

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Randy Conrad, Dean Pohren and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to delete VBC and Weed Commissioner reports and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Loren Meyer and Rebecca Frederickson from the Mona Community Church discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the potential sale of property near their church in Mona. A public hearing will be scheduled for January 5, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. for the sale of the property.

Sheriff Beaver reviewed the November report. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the report in the amount of \$5,048.64. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the St. Ansgar shop building is to arrive this week. Discussed ditch cleaning. Rich announced that Darwin Newman is retiring in January.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley gave a department update on activities at the Mitchell Dam and the county parks.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Upper Cedar Watershed, 2nd Judicial and NIACOG meetings. Voaklander reported on the Juvenile and FMC Landfill meetings. Received the November Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$2,601.33. Dave Hartogh is getting an estimate for hooking up an electric heater for the Mitchell County Food Bank.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the Courthouse Holiday schedule for 2016. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve appointing Bryan McKinley to the Mitchell County Civil Service Commission for a 4 year term. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Dean Pohren asked about who was going to pay for the proposed odor control work at the pre-treatment plant at the Valent BioScience Facility. Supervisor Voaklander answered that the County will borrow the funds and Valent will pay the County back thru a special assessment agreement.

Regular meeting recessed at 9:32 a.m.

Reconvened at 12:00 p.m. at the Carpenter Bar and Grill for a regional infrastructure meeting with Supervisors from Cerro Gordo, Worth, and Winnebago Counties, Economic Development Directors, Mitchell County Attorney Mark Walk, Worth County Auditor Jacki Backhaus, North Iowa Corridor EDC media contact Chad Schreck, guest speaker Paul Gloven and the Media.

Discussed Economic development opportunities that could be accessed by partnering to create a regional Port Authority. Discussion was centered on how a partnership could encourage growth by removing obstacles to capital investment and lowering fixed costs for private companies and governments in the region by using bonding, financing, and ownership abilities provided to Port Authorities. Proposed by-laws were reviewed along with a proposed Resolution. No official action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors