

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Randy Conrad, Megan Taets and Steve Thompson (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the October 10th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed liquidated damages that have been assessed for a secondary roads project that went over the work time that was stated in the contract. Damages are \$17,000. No action was taken. Also discussed a request from the Mitchell County Bridges Mentoring organization for the County Auditor to become their fiscal agent due to the fact that the County is "not for profit". After seeking advice from the State Auditor and the County Attorney, Auditor Tesch said he is passing on the request. Discussed the lease agreement between Valent, City of Osage and the County.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the sale of property to Dean and Kari Gansen in Riceville. County Attorney Walk stated that the property is a small parcel of land that is in the middle of Gansen's property. No one currently owns the property. The Chair asked if there were any comments received prior to the public hearing. None were received. The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. Since there were none the public hearing was closed at 8:46 a.m.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve Resolution #994-17 selling the property to Dean and Kari Gansen for \$1.00 plus the publication costs. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden reported that the pretreatment plant odor control project is slowly moving forward.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the Sheriff report of fees collected for September. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$3,562.97. Roll call vote: all ayes. Greg reported the State of Iowa is changing how gun permits are handled. The change will take effect January 1, 2018. Discussed the Sheriff Department purchasing a canine dog. Cost for the canine dog and training is \$13,000.00. Greg stated that the initial expense will be paid thru the inmate reimbursement fund so no tax dollars will be used. Supervisors Paulus and Voaklander stated that they are in favor of purchasing the canine and Walk is against. Greg said he will put the proposal in writing to the Board.

County Engineer Rich Brumm requested to send his foreman Merlyn Hegland to the DOT auction to negotiate and possible purchase used pickups. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to authorize Merlyn to travel to Ames to the DOT auction to purchase pickups and used equipment for an amount to not exceed \$25,000. Roll call vote: all ayes. After

discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve purchasing a new 2018 pickup for use by the foreman. Cost of the pickup is \$27,595.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich stated that pipe has been delivered for a Level B project and the fuel tank is to be picked up today.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the Recorder's quarterly report of fees in the amount of \$19,581.80. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve placing \$3,674.50 in the Conservation Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement Fund. \$2,290.00 for seeding and \$1,384.50 for sale of goats. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve Resolution #995-17 setting November 7, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. for a public hearing on a proposal to incur non-current debt (North Iowa Port Authority Natural Gas Distribution System Phase 1/Feasibility and Design Project). Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve a Liquor License for the VFW Post 7920. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed future plans for the County Care Facility building and grounds. Potential plans are to survey the property and put the building site up for sale. Voaklander will contact a company to do an assessment of asbestos in the building. Paulus has been busy removing electronic equipment from the building. Organizations have been contacted about getting items from the building. Fox Auction Company has been contacted regarding doing an online sale of remaining items in the building.

Items of note: Walk reported on the NIACOG and T21 meetings. Paulus reported on the Board of Health, NCRERC and Sister City meetings. Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Valent meetings. Received a manure management plan update from Hufco-Mosher Ridge. Paulus stated that funding has been completed for Phase 1 of the Riceville Industrial Park project. Consensus to support Riceville with Phase 2 of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors