

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include courthouse roof and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a secondary roads personnel issue.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that 12 applications have been received for a deputy position. January 16th will be the agility and written test date. Repair bill for the generator will be split evenly between the jail and the courthouse. A new vehicle has arrived for the Sheriff department.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is plowing snow and working on the icy roads. Part-time workers are being used for snow removal.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the December 22nd meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The BOS discussed the Compensation Board FY 17 salary recommendations. Also discussed possible wage increases, health insurance and flex benefits for the county employees. Consensus to offer a 2.5% increase with a 55 cent floor for the hourly employees. And to offer Plan 11 of the ISAC Wellmark health insurance plan and to include \$125.00 per month to be placed in the full-time employees flex benefits account. This is to assist the department heads with budgeting. Official action will be taken after the budget information is compiled.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider amending the FY 16 county budget. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. None were received. No comments were received from the public. Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reviewed the proposed changes to the budget. The public hearing was closed at 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the budget amendment Appropriations Resolution #951-15. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Construction Evaluation Resolution #952-15 relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure. The BOS must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the future of the empty county annex building at 509 State Street in Osage. Consensus to put the building up for sale. An ad will be placed in the county newspapers to receive sealed bids.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Economic Development meeting. Received a manure management plan

update from Pete Thome. \$300,000 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Supervisor Voaklander has talked to Don Seymour of FEH Associates about having more snow guards placed on the courthouse roof.

Meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:53 a.m. at the County Care Facility. Present were Director Peggy Hanson, Donna Anhorn and Pat Clark. Peggy gave an update for the facility. Habilitation funding and the IME Waiver were reported on. County Care has begun providing Supported Community Living services in the community on an hourly basis. Discussed a new rate for the facility. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a new rate of \$92.53 effective January 1, 2016. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors