

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Mark Ross, several members of the Public and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Mike Danburg of SEH reviewed a proposal for the RISE road project. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to set September 8th as the date when bids are due. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to set 8:45 a.m. on September 12th as the time and date for the public hearing on the plans, specs and contract for the RISE project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm presented Resolution #990-17 for temporary closure of Hwy 105 between St. Ansgar and Carpenter. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve Resolution #990-17. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich said paving is scheduled to begin August 21st. The Mitchell Cedar River Bridge project and FEMA culvert project are both progressing.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported on a potential claim for damage done to a hay field during a search for a missing child. The Sheriff has been in contact with the County Attorney in the matter.

Supervisor Paulus reported that she had reviewed the scoring of the master matrix for the Kuper Hog 3 LLC application. 470 points were scored. Members of the public were allowed to make comments regarding the application. Those speaking were Dr. David Bechtum, Don Ahrens, Reed Kuper, Gary Kuper, JR and Lisa Peterson, John Everly and Penney Morse. Most of the comments were concerned with air and water quality. Also the number of confinement buildings that have been built in the county. Reed Kuper spoke about the importance of nitrogen being put on the soil for growing corn. Supervisor Walk recommended the Board to send a letter to the Iowa Legislature regarding updating the master matrix. Motion by Walk to approve the scoring of the master matrix and to forward the public comments to the DNR. Motion died for a lack of a second. County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the BOS can table the application. The Board has 30 days in which to make a decision. The Board went into a recess at 9:50 a.m. to call Cindy Garza of the Mason City DNR office. AT 10:06 a.m. the Board came back into session. After further discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to table for one week a decision on the scoring of the master matrix and a recommendation on the Kuper Hog 3 LLC application. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander reported on a proposal from WHKS to assist with the odor control at the Valent Pretreatment Plant. No action was taken.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the August 8th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve suspending the 2017/2018 property taxes of Gary D. and Luann M. Eggers per a petition from the Department of Human Services. The amount of the taxes is \$1,406.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting, Paulus reported on a meeting for the Kuper Hog 3 LLC site and Voaklander reported on meeting with WHKS for the Valent pretreatment plant. Received the Clerk of Court report for July in the amount of \$4,363.36.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve appointing Samantha Freeman to a 4 year term as a Rural Library Board member of the Stacyville Library. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors