

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Betty McCarthy and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include TIF Indebtedness Certificates, Compensation Board letter and to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the November 21st meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a request from the City of Osage to abate the property taxes for city owned property at 914 Mechanic Street. Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the request in the amount of \$727.00. Roll call vote: Paulus, Voaklander voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Discussed an opioid litigation proposal from the Iowa State Association of Counties to seek representation from an Iowa Law Firm. No action was taken. This will be placed on the December 5th agenda for possible action.

It was reported that progress is being made on a future program called "Boot camp for inmates." County Attorney and the Sheriff have been working together on this.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented a plan to acquire a canine dog for his department. Greg plans to use inmate fees to purchase the canine and for ongoing expenses. He does not plan to use General Fund tax dollars.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the bid letting for the 410th Street Box Culvert project was held. Lodge Construction turned in the low bid of \$249,410.00. Rich plans to take out an ad to sell two used pickups. Roads department is blading roads and doing excavator work. The RISE paving project has been completed.

Megan Taets and Pat Clark gave an update for the County Care Facility. There are nine clients now living in the two Osage site homes. All Care Facility employees have moved out of the facility. Offices are located at the County Services building. Discussed transitioning the employees to OV (Opportunity Village). Staff has asked management to explore options to remain as county employees. A meeting to discuss this will be held on November 30th.

NIACOG Director Joe Myhre discussed with the Board an amendment to the County Urban Plan. Also present were Economic Development Director Jennifer Andrade, County Engineer Brumm and Conservation Director Adam Shirley. Also discussed funding for new housing, secondary roads equipment and a project on the Cedar River near Otranto. Considerable discussion was spent on housing needs including single and multi-residential homes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve Melissa Smith as the new Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health Administrator. Her start date is December 4, 2017 and her wage is \$68,640.00 with a three month review. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Community Action and Economic Development meetings.

Received manure management plan updates from Gaskill Finisher Farm and Libassi Finisher Farm.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve two TIF Indebtedness Certificates. One for Absolute Energy Urban Renewal Area and the other for Osage Co-op Elevator Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Paulus will draft a letter to the County Compensation Board for the annual Comp. Board meeting on December 7th. Supervisor Walk recommends that they should ask for a 1.5% increase in wages for FY 19.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors