

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Royce Tack, Randy Conrad, and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the April 4th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to set April 25, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. as the date and time to hold a Public Hearing to consider vacating, closing and conveying a certain platted street in the Village of Brownville, Iowa and approving Resolution #984-17 for said vacation and setting Public Hearing. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden gave an update on the Valent pretreatment facility. Samples are being taken every half hour between 9 and 3. Royce Tack stated that he was there representing himself and his neighbors and that they were tired of the odor. They may even go so far as hiring an attorney and file a suit against the County and the City of Osage. The odor has been going on for three years and is hurting their property values. Royce suggested that a new engineering firm should be brought in.

Sheriff Greg Beaver discussed a proposed upgrade to the emergency radio system called First Net. The State of Iowa is considering implementing the system. The system could be in place in 2018. The cost for upgrading the new radio system would be \$5,000 per unit and benefits would be minimal. The Communications center would also need to be updated. Greg stated he isn't sure he wants to purchase the system.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the Secondary Roads 5 year Construction Program. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the DOT 5 year Budget Program. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich stated that he would like to hire two new employees. There are a lot of signs to be changed and there will be other employees retiring in the next couple years. Consensus to allow Rich to hire two employees. Rich stated that the Road Workers Union has voted to work 4 ten hour days a week starting Memorial Day and ending Labor Day. The hours would be from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the request for the summer hours and to permit the workers to start before Memorial Day. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich reported that Croell Inc. turned in the low bid for the Hwy. 105 paving project in the amount of \$1,565,075.91. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve DOT Contract #FM-C0 66-067- -55-66 with Croell Inc. for the Hwy 105 paving project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Wellmark health insurance plans for FY18 were discussed. Two plans are being offered for the full time employees. One of the plans will be a Health Savings Plan. Also discussed setting aside funds to go into a reserve account for a future option of a self-fund program.

Items of note: Walk reported on a NIACOG housing study meeting and Paulus reported on the same housing study and a Sister City meeting. Received the Mitchell County FY 15/16 Audit Report.

The Board constituted themselves as a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvass the votes of the Special Osage Community School held April 4, 2017. For Public Measure B there were 816 Yes votes and 753 No votes. The amount of Yes votes did not meet the required 60% approval amount. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to accept the tally of the votes of the canvass. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors