

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Tom Martin, Randy Conrad, Conservation Director Adam Shirley and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include ATV's, County Engineer phone calls and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk had nothing to report.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby & Associates gave an update on the VBC project. Winter weather has slowed the progress of the project.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reviewed the January report of fees and expenses collected. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the report in the amount of \$4,570.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the February 9th, 11th, 12th & 13th meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

It was reported that a contract for the Wide-Area Emergency Notification System (WENS) will be arriving in the mail. County Attorney will review it once it arrives.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve placing \$19,022.66 in the Land Acquisition & Capital Improvement Fund – Federal Disaster Refund (Mitchell Mill Dam). Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into a loan agreement and borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the purpose of acquiring hydro-electric equipment. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. The Auditor stated that his office had not received any. Supervisor Walk stated that the Stoney Creek coffee group was in support of the acquiring the equipment and the recreation that occurs upstream from the dam. Supervisor Voaklander asked if there is a major overhaul due to the generators and is there an operations and maintenance manual. A maintenance contract will be drawn up for operations at the dam. County Attorney will review the use of volunteer labor. Public hearing was closed at 8:55 a.m.

Action for the loan agreement was tabled at this time.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill meeting and Walk reported on a Legislative Forum at Northwood. Received the manure management plan updates from Roger Schroeder and Kuper Cattle. It was reported that the Iowa Legislature is considering a Bill for operation of ATV's on all county roads.

Discussed phone calls that Supervisors Walk and Paulus are receiving in regards to roads and Engineer Brumm's response and plans for forecasted blizzard on Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors