

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Rich Brumm, Chuck Pajer, Greg Beaver, Randy Conrad, Dave Hartogh, and Kris Olson. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the October 12th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Walk discussed Russ Kephart suing the county. Kris Olson suggested having the County Sanitarian check to see if she can do anything for the situation. Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the insurance company to countersuit Kephart for back due taxes. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his report of fees collected for September for a total of \$15,373.56. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the Sheriff's Report for September. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Sheriff Beaver stated it is tough to get supplies for the jail right now. The supplies they cannot buy in bulk are now being purchased in Osage. Beaver mentioned a deputy hitting a deer; supervisors will be seeing an insurance claim and deductible. The vehicle is still drivable, but there is the reserve deputy truck available if needed.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave a copy of the feasibility study and options to strengthen the bridge south of Osage. Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve a contract with WHKE for feasibility study on Bridge H-026. Roll call vote: Frein, Mayer, Hendrickson, Smolik ayes, Wherry abstained. Brumm said Henkel is decking the Bailey Bridge. The Balsam Bridge will be closing on October 19, 2021, after 9:00 a.m. Brumm stated the crews are out blading and there are two interviews for the Secondary Road's position.

The chair opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to Amend the FY 21/22 County Budget. The chair asked if the Board of Supervisors and Auditor Foster if they received any oral or written comments. Foster had a question why the expenses were being amended by such a large amount. Foster explained the reason coming from ARPA expenses that have been approved. Chair closed the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve Appropriations Resolution #1109-21. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve Ted May Construction to insulate and line the County Maintenance Garage for \$29,988.93. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to appoint Smolik and Hendrickson to the Mitchell County Security Committee. The committee will meet quarterly. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve Eastside Auto to fix the Environmental Health Tahoe with a one-year/12,000-mile warranty. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Conservation, Smolik reported on FMC Landfill, Region 2 RPA Policy Board, Wellness, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Frein had nothing to report. Smolik would like to figure out the amount of emergency kits the Courthouse should order.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors