ISAC Wellmark health insurance program was discussed. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the ISAC Plan 11 for FY 2015. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the Riceville Kiwanis meeting and Voaklander reported on the Prairie Ridge meeting. Received a manure management plan update from C&M Pork, LLC. The Board is seeking a person to fill an open position on the Board of Health Board.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the 2014 Courthouse holiday schedule. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Paulus voted aye and Walk voted nay. Motion carried. Walk wanted to substitute President's Day for a personal day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors