

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Don Ahrens, Darrell Hunt, Kent Pliner, Allyson Ladd, Kaci Pohlman, Mark Lee, Penney Morse, Mark Ross and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second Walk to approve the agenda. All ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that Duane Tesch and his lawyer have filed a motion for the County to pay for their legal fees. Mark has filed a resistance to prevent Mitchell County paying for the legal fees.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to set a public hearing at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 to consider granting an easement for placement of a leach field in the Village of Little Cedar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Received an update on the pretreatment plant project.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported on the annual inspection of the jail by the Iowa Department of Corrections. A letter from the Chief Jail Inspector stated that the Mitchell County Jail is very clean, well-maintained and a well-managed jail.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed an amendment for a bridge project agreement. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #1 to Phase IV Supplemental Service Agreement with an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Roll call vote: all ayes. The Jersey Avenue grading project is moving forward. Detour signs were provided for the railroad crossing project in the City of St. Ansgar. Discussed a request from the City of Stacyville for a cost share for asphalt for railroad crossing project. Rich will get an estimate on the cost of the asphalt.

An application from DLH Enterprises V, LLC for a new confinement feeding operation in Section 10 of Liberty Township was considered. Penney Morse presented water quality concerns and asked the BOS to become informed on the very real problems caused by CAFOs and pass a resolution similar to what 13 other counties have passed letting the DNR, the Governor and our State Representatives know that the current matrix is not effective in protecting our water and quality of life in rural Iowa. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the application of DLH Enterprises V, LLC and forward this on to the DNR along with Penney's comments. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the June 27th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve a fireworks permit for Jennifer Ham for the evening of July 29, 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Per a recommendation by Mitchell County Assessor Amy Folkerts, motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve disallowance of the Business Property Tax Credits on 16 parcels that have been sold in the last fiscal year and to approve disallowance of the Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credits on 2 parcels that was either sold or the person was deceased in the last fiscal year. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the new Health Savings Insurance Plan which is one of the two plans being offered to full-time county employees. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to begin contributing \$500.00 for the single plan and \$1,000 for the family plan for the first month of FY 18. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the Mitchell County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the FMC/ECI meeting and Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Valent BioScience meetings. Received manure management plan updates from the Anderson Finisher Site, NGP Junction North & South, Larry Bissen, Blong North Finisher Farm, Emory Unruh, Happy Pork, Inc., Peter Nolt Site 1 & 2.

Mitchell County Veteran's Affairs Commission Director Larry Klemesrud made a funding request to cover the cost of the purchase of 144 Vietnam War books. The books are available at no cost for any Mitchell County Vietnam War Veteran. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve contributing \$1,000 to cover the cost for the Vietnam Vets in the County. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve appointing Ted Funk to a 5 year term to the Mitchell County Conservation Board. Roll call vote: Paulus and Voaklander voted aye and Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Jan Libbey of Healthy Harvest reviewed the Rural Community Development Initiative Grant program. Jan requested that Mitchell County consider a 3 year commitment to participate in the program. The Board will consider this during the next budget meetings in January.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors