

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the March 14th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed maintenance policy for Level B county roads. Also discussed a law enforcement contract with the City of Riceville. Currently Riceville contracts with Howard County for \$50,000 per year.

Tom Madden gave an update on the Valent pretreatment plant. Valent has done improvements to the tanks this past week. Discussed operational issues involving oxygen and PH levels.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the new AZM machine is in Worth County. Roads department is doing spot blading. 1,800 tons of salt was used this past winter. Rich is working on closing out the bridge project on 370th Street. Letting for the Hwy. 105 project is today. Discussed signage for the Mitchell Cedar River Bridge project.

Discussed with the County Engineer and Conservation Director the County Weed Commissioner position. The BOS is considering having Secondary Roads hire a fulltime person to do the Weed Commissioner duties and also work the rest of the time for the Roads department. Discussed a road side management plan to plant prairie grass, flowers and parsnip in the county right-of-ways.

Adam Shirley gave an update for the Conservation department. Adam reviewed future plans. The house on the Hoffman property at Otranto that was recently purchased may be put up for lease. Also a new bathroom is scheduled to be done this fall at Halvorson Park. Discussed future plans for the Stacyville Riverside Park.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve placing \$28,000.00 in the Conservation Land Acquisition & Capital Improvement Fund from Pheasants Forever – Land Acquisition Hoffman Property. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Paulus discussed partnering with Opportunity Village, the County's Wellness program and local food producers a food box program. No action was taken.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Upper Cedar and 2nd judicial meetings. Paulus reported on the Conservation, Wellness, FMC DECAT and Farm Bureau meetings. Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Prairie Ridge meetings. Received the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency, North Iowa Community Action

Organization and Prairie Ridge Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Audit Reports. Received manure management plan updates from Fitzmaurice Finisher Farm, Geiger Sow/litter, Hemann West Finisher Farm, Hufco LLC and Schroeder Hog Farm LLC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors