

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

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

Motion by Voaklander second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the first amendment to the reimbursement agreement between Floyd County and the Department of Human Services for Child Support Recovery. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that the Mona Tobacco is not in compliance with the State of Iowa with their tobacco license. Discussed reserve peace officers. Sheriff Beaver will be in contact with Heartland Insurance and will answer their questions. Also discussed cemetery complaints and bird flu. EMA Director Ray Huftalin will be contacted about the bird flu epidemic.

Paulus arrived at 8:38 a.m.

Megan Taets and Marcia Mork reviewed the County's General Assistance procedures, benefit schedule and burial policy. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the burial policy. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the benefits schedule. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the general assistance procedures. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the hiring of Terri Tesch and Julie Maliszewski as Mitchell County Case Managers for benefits and purposes effective July 1, 2015. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed a tree destruction issue in Mitchell County. County Attorney Walk recommended that the Board go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c) to discuss strategy for litigation. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to go into closed session at 9:13 a.m. Roll call vote: all ayes. The Board came out of closed session at 9:25 a.m. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize Counsel to attempt to settle the matter in cooperation with Mitchell County's insurance company Heartland Insurance. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to send a letter to Duane Tesch granting him until July 1, 2015 to have his property in Toeterville cleaned up. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Roxanne Doss spoke to the Board about the Iowa Corn Growers in their partnership with the Renewable Fuel Association.

County Engineer Brumm stated that the Roads Union is planning on taking July 6th as their floating holiday. The roads department is working on culvert extensions. The Lime Kiln project is coming to a close. Discussed summer help. May hire two individuals. Rich will contact County Attorney regarding advertising and minimum age requirements. Road

Salt bids are in. Cost is coming down.

Judy Champion announced that the Sister City Organization is hosting a group of Ukrainian citizens coming to Mitchell County June 12th thru the 20th. The group is interested in waste management.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the May 5th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community Action meeting, Paulus on the Sister City and NIVC meetings and Walk on the NIACOG and natural gas meetings in Kensett with Lt. Governor Reynolds and Economic Development with the Department of Revenue in Des Moines. Received a manure management plan update from the Mark Theis Finisher Farm.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the quote from Georgia Knudsen to purchase and install window treatments at the new courthouse. Total cost is \$10,022.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed allowing the Osage Masonic Lodge to place an emblem of the Mason's on a plaque on or in the Courthouse building. Consensus to have a visual of the emblem to look at first. Supervisor Paulus will contact the Osage Ministerial Association about attending the open house ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors