

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Jackie Reams, Mary Jo Burkgren, Karen Damjanovic, Betty McCarthy, John Kasel, Department Heads and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the Chair signing the agreement with Cost Advisory Services for Fiscal Years 2014, 2015 and 2016 to provide professional consulting services. The County will pay the Consultant an amount not to exceed \$4,125 for each annual cost allocation plan. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The future of Case Management for Mitchell County was discussed. Supervisor Walk suggested that County Attorney Walk draft a letter to the Chickasaw County BOS regarding wages for the Case Managers.

Brian McWilliams of Yaggy Colby and Associates reviewed pay requests for the Valent project. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve Henkel Construction pay certificate #7 in the amount of \$86,699.52. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve Wapasha Construction pay certificate #8 in the amount of \$21,360.75. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update. It was reported the WENS contract has been sent in.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that a motor grader has been shipped for repairs. A John Deere model is being demoed. Rich is conducting interviews for the secretary position. Roads department is blowing snow.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Auditor Tesch reported that the First Citizens National Bank and the CUS Bank have quoted a 2.75% interest rate for a short term financing loan to cover demolition costs of the Courthouse. After a coin toss, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the short term financing to the Osage First Citizens National Bank. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on an economic development symposium and a NIACOG meeting. Paulus reported on a watershed meeting and Voaklander reported on a loss analysis meeting with Secondary Roads department and the County's Loss insurance carrier. The February Clerk of Court report of fees collected was received in the amount of \$1,647.57. \$150,000 is to be transferred from the LOSST Fund to the General Supplemental Fund.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2014-2015 Mitchell County budget. The Chair read a prepared letter from County Attorney Walk stating that according to Iowa Code section 331.434 subsection 4 that at the County Budget hearing only a resident or a taxpayer of the county may present to the board objections to or arguments in favor of any part of the budget. The Chair asked if the Auditor or the BOS had received any oral or written comments prior to the hearing. It was stated that none were received. Deputy Auditor fielded questions from Betty

McCarthy regarding debt service, capital projects, Mitchell County hydro dam, restricted and assigned lines of the budget and the special assessment for the Valent BioScience project. There being no further discussion the public hearing was closed at 9:14 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the FY 14-15 Mitchell County budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors