

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Voaklander and Walk present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Tom Martin, Randy Conrad, Mary Jo Burkgren, Jerry Phillip, Mary Jo Hartogh, Mark Ross, Duane Tesch, Adam Shirley and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Planning & Zoning Director Mark Ross reported that he had viewed the property of Duane Tesch at Toeterville. Duane has cleaned the front yard but there are a number of old appliances in the back yard. (Supervisor Paulus arrived at 8:34 a.m.) Duane asked for a two week extension. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to deny the extension and to abate the nuisance. Roll call vote: all ayes. The County will enter the property at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday June 25th and remove items are not in compliance with the County's junk ordinance.

Tom Madden of SEH Yaggy reviewed options to replace the public water system at the County Care Facility. Drilling a new well was discussed. The DNR is being asked to attend the July 1st meeting to discuss the County's options.

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed a letter from Northland Securities regarding a disclosure for negotiated understanding. Consensus to not sign the letter. Mark reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Board of Supervisors for permission to file electronically for a \$5,000 grant. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the Share Point Memorandum of Understanding. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The BOS discussed with Conservation Director Adam Shirley a loan to purchase the hydro equipment for the Mitchell Dam. The Conservation Board is asking to borrow \$650,000 to cover the purchase price of \$575,000 plus the first year's loan payment and a study of \$40,000 to enhance the performance of the generators. Supervisor Walk suggested borrowing \$625,000. It was reported by Mary Jo Burkgren that a couple of study's had been done while she worked for the Conservation department. After more discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the purchase and loan of \$575,000 for the hydro equipment. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to authorize the Chair to sign the Mitchell Mill AEP Power Purchase agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden reviewed a change order totaling \$160,890.30 for Henkel Construction for the VBC project. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the change order. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported that the jail inspection went ok.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve fireworks permits to Flashing Thunder Fireworks, Nathan Beye, John W. Duryee, Donnie Thorson, Floyd & Yvonne Woods. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the rock run is up and running as available. Ditch clean outs will start

this week. Noble and 370th Bridge, spec's for motor graders, Lime Kiln Road, St. Ansgar shop plans and bigger stop signs at the intersection of Balsam and 470th Street were discussed.

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

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve a \$500.00 request from the Riceville Community Club for their 2014 Wapsi Days Festival. The \$500.00 will help defray expenses for the event. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Upper Cedar Watershed, Green Energy, Enterprise Zone and preconstruction meetings. Paulus reported on the ISAC open meetings and grant writing webinars and the Sister City and DECAT meetings. Voaklander reported on the pretreatment facility tour, Rural Improvement Zone, Enterprise Zone and Economic Development meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors