

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Dean Pohren, Chuck Pajer and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to add pretreatment project update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the following committee and board appointments: FMC- ECI Board - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; T- 21 Board - Walk with Paulus as alternate; NIACOG Board - Walk with Voaklander as alternate; North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission (NCRERC) - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Prairie Ridge Board – Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; Floyd/Mitchell/ Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency – Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; North Iowa Vocational Center (NIVC) - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Advisory Committee of the Mitchell County Home Health Care - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Board of Health – Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services - Walk with Paulus as alternate; Trustee to Heartland Insurance Risk Pool (HIRP) - Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; REAP Committee - Walk with Paulus as alternate; County Emergency Management Commission - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Mitchell County Joint E-911 Service Board - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Local Elected Officials Development Board - Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; Mitchell County Economic Development - Voaklander with Walk as alternate; Animal-Feeding Operation Complaint Investigations contact person - Paulus for District 2 and Walk for District 3; Area Agency on Aging County Advisory Committee - Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Sister City Organization – Paulus with Voaklander as alternate; Conservation Board - Walk as designated contact and Paulus as alternate; North Iowa Community Action – Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; Assessors Compensation Board - Paulus, Voaklander and Walk; Board of Supervisors Appointee to NIACOG Board – Rick Bodensteiner and Jean Koster; County Social Services 28E Governing Board – Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; Fair Board – Paulus with Walk as alternate; North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services – Voaklander with Paulus as alternate; Mitchell County Wellness – Paulus; Substance Abuse Coalition Board – Paulus; Upper Cedar Watershed Walk with Paulus as alternate; Upper Wapsi Watershed Paulus with Walk as alternate. Roll call vote: all ayes.

**Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to authorize County Auditor to issue warrants in payment of all county payroll, Iowa Public Employees Retirement, Social Security, Health Insurance and approved claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to designate Mitchell County Press and St. Ansgar Enterprise Journal to be named the official newspapers for Mitchell County for 2017 and appoint Roy Biondi, publisher of the Mitchell County Press News, as an agent to serve notice of expiration of Right of Redemption and to be the legal publication when one publication is required. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to designate Rich Brumm, Mitchell County Engineer, be authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications, therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in the county. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to designate maximum rates that are allowed to be reimbursed to County employees for meeting expenses: room – actual reasonable cost; a total per day of meals not to exceed \$30.00, and mileage reimbursement at the Federal rate (0.53.5). Individual meals may exceed the amount allowed if the price includes meeting room expense and shall be so indicated on the receipt. No meals will be reimbursed without a receipt. Appointments of Supervisors to various boards shall constitute approval for necessary expenses to those board meetings incurred throughout the calendar year of 2017. County Supervisors using a personal cell phone to conduct county business shall receive a monthly stipend of \$30.00 for partial monthly billing costs. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to appoint Dr. Kelly Ross the Mitchell County Medical Examiner for 2017 with Mark Haganman and Jeff Nasstrom as deputies with the coroner's fee to be \$100.00 plus mileage at the current county rate. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to provide the following assurances to the DOT according to the provisions of the 1970 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act:**

**1. It is the policy of Mitchell County to acquire right-of-way in accord with Title III of said 1970 Act as amended by Title IV, and applicable state laws.**

**2. It is the policy of Mitchell County to provide relocation assistance benefits in accord with Title II of said 1970 Act as amended by Title IV, and applicable state laws.**

**3. Mitchell County will contact the Iowa Department of Transportation for assistance as needed to assure compliance with applicable laws which are summarized in the instructions entitled "Uniform Manual, Real Property Acquisition and Relocations Assistance." Roll call vote: all ayes.**

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to establish a rate of 1.9 times the assessed valuation in acquisition of R.O.W. for local road projects and damages for fence removal at the rate of \$9.00 per rod for woven fence and \$7.00 per rod for barbed wire plus \$150 per acre crop damage allowance. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve the 2017 Mitchell County dues and/or contributions to the following organizations: NIACOG dues @ \$.75 capita (rural only) \$3,486.75, Region 2 Transit assessment @ \$1.55/capita \$16,702.80 NCRERC dues @ \$.70 capita \$7,543.20. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to appoint to the Mitchell County Land Compensation Commission for 2017 (Iowa Code 6B.4) the following:

Licensed Real Estate Agents:

Dale Blakestad, Lisa Pollard, Kevin Kolbet, Phil Kolbet, Clarence Kruse, Bob Muller, Ann Dieterich

Owner-Operator of Agricultural Property:

Paul Groth, Russ Bissen, Curtis TerHark, Deanna Eastman, Jack Edgington, Dean Theis, W. James Fox, Rodney Kuntz, Pete Thome, Karl Theis.

Owner of City or Town Property:

Tom Heard, Richard Brown, Jerry Dunlay, L. Dean Pohren, Kelvin Palsic, Gordon Anderson.

Persons Having Knowledge of Property Values:

Jerry Steiert, Rodney Patterson, Harold Landherr, Bill Denner, Dean Wright, Tim Schulz.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to nominate Voaklander as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to nominate Paulus as Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to set the following office days for Supervisors to be available in the Courthouse. Walk on Monday, Paulus on Wednesday and Voaklander on Friday. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that Hillary Owen has resigned as a Jailer. Greg has advertised and interviewed for a PRN Jailer. This will be on the January 10th agenda for approval.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the December 20th and 27th meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tabled consideration of the FY 18 health insurance plan ad flex benefits. Also tabled valuation report.

Items of note: Supervisor Paulus attended a meeting in Riceville with Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey.

Supervisor Paulus reviewed the FY 18 Weed Commissioners budget. Supervisor's budget was tabled.

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed the FY 18 County Attorney and Drug Enforcement budgets.

**Tom Madden stated that the Valent pretreatment plant odor control project is almost completed. Testing is being done for the aeration of tanks and oxygen levels.**

**County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed his FY 18 budget.**

**Supervisor Voaklander reviewed the three options for the PPME Local 2003 Union proposal for the Secondary Roads employees. First option is to accept or reject the agreement. Second option is to agree to a 1 year agreement. Third option is accept a 3 year agreement. After discussion, motion by Walk to reject the agreement. Motion died for a lack of a second. Discussed the mechanic position. Motion by Paulus to approve a 3 year contract and to do what is needed to fill the mechanics position. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Paulus to approve a 1 year only agreement. Motion died for a lack of a second. After further discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to reject the Union agreement and to restart up negotiations with the PPME 2003 Union representatives. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.**

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**Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor**

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**Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors**