

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Penney Morse, Randy Conrad, Tom Willett, Jan Wann, Karen Damjanovic, Mark Ross, Kevin Sprung, Adam Shirley, Kurt Meyer, Gloria Brincks and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed the Des Moines Waterworks lawsuit and a recent ruling involving Sac, Calhoun and Buena Vista Counties. Discussed legal fees. Supervisor Walk directed Auditor Tesch to contact the three counties and ask them how much money they have spent so far for the lawsuit.

Tom Madden reviewed a pay request from Blazek Corporation for the Valent odor control project. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the pay request in the amount of \$57,475.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. Tom reported the project is being closed out. Sulphur tests are being taken twice a week.

Supervisor Voaklander reported on the Consumer Price Increase ratings for the pretreatment plant lease with the City of Osage. For 2015 the amount was 0.7 % and for 2016 it was 2.1%. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to pass along the increases to the City of Osage for the lease. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update and discussed hiring Riverland Community College students as PRN employees. Consensus of the Board to direct the Sheriff to hire 2 PRN employees at a starting wage of \$12.00 per hour.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported on the 4440th Street culvert project. Receiving the final allotment of road salt. Discussed purchasing an AMZ machine to use on the granular roads. The machine would be shared with Worth County. Rich will look into the snow plow route on 330th Street.

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

At 9:15 a.m. the Chair opened the Public Hearing to consider two 2500 head deep pit finisher confinement buildings for Grey Owl Farms II, Inc. The Chair asked if there had been any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. Supervisor Walk stated that he had received an email from Penney Morse. Supervisor Paulus stated she had received two emails and public comment against the proposed hog confinement buildings. Penney Morse had examined the Master Matrix at the Auditor's office and provided written comments on the Master Matrix Analysis that she reviewed with the Board. She also noted that the applicant took 105 erroneous points that do not meet the Iowa DNR standards.

Gloria Brincks stated she agrees with the facts presented. Tom Willett read a letter from a DNR official regarding CAFO's asking for a suspension of permits. Jan Wann stated that laws are not being enforced very well. Being there were no further comments the public hearing was closed at 9:33 a.m.

Supervisor Walk stated that the Board should pass on the application to the DNR with no negative comments. After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to deny the application and submit it back to the DNR. Roll call vote: Paulus and Voaklander voted aye and Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Megan Taets gave an update on the County Social Services meeting. The CSS reorganization was tabled for a month for the counties to take time to review the process. Megan also gave an update for the County Care Facility. The HCBS Supported Community Living Accreditation has been completed. Eight clients are residing at the Facility. Staff is doing training. Megan is working with the IME Habilitation Services for billing denied due to the Care Facility not being enrolled as an IME Habilitation provider. \$130,000 is due to the Facility for providing HAB services. Megan is working on this.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors