

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Megan Taets, Adam Shirley and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed the pros and cons with County Attorney Mark Walk of a potential port authority. The port authority is written to be with Cerro Gordo, Worth, Mitchell and possible Winnebago. Worth and Mitchell are interested in a joint project. The purpose of the port authority is to attract a natural gas company or companies to provide more natural gas lines to current and potential industry. Discussed by-laws, bonding authority and public purpose. No official action was taken.

Mitchell County Weed Commissioner Joe Marzen reviewed the 2015 weed report. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden reported that 1 bid had been received from Henkel Construction for the pre-treatment odor control project. Henkel Construction's bid is \$1,210,000. The estimated cost was \$570,000. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to reject the bid by Henkel. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to rebid the odor control project with a change in the wording for the scope of the work. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that 8 applications have been received for the deputy position. Discussed heroin usage.

Representatives of the Mitchell County NRCS-CD gave an update on 2015 water sampling program. 19 sites were tested. Temperature and dissolved oxygen tests were consistent. Final results will be released in January.

Julie Sheehan, NIACOG and Mitchell County Transit bus driver, made a request to be included on the County's health insurance plan and asked if there is any space available where the transit authority can have an office with a desk, phone and fax service. Julie indicated that NIACOG would contribute for the health insurance and phone service. Consensus to let them use a spare desk in the Auditor's office.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the St. Ansgar shop building materials are on site. Discussed bridge inspections and a land owner farming in the County right-of-way. The land owner will be notified that is not allowed. Secondary Roads department is blading the granular roads.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the December 15th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Consideration of the Compensation Board salary recommendations and wages for the hourly employees was tabled until the December 29th BOS meeting.

Discussed the FY 17 Wellmark health insurance rates. No action was taken.

Items of note: Walk reported on the joint port authority meeting, Voaklander reported on the Workforce Development and Valent meetings and Paulus reported on the Wellness and Riceville City Council meeting. Voaklander also testified on the steel wheel case in Magistrate Court. Received manure management plan updates from Linc Pork, Riceville and Fairview facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors