

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

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Jackie Reams, Joe Reams, Mary Jo Burkgren, Gloria Brinks, Teresa Nelson, Dave Hartogh, Rita Dvorak, Dave Randall, Paul Groth, Pat Skuster, Casey Morse, Jeff Heil and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he is completing the closing on the Muller property. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to authorize the Chair to sign the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for Child Support Recovery pending approval by the County Attorney. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed an assistant to drive the weed spraying pick up for the Weed Commissioner during the 2014 spray season. Supervisor Walk volunteered to do this as a donation on his part.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the April Sheriff's report. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$3,879.25. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the Roads department are maintaining the roads, erecting signs and doing pipe work. The rock run quotes have been sent to three county suppliers. Gloria Brinks thanked Rich and his crew for their work on 320th Street. Rich stated that the frost boils are not as bad as they have been in other years.

Judy Funk of the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool presented the annual renewal. Mitchell County will be receiving a \$28,574 premium credit. After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the FY 2015 renewal. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the May 13th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to sign the agreement with Skilled Iowa to use Mitchell County's name in public awareness efforts to promote the National Career Readiness Certificate. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve placing \$1,694.00 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation meeting, Paulus on the Board of Health, FMC-ECI meetings and Voaklander on the FMC Landfill, Heartland Insurance, Prairie Ridge meetings and the Standard & Poor's ratings call. Manure management plan updates were received from Baarsch Farms – Junction North, Burnett Tip 4, Nursery Unit, Erickson/Tip 8 Sow Farm, Sow/Litter, Ruehlow 1 LLC and Ruehlow 3 LLC.

Advertising of items from the courthouse was discussed. No action was taken at this time.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the purpose of instituting proceedings & taking action on a

proposal to enter into a loan agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$8,776,350 for purpose of paying costs of undertaking an urban renewal project in the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area consisting of constructing and equipping a County Courthouse. The Chair asked if there had been any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. Supervisor Paulus read a letter from Penney Morse urging the BOS to not go forward with the present plans. To come back with plans that are less expensive and with a design more appropriate for the 21st century. Supervisors Voaklander and Walk stated that they were told by the public to go forward. More delays will add more cost. Auditor Tesch stated he had received an email from a former resident who lives in Connecticut stated that a county like Mitchell needs good health service and good infrastructure which would include government buildings. Paulus was handed a letter from Rita Dovark. The letter states that she is one of many residents that doesn't appreciate moving forward with spending \$8 million for a new courthouse. Also the funding of the courthouse had never received the 60% vote of the people. She feels the BOS doesn't want to reach a compromise. She was also asking for clarity on the size of the lobby. Dave Randall agreed with what had been said in the letters. He is unhappy with the miss facts, the design being turned to the west and the way his name was used. Paul Groth stated get it done. Supervisor Walk reviewed the process of the judicial space in the courthouse and how some items are set by Iowa Code. Supervisor Voaklander spoke about Homeland Security. Mark Walk was not in favor with the two elevators that the architects said were needed. He also said things have been said and not repeated correctly. We need to move forward, put what has been done and said behind us and to move forward. Other discussion revolved around storage, safe rooms in the basement and to say thanks to those on both sides of the issue. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to close the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #911-14 taking additional action to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement. Roll call vote: Walk and Voaklander voted aye. Paulus voted nay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors