

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Rich Brumm, Greg Beaver, Randy Conrad, Dave Hartogh, Judy Voaklander, Keith Horgen and Amanda Baer. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the October 19th meeting & claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Walk discussed Russ Kephart and explained that the County can file paperwork for nuisance and abandonment. Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to allow the County Attorney to file paperwork according to Iowa Code 657A. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Walk informed the board that the County was named as a defendant on some City of Osage nuisance lawsuits. Those properties in the lawsuits with the City of Osage cannot go to tax sale.

County Sheriff Beaver stated the Sheriff's Office gave Kephart a criminal citation on October 25, 2021. Beaver apologized for selling a vehicle that needed the transmission fixed.

Auditor Foster asked to have board meetings that occur on Election Day to be moved the day before to allow full department coverage on Election Day. Foster also stated all County employees will need to complete their sexual harassment and discrimination training by November 15, 2021. Auditor Foster explained back in May 2018 the Board of Supervisors committed \$150,000 to the Osage Community Daycare and for it to be repaid by an internal loan after being added to the Urban Renewal Plan. This location was never added to the Urban Renewal Plan and Foster will be de-certifying that amount this year.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave an update on the Bailey Bridge and Balsam Bridge. Brumm discussed the Turtle Creek bridge and allowing for larger loads. WHKS gave estimates for the Hickory and Kirkwood Avenue projects. The total estimate of both roads is \$4,750,000. Engineer Brumm stated the workers are out blading and patching.

Andrew Van Beek with Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. gave an update on the Sheriff's Office HVAC project via zoom.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve a firework's permit to Nathan Bye to be displayed on October 27, 2021. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was discussion on having a doctor's note to return to work after three days of sick leave. The supervisors suggested asking for a doctor's note on day three of an employee being sick.

Items of Note: Smolik reported on North Iowa Long-term Disaster Recovery Meeting, Hendrickson reported on Shellrock Watershed, and Frein reported on Valent BioScience and Mitchell County Economic Development. Wherry and Mayer had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors