

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Tom Martin, Randy Conrad, Brenda Dryer, Jackie Reams, Joe Reams, Gloria Brinks, Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin, Treasurer Pam Meyer and Deb Nicklay (Press News). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include VBC update and pay request and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Planning & Zoning Director Mark Ross reported that a property in the Village of Toeterville, owned by Duane Tesch, has gotten worse. There are more appliances on the property now than a few weeks ago. Mark had sent Tesch a certified letter notifying him to clean up the property. Tesch didn't sign for the letter. County Attorney Mark Walk was directed to send Tesch a letter stating that if the property is not cleaned up by June 20th the County will remove the appliances at Tesch's cost and add it to his property taxes.

Ross reported that a water test at the County Care Facility revealed a high nitrate level. This is the third time the test has been high. Ross recommended the Care Facility purchase a filtering system.

The length of term for borrowing and means of financing for the Courthouse project was discussed. Consensus to go with a 20 year bond with payments coming from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Local Option Sales Tax (LOSST).

Brian of Yaggy Colby Associates reported that the Valent and pretreatment projects are on schedule. The pretreatment plant should be up and running this August. The Wapasha pay request will be presented at next Tuesday's meeting.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the May 20th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve a Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales to the Acorn Park Golf & Recreation Area. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the 28E County Social Services Agreement. A new signature page is needed due to a change. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to authorize the Chair to sign the FY 2015 HIRP Risk Pool Agreement to bind coverage subject to approval by the County Attorney. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the Builders Risk insurance coverage with Chubb Insurance Company for the Courthouse construction project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Paulus reported on CPR training at the County Care Facility and the Sister City visit by three Russian medical personnel. Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community Action and FMC Landfill meetings. Manure management plan updates were received from Oak Grove Cattle and Newburg Pork.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve awarding the contract for construction of the Courthouse project

to Henkel Construction of Mason City who turned in the low bid of \$6,580,000. Roll call vote: Walk and Voaklander voted aye. Paulus voted nay. Motion carried.

A conference call was placed with Northland Securities Financial Adviser Jeff Heil. Financing for the courthouse project was discussed. Consensus to pursue a twenty year loan with a call date in 2021. The first year loan payment is to be set at \$200,000. This will be placed on the June 3rd agenda for possible action. Also discussed refinancing the road loans. A call date on these loans won't be until 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors