

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Greg Halbach, Randy Conrad, Rich Brumm, Chuck Pajer, Sheri Penney, Tracy Church, Betty McCarthy, Dean Olson, Jill Olson, Bruce Forshay, Patti Forshay, Keith Horgen, Molly Anderegg, Patti Hanson, Amanda Baer, Jessa Ketelsen, Amy Folkerts, Barb Schwamman, Brenda Miller, Sandy Offen, Jerry Dunlay, Rick Bodensteiner, Lindsey Falk, Kevin Kolbet, Bryce Davis, Katie Henry, Dave Falk, Paul Boerjan, and Stacy Walsh. 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 December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting & claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Walk stated Kephart's attorney filed a motion to continue the hearing for Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Walk has filed a resistance.

County Sheriff Deputy Halbach had nothing to report.

There was no department head discussion.

At 8:46 a.m. a public hearing began on a proposed closing and vacation of 400<sup>th</sup> Street located North of the South Half (S ½) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Fr. ¼) of Section 2, Township 98 North, Range 15 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Mitchell County, Iowa. The Board of Supervisors and Auditor Foster did not receive any written or oral comments. Supervisor Smolik closed the public hearing at 8:47 a.m. Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1111-21 which vacates 400<sup>th</sup> Street located North of the South Half (S ½) of the Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Fr. ¼) of Section 2, Township 98 North, Range 15 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Mitchell County, Iowa. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Molly Anderegg and Patti Hanson discussed RSVP and is requesting \$5,000 for FY23. No action was taken, and the Supervisors will wait until the budget is put together.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave a Balsam Bridget update. Brumm stated the equipment they had for sale has been sold and Secondary Roads have purchased a boom truck. Supervisor Hendrickson asked Brumm to publish information regarding people pushing snow into the roads. Hendrickson asked about the two bridges on Indigo Avenue and Brumm stated they are in the design process. Previously the Board of Supervisors had approved the preliminary final pay estimate for the Foothill Avenue project, so no action was needed today.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve Resolution #1112-21 adopting the salary recommendations for the Mitchell County elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, as recommended by the Mitchell County Compensation Board. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve \$1.46 per hour increase, with the equivalent for salaried employees based on 2,080 hours per year for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Planning & Zoning Administrator as 20 hours per week, to take effect after the next Board of Health decision. The Board of Supervisors would like to re-evaluate at Amanda's one year anniversary. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Bryce Davis gave a presentation on the Maple Heights downtown Osage project. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve \$150,000 from LOSST to be paid after substantial completion. Roll call vote: Wherry, Hendrickson, Frein, Mayer ayes, Smolik nay.

Jessa Ketelsen discussed a grant Mitchell County Public Health has received. With this grant, Public Health will help pay to replace the servers next fiscal year.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Upper Cedar Watershed, Second Judicial, and North Iowa Port Authority, Smolik reported on Safety Committee, Hendrickson reported on Safety Committee, and Frein reported on Compensation Board. 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 11:02 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors