

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Jackie Reams, Tom Martin, Randy Conrad, Peggy Hanson, Pat Clark, Donna Anhorn, Bob Lincoln, Kathy Falk, Richard Rosenberg, Ron Gasteiger, Brenda Dryer, Assessor Amy Folkerts, Home Health Director Lavonne Wolf and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the loan has been closed on the hydro dam equipment at the Mitchell Dam. Mark will consult with Conservation Director Adam Shirley on insurance coverage for the generators.

P&Z Director Mark Ross gave an update on the cleanup status of the Duane Tesch property in Toeterville. Four loads have been removed by the Secondary Roads department. More items are to be moved. Duane was given a week to remove approximately 50 tires from the property.

Mitchell County CPC Director Bob Lincoln reviewed the Olmstead Act regarding a 1999 Supreme Court decision where residents of a care facility have the right to be in the community. The future of the care facility was discussed. Possible closing could occur within five years. Affordable housing within the community is being considered.

Scott Wilson of the DNR reviewed options for the water system at the County Care Facility. A letter from the County on the corrections that will be made is due by August 15th. Tom Madden is working on a treatment plan to remove nitrates from the water system.

Tom Madden of SEH Yaggy reviewed a proposal for the County Care Facility water system engineering report to the DNR. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to authorize SEH Yaggy to prepare the water system report in the amount of \$3,500. Roll call vote: all ayes. Tom reviewed a change order for Wapasha Construction in the amount of \$8,206.27 for the VBC project. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the change order. Roll call vote: all ayes.

John Lear, General Manager of Heartland Power, reviewed a proposed solar energy project east of St. Ansgar along Hwy 218. Plans are for 1,200 panels and the project is expected to be completed late this fall.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported that security for the Valent event went smooth. Valent Corporation made a donation to the Mitchell County Food Bank per a request from Sheriff Beaver to cover the cost of his department's time for providing the security. Supervisor Paulus has applied for two grants to help with the purchase of more defibrillators. Home Health Director Lavonne Wolf has also applied for grants in the name of the Supervisors. First Aid kits are also being prepared for the Sheriff's department.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed a water-way drainage issue. Run off water isn't lining up with a box culvert. Rich is preparing a notice to hire a new employee. The rock run has been delayed due to the rain. Cedar Falls Construction is grinding patches on Primrose and Stillwater. Working on a right-of-entry for the Reams property along the

Lime Kiln Road. Also working on a concept statement for the Timber Avenue Bridge.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the June 24th and 27th meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve sending Courthouse Custodian Dave Hartogh to the annual custodian maintenance school in Ames the week of July 21 – 25, 2014. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed purchasing a new combination tractor mower and snow blower for use at the new courthouse and surrounding county buildings. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the purchase of a John Deere tractor with attachments. Quoted price is \$22,001.33. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Kathy Falk reported that St. Ansgar Rescue is looking for community support to purchase a new Rescue Vehicle. The existing vehicle will then be moved to Stacyville. After discussion motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve contributing \$10,000 in FY 15 and \$10,000 in FY 16 towards the rescue vehicle. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve fireworks permits for Steve Beland, Larry Johnson and Doug Kleckner.

Items of note: Paulus reported on a grant webinar. Received manure management plan updates for Baarsch Farms-Junction South, Happy Pork, Inc. and Emory Unruh.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors