

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 25, 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 (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Treasurer Pam Meyer explained an abatement order for a reclassification error with property owners James and Nancy Bell and County Attorney Mark Walk. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve abating the 2013-2015 taxes for the Bell's in the amount of \$423.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Jim Bell asked if the County had an engine brake ordinance. He made the comment that semi's use their jake brakes when slowing down to enter the City of St. Ansgar on Hwy 105. County Attorney stated that the County has no such ordinance. After discussion, the BOS directed the County Engineer to look into erecting an additional sign regarding the use of engine brakes.

Tom Madden gave an update on the Valent project. Things are working well at the pretreatment plant.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that work on the 370th Street Bridge is progressing. Letters have been sent out regarding rock piles in the county ditches. 500 ton of road salt has been received. Discussed applying a concrete stain at blacktop intersections.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Discussed purchasing a Pheasants Forever print for the new courthouse. Also discussed contacting local artists and having local photos displayed. This was tabled for the present time.

After discussion, consideration of hiring a lobbyist to represent the County for a natural gas line was tabled. Supervisor Walk is talking with other North Iowa counties regarding this.

Items of note: Walk attended the Worth County BOS meeting and discussed the need for an additional natural gas line. Paulus reported on the ISAC Fall School and the DECAT meeting. Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community Action, Prairie Ridge and Economic Development meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Anders Knudsen, Gaskill Finisher Farm, Libassi/Tip 16 Finisher Farm, Theresa Shoger and an original plan from Gary Moore. Set a mandatory department head meeting for Thursday December 11th at 8:15 a.m.

Elaine Mahaffey, representing Cincinnati Life Insurance Company, made a presentation to the BOS regarding offering life insurance to county employees. Consensus of the Board to allow Elaine to give a presentation to the employees during the annual benefits meeting.

Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reviewed the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors