

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Judy Voaklander, Penney Morse, Randy Conrad, Karen Damjanovic, Mark Ross, Kevin Sprung, Jerry Dunlay, Brenda Dryer, Beth Rachut, Chris Pederson and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to add Grey Owl II, Inc. and health insurance and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed the County's Master Matrix plan. Mark reviewed options that the BOS may consider. One is to tell the DNR that the County have its name removed from everything and DNR would score it themselves. It would then be out of the Board's hands. The second option is request a 30 day extension. This would give more time for the DNR to work on it with Iowa Select Farms. These options were received from Cindy Garza of the DNR office in Mason City. The County Attorney made a decision to request the 30 day extension. During the 30 days the Board can decide to tell the DNR to go ahead and decide, the Board is not taking any position. Supervisor Paulus gave a report on a phone conversation with Cindy. Some counties have a commission to review applications ahead of time. Supervisor Walk asked if Grey Owl has met the requirements of the Matrix. After further discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to authorize Paulus, MCEDC Director Dryer, County Attorney Walk or his representative to negotiate with Grey Owl II, Inc. regarding the Matrix and a new application. Roll call vote: all ayes. After further discussion, consensus to have Supervisor Paulus to notify neighbors when a new confinement is being considered and to review the Matrix scoring before final approval of an application.

Discussed county wide law enforcement and lowering the per capita fees from \$15.78 to \$10.00.

Supervisor Voaklander gave an update on the pretreatment odor control project. There are still issues with PH levels.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported on GPS monitoring systems for road department trucks and motor graders. Rich has received a quote of \$19,578.00 for the system and \$6,000.00 for the radios. No action was taken at this time. Discussed the Hwy 105 project for the summer of 2017. Roads department is putting up signs in preparation for the project.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the January 31st meeting with a correction. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Items of note: Paulus reported on a NIVC meeting. Auditor Tesch stated that he had heard from Buena Vista County regarding the Des Moines Waterworks lawsuit. They have paid to Sac County \$10,000 for the legal defense fund. No response has been received from Sac or Calhoun Counties.

Discussed the County's Wellmark health insurance plan that is purchased thru The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC). March 7th a representative from Wellmark will present the annual renewal package. Consensus to ask Insurance Broker Tim Johnston to be present for the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors