

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Dean Pohren, Randy Conrad and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include Home Base Iowa, Jason Palmer, house fire, County Care and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported on the District Court ruling on the Derek Zimmerman steel wheel case. The Court found that the State law enforceable and the decision of the Magistrate affirmed. Discussed a legal service contract for the class action lawsuit for the opioid litigation. County Attorney will send a letter to the law firm and recommend changes be made to the contract before the Board considers signing the contract.

County Attorney has prepared an Independent Contract for Jason Palmer covering his work of cleaning out items at the County Care Facility.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that one of the tanks at the pretreatment plant is being tested for dissolved oxygen. Plans are to haul sludge from the plant next spring.

Sheriff Greg Beaver has been doing interviews for the two deputy positions.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley discussed a request for the County Engineer to sign off on plans for the removal of the dam on the Cedar River south of the Otranto Park. Plans are to construct a recreational rapids. Consensus of the Board to move forward with the project.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that paving on 350th Street for the RISE project should be completed today. Discussed paving two streets at Mona and using the Level B portion of 350th Street for sludge load out from the Valent pretreatment plant.

Mitchell County Librarians Betsy Morse, Sydney Heimer and Barb Klapperich and Board member Dennis Johnson were present to give an annual update of library programs and activities. They thanked the BOS for their support That they have given to the four libraries. Each of the libraries are moving forward with technology. Summer youth programs have been well attended. The library board is not asking for any additional tax dollars for the next fiscal year.

Items of note: Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting and Voaklander reported on the VBC and Community Action meetings. Received the October Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$2,140.21.

Discussed the Home Base Iowa program. Mitchell County Economic Development is in charge of the program.

After discussion, consensus to donate some household items from County Care Facility to a family in Osage who just had a house fire.

The BOS constituted themselves as a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvas the votes of the City Elections held on November 7, 2017. Elected as per the canvas were:

**Carpenter:** Mayor 2 year term: Eric Wilson. Council 2 year term: Jerry Bublitz, Tom Debower, Arik Finch, Tim Johnson, Ty Peterson.

**McIntire:** Mayor 2 year term: Mark G. Kramer. Council 2 year term: Rick Derry, Jess Eastman, Joe Koenigs, Daniel Shane, Jaren Stevenson.

**Mitchell:** Mayor 4 year term: Pat Huebsch. Council 4 year term: Kelly Richard Ott, Roger Vance, Russ Weaverling.

**Orchard:** Council 4 year term: Jenn Adams, Todd Adams.

**Osage:** Council at Large 4 year term: Ross L. Grafft. 2nd Ward Council 4 year term: Rick Bodensteiner. 4th Ward Council 4 year term: Larry Mork. Park Board Commissioner 6 year term: Beth Olson.

**Riceville:** Council 4 year term: Terry Dean Byrnes, Joseph W. Keeling, Dennis P. Leard. Public Measure "D" Shall the City of Riceville, Iowa be authorized to impose a hotel and motel tax at the rate of seven percent 7%, effective January 1, 2018, which shall be used by the City as provided in Chapter 423A of the code of Iowa was adopted.

**St. Ansgar:** Mayor 2 year term: Norman E. Johnson. Council 4 year term: Michael Juhl, Ben Walk.

**Stacyville:** Mayor 4 year term: Paul Halbach. Council 4 year term: Roger A. Brumm, Jason Hanson.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the canvas and to sign the abstract of votes. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors