

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA**

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Jackie Reams and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include schedule for courthouse and refinancing of bonds and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a schedule for a hearing on borrowing funds for the proposed new courthouse.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby and Associates gave an update for the VBC project. Inside work is to begin within a week.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update. Discussed Iowa Code Section 356.7 5 a (1) (2) (3) which deals with monies collected and credited to the county general fund. This will be discussed in more detail at the March 18th BOS meeting.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that two snow blowers are running and the Roads department is working on widening the gravel roads. Surveyors will be surveying along the Lime Kiln Road this week and Rich is meeting with FEMA officials. Emergency situations such as power outages during the night time hours was discussed. Consensus to treat this type of emergency differently than a medical emergency and to send a plow out when it becomes light.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the February 25th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Auditor Tesch reported that he has been checking on short term financing with County Banks to cover demolition costs of the Courthouse. Selection for a bank will be made at the March 18th meeting.

After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve Mitchell County being a supporter of the Governor's plan for a Skilled Iowa Initiative. The plan recognizes respective employee's particular skills. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on a gas line meeting. Paulus reported on the County Care Facility committee, Substance Abuse Coalition and Wellness committee meetings. Voaklander reported on the County Social Service, Workforce Development and a Targeted Case Management meeting. A manure management plan update was received from Wilt Finisher Farm.

Supervisor Walk suggested that the Board consider re-financing the first set of road paving bonds. Since the interest rate has come down there could be a savings of \$100,000. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors