

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

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Jerry Dunlay, Russ Brandau and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to delete Industrial Pretreatment update, change word salary to contract for Engineer's employment review and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk asked if the Engineer's contract can continue for three years but is a thirty day contract. There is no update on the Duane Tesch property in Toeterville.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley requested that property taxes for two Mitchell County properties that the Conservation department maintains be considered for abatement. Assessor Amy Folkerts stated that the properties are producing and generating income as CRP land. Treasurer Pam Meyer reported that the property taxes owed amount to \$1,149.00. After further discussion motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus that the taxes need to be paid due to the fact that the land is producing revenue. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan Agreement. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. None were received. Funds need to be borrowed to cover the cost of the odor control, upgrades and improvements to the tank project. Discussed a short term loan and to borrow from a local bank lender. The public hearing was closed at 8:51 a.m.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #965-16 taking additional action on a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan Agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the summer help have started working, getting quotes for the rock run and a salt shed. Supervisor Paulus reported on a financial request from the City of Orchard to assist in paving Bank and Wright Streets. Rich will check on the streets and report back.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the May 24th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Bids for the maintenance garage and parking lot were tabled.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve a funding request to assist with the Riceville Wapsi Days. The request is for \$500.00 and will be paid out of the Tourism Fund. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Service meeting and Walk reported on a site certification with Brenda Dryer. Received manure management plan updates from Ruehlow 1 LLC and Ruehlow 3 LLC.

Regular meeting recessed at 9:12 a.m.

A meeting with the Worth County Board of Supervisors convened at 11:30 a.m. at the Carpenter Bar and Grill in Carpenter, Iowa. Present from Worth were Supervisors Ken Abrams, Merlin Bartz, Dave Haugen, Auditor Jacki Backhaus,

Dual County Engineer Rich Brumm and a media person.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Abrams to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Engineer Brumm reviewed his three year employment contract. After discussion, motion by Bartz, second by Abrams to amend the second sentence in item #6 of the contract to include Engineer's salary not to exceed \$2,500 in each of the three contract years. Roll call vote: Abrams and Bartz voted aye. Voaklander, Paulus, Walk and Haugen voted nay. Motion defeated. Motion by Paulus, second by Bartz to approve the contract as presented. Roll call vote: Haugen, Paulus, Bartz voted aye. Voaklander, Abrams, Walk voted nay. Voted ended in a tie. Motion by Voaklander, second by Abrams that the Engineer's salary not exceed 2% in each of the next three contract years. Roll call vote: Walk, Bartz, Voaklander, Abrams voted aye. Haugen and Paulus voted nay. Motion carried.

Dave Falk discussed a drainage problem for the Grundel and Wilde Quarry's which also involved the joint Worth/Mitchell Drainage District 1 & 22. Falk's have a proposal to pump water from both Quarry's. This will be placed on the June 7th agenda for consideration.

Discussed a natural gas line running from Worth County and into Mitchell County. Possible cost of \$800,000 prior to construction to cover legal fees and other associated costs. It was questioned how do you get it built and who is going to be the owner. Also discussed a high pressure line versus a low pressure line.

Motion by Bartz, second by Voaklander to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk - Chair Board of Supervisors