

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Mark Ross, Penney Morse, Casey Payne and Reporters Deb Stickney and Deb Nicklay. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the March Sheriff report. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the report in the amount of \$5,392.80. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk via a conference call the Duane Tesch property in Toeterville. P & Z Director Mark Ross stated that Mr. Tesch is in violation of Mitchell County Zoning Ordinance No. 17. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to direct the County Attorney to file notice to that effect. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden reviewed Wapasha pay request #21 and Henkel Construction pay request #19 for the VBC project. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the Wapasha pay request in the amount of \$52,329.06. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to pay the Henkel pay request in the amount of \$419,826.93. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the water discharge at the County Care Facility. Tom reported that nitrate levels and the drinking water are now at a safe level. Consensus to put the project on hold and continue to monitor the water. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to direct Tom to contact the DNR and request support from the EPA in regards to the water issue. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Allen Hofland. Don Hofland, Lawrence Bruggeman and Tom Knudson from the Toeterville area inquired what the status was for paving Hickory Avenue north of Toeterville to the State Line Road and west to Hwy 218. Allen read a letter about the history of this road being a farm to market road. Allen also referenced the dust problem created when the farmers bring their grain to the elevator. This road is a link to the ethanol plant and Lyle. Don gave a report on the number of semis hauling grain to and from the elevator. Also discussed the narrow road leading out the south of Toterville. County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that it will be costly to pave the road and to widen Hickory to the south. The group commented that they don't think they have been treated as fairly as other areas in the county.

County Engineer Brumm discussed receiving FEMA flood funds, two concept statements on two bridges and frost boils. Discussed drainage districts with Tom Madden of SEH Yaggy. This will be discussed again at the April 28th BOS meeting.

Megan Taets reported on the interviews for two Mitchell County Case Managers. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve hiring Terri Tesch and Julie Maliszewski as Case Managers for Mitchell County effective July 1, 2015. Roll call vote: all ayes. Megan reported on Opportunity Village of Clear Lake and their possible plans for community

integration. A committee meeting is being set up with the Mitchell County Care Facility, Bob Lincoln and Sheila Kobliska. Discussed setting a timeline for a starting point. Opportunity Village is willing to work with the Care Facility.

Andy Eastwood gave an update for WellSource which was formally the Mental Health Center of North Iowa. The Center has been in existence for sixty years. Andy reflected on community reinvestment. WellSource serves 3,500 people in the area.

Walk left the meeting at 10:32 a.m. for a personal appointment.

Casey Payne made a request for the Board to approve funding \$634.10 for an Economic Development speaker. His topic is regarding restoring old school buildings like the Washington building. The purpose is to create a space where people can learn, share and grow their passions together. Penney Morse also spoke on behalf of the School Factory. Supervisor Voaklander suggested they look for others to donate. Consensus to pass on the request.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the April 14th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Discussed the removal of two LP tank saddles at the County Care Facility. Supervisor Voaklander stated that it would cost \$500 to \$600 to bury the existing saddles. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to hire a contractor to perform the work. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report of Fees in the amount of \$18,635.34. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve placing \$5,955.00 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund. \$955.00 from four burns and a donation of \$5,000.00 from Norman Halvorson. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Courthouse progress meetings and Paulus on the Sister City and FMC-ECI meetings. Received the FMC-ECI FY 14 Audit report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors