

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Pat Clark, Donna Anhorn, Jerry Dunlay and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to table bids for county maintenance building and to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Ron Muhlenbruck of the Osage Senior Citizen Center stated that NIACOG/Mitchell County Transit driver Julie Sheehan is looking for another provider to provide health insurance and other benefits. The Senior Citizen Center is a non-profit organization and doesn't offer benefits. Julie is requesting that she receive the insurance and other benefits from Mitchell County. NIACOG would reimburse the County for the costs. After discussion, consensus of the Board would need to study this further before making a decision.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk an issue in the village of New Haven regarding a property that is a mess.

Tom Madden gave an update on the Valent pretreatment process tank modifications project.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with SEH to provide professional services associated with the chemical feed modifications for the Mitchell County Industrial Pretreatment Facility. The fee is not to exceed \$5,500.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Brumm reviewed a STP Project for a bad culvert on Echo Avenue just off of Hwy 218. The State of Iowa will provide the culvert and do the work. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich stated that Heartland Asphalt was the only bidder for the Old Mill Road Project. Heartland's bid is \$119,950. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to accept the bid. Roll call vote: all ayes. The new County shed at St. Ansgar is now enclosed. Discussed trees in the ditch on 317th Street.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to amend the FY 15-16 Mitchell County Budget. Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reviewed the additions for revenues and additional expenses for the amendment. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. None were received. Being there were no comments from the public in attendance the public hearing was closed at 9:07 a.m.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve Appropriations Resolution #964-16. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley gave an update for his department. Burning is completed. Discussed possible two land acquisitions, bike trail, Mitchell Mill Dam and long term camping at the Cedar Bridge Park.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the May 17th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve a fireworks permit on May 28th for Richard Havlovic and a

permit on May 29th for Jeff Michels. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve a request from the Osage Community School Board to hold a special election to vote on a proposal for the Directors of the school board be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,900,000 to provide funds to construct, build, furnish and equip additions to and to remodel and improve the middle school/high school building site and for the elementary building including site improvements and related remodeling. Roll call vote: all ayes

Items of note: Voaklander reported on a meeting with FEH and Henkel for the county maintenance garage, Prairie Ridge, Economic Development and Valent meetings. Paulus reported on the Alliant Energy open house, Sister City and DECAT meetings. Walk reported on a natural gas meeting with Worth County Supervisor Merlin Bartz. Received manure management plan updates from Jax Dairy, Newburg Pork, Burnett Nursery Unit and Erickson Sow Litter.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to waive requesting a hearing before the Environmental Protection Commission to begin construction of two new swine finishing confinement buildings for Peacock Farms III, LLC. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk read a business plan letter addressed to Mitchell County Care Facility Administrator Peg Hanson. The BOS is requesting that transition plans for closing of the facility keep moving forward and that Peg provide the BOS with a detailed business/action plan for providing services in the home. Program Director Pat Clark asked to have the letter also sent to her. Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve sending the letter and to include a copy to Pat Clark. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk - Chair Board of Supervisors