

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Royce Tack, Joyce Ruehlow, Diane Sparrow, Randy Conrad, and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Paulus, second Walk to include Jeff Heil and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the April 18th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed with County Mark Walk a vacant lot in the village of Otranto. Consensus to do nothing with the lot due to the fact that it would be too costly to put it up for sale. Also discussed the County Nuisance Ordinance in relation to the Duane Tesch case.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve a Liquor License, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Sales Permit to the Sunny Brae Golf & Country Club. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve placing \$5,292.15 in the Conservation Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement Fund. \$2,500.00 from Pheasants Forever, \$2,172.15 from Hamlin Garland theft, \$500.00 from burn and \$120.00 from seeder rental. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Chair opened the public hearing on the vacation and conveyance of a certain street in Brownville, IA. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the public hearing. Since no comments were received from the public in attendance the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve Resolution #985-17 for vacating and conveying the certain street in Brownville. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden gave an update on the Valent pretreatment facility. An outside consulting firm has been contacted who specializes in odor control. Discussed ways to treat the PH and Affluent issues.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the Sheriff's Report for March in the amount of \$6,251.87. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Mike Jorgensen and Matt Haugen as Secondary Roads employees. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the two new hires with the

effective dates as May 1st and May 8th. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed items that the Roads department wants to auction off. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to list the gravity belt thickener from the pretreatment plant in the items for the auction. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich reported that the survey has been completed and preliminary design work is being done on the RISE Project. Discussed a tile crossing request on 420th Street near St. Ansgar. It was reported that the tile does not empty into another tile. Discussed policy on who should pay for the boring of the tile under the roadway. Estimated cost would be \$15,000. County may consider paying a 1/3 of the cost. Rich will get seek legal information before proceeding.

Megan Taets gave an update for the Care Facility. There are currently eight residents at the facility. Five residents are committed to a site home being built in Osage by Tim Schulz, three are interested in a four bedroom ranch home in Osage and one person is looking to rent a one bedroom within a home. Care Facility Staff is providing SCL services to six individuals in the community. Construction of the Opportunity Village site home in Osage has begun. Completion date will be September of this year. Still working on getting IME Habilitation Services paid. Over \$130,000 payment due to the Care Facility for providing HAB Services.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the Wellness, Sister City and Mitchell County Preservation meetings and Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Economic Development meetings. Received the Mitchell County Economic Development Audit Reports for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2016.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve appointing Nancy Muller as an alternate to the Judicial Magistrate Commission. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk suggested that Jeff Heil from Northland Securities be contacted about meeting with the Board to discuss long range planning. Jeff will be asked to come meet with the Board on June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors