

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Randy Conrad, Les and Jean Perry, Steve Groth, Penney Morse and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include City of Mitchell Park request and to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he has had no response from DHS in regards to a payment due to County Care in the amount of \$130,000. Mark will arrange a meeting with DHS, Bob Lincoln, Megan Taets and the BOS.

Les Perry addressed the Board regarding a weed issue on the Randall Sprung property and asked what can be done. County Attorney stated he will draft a letter and send it by certified mail to Mr. Sprung and to direct him that he has five days to rectify the issue. If the weeds are not cut down the County Weed Commissioner can cut down the weeds and assess the cost to Sprung. Consensus of the Board to have the County Attorney to send the letter.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the August 1st meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported on upcoming road projects. A preconstruction meeting was held for the Hwy 105 paving project. Work could begin on August 14th or the 21st with paving starting on the 28th. Paving will start at Carpenter and proceed toward St. Ansgar. Discussed the Osage RISE project. Bids will be opened on September 7th and paving will be done in October.

Steve Groth discussed rural field driveways and the need to increase the size of the driveways to accommodate the larger equipment being used. He stated that agricultural practices have changed thru the years. County Engineer Brumm stated that current county policy states that the landowner is responsible for the cost to widen driveways. 24 feet is the current minimum size and 40 feet is the maximum. Rich will work with the BOS on coming up with a new standard for rural driveways.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that he would like to have a canine unit back in place next spring. Greg announced that one of his Deputy's is going to retire in October.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve selling the Sheriff's Dodge Durango to Dave Kling for \$1,467.00. Dave was the only person to turn in a bid. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on a meeting with Jeff Heil. Paulus reported on the NIVC and the DNR review

meetings. Voaklander reported on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting and a meeting with the WHKS Engineering Firm for the pretreatment plant. Received manure management plan updates from Hogville Corporation Site and Pro Net Farms Inc. Site.

Discussed a request from the City of Mitchell for the County to contribute \$2,500.00 towards the next phase of their Park project. Supervisor Walk is writing a grant for matching funds for the project.

The BOS declared themselves as a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvas the votes for the City of McIntire Special Election. Two Propositions were on the ballot. Results were no votes were cast and the Propositions were both defeated. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to accept the canvas as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Public comments were received from Penney Morse and David Bechtum in regards to the Master Matrix and animal confinement operations in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors