

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Voaklander and Paulus present. Walk was absent. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Penny Morse, Mark Ross and Deb Nicklay (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a septic system complaint on the Ken Grimm property. It was determined that this is not a county issue. Also discussed forfeiture laws.

Tom Madden reviewed the VBC project. Pretreatment plant is going good and the Osage waste water plant is going on line soon.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that everything is good with his department.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that roads department are working on frost boils and doing regular road maintenance. Rich is drafting a letter regarding farm driveways which have been put in illegally. Lime Kiln project has started and rock run maps are being worked on.

Kurt and Janet Popp, Jim and Helen Gerdes, Bill and Cindie Clark and Joe Malacek were present to discuss the proposed construction of the Spring Creek Finishing Confinement Feeding Operation in their neighborhood. Penny Morse gave a report on water pollution from nitrogen and phosphorus which comes primarily from agriculture sources. Kurt expressed concerns with the creek and a neighbor who doesn't show concern for the creek. Also discussed property values and rezoning. It was stated that Spring Creek is a trout stream and is fed by natural springs. The group asked the Board to pay attention to what is going on in the rural area.

Bridget Chatfield was interviewed for the unexpired conservation board position of Brian Huffman. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve appointing Bridget to the conservation board. Her term will expire June 30, 2018. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Assessor Amy Folkerts reported that property assessment notices were mailed out April 1st as required. Property owners have from April 1st to May 5th to protest their assessments.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the March 31st meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the purchase of program binders for full time employees to use for the county's Wellness program. Funds will be used from the General Fund to pay for the binders. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the Auditor's quarterly report of revenue in the amount of \$145.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the Board of Health meeting and Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community Action and the courthouse progress meetings. Received the North Iowa Community Action Organization Audit Report for the year ending September 30, 2014. Received a manure management plan update from Ruehlow 2 LLC. Discussed what type of food and beverages would be served at the open house for the courthouse.

Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reviewed budget amendment requests.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors