

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Dean Pohren and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include presentation from Colonial Life and a budget request and update from the Osage Senior Citizen Center and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Supervisor Voaklander gave an update on the Valent pretreatment plant project. Discussed aeration of three tanks and excess compressed air.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the December Sheriff Report in the amount of \$9,518.85. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the report. Roll call vote: all ayes. Greg stated that a new Deputy's pick up has been purchased and is in at the dealership. The truck will be paid after July 1st of this year and will come out of the FY 18 budget. Greg requested hiring some extra jailers (PRN) to fill in on weekends and while regular Jailers are on sick leave or vacation. Discussed contacting Riverland College in Austin, MN for possible employees from their program. Discussed wages. Consensus to hire PRN Jailers at a starting rate of \$12.00 per hour and after six months increase to \$14.00 per hour.

Ron Muhlenbrook of the Osage Senior Citizen Center gave an update on the Center. Their building is 90 years old. Ron also gave a census of the senior citizens who are 65 years old and older that take part in their meal program. The Center has applied for Grants and held two fund raisers which netted \$1,800. Currently the County contributes \$1,500 for the year. The Center is requesting an additional \$500 for FY 18. This will be taken under consideration.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that a new dump truck will be ready to be picked up in about 2.5 weeks. Things are going well with the maintenance of the equipment. Discussion was held on the Secondary Roads Union Collective Bargaining Agreement. At 9:05 a.m. motion by Paulus, second by Walk to go into closed session for a strategy session. Roll call vote: all ayes. At 9:18 a.m. motion by Paulus, second by Walk to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: all ayes. County Engineer reviewed a meeting that he had with his employees regarding a pay raise amendment to the bargaining agreement. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the Secondary Roads Union Collective Bargaining Agreement as a 3 year contract along with the pay raise amendment. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the January 17th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report of Fees in the amount of

\$24,687.58. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign engineered documents for the OMU fiber trunk line from the Minnesota border to Osage. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve a fireworks permit for Joel Nickerson for the 27th or the 29th of January 2017. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on a joint natural gas line meeting and a Legislative forum. Paulus reported on the Farm Bureau meeting and Voaklander reported on the Heartland Insurance, Prairie Ridge, Valent and Economic Development meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Kuper Cattle, Kuper Hog Site #2, Linc Porc, McIntire Finisher Farm, Thorsen Sow/litter, Windfall and Wright Way Inc.

Jan Libbey of Healthy Harvest of North Iowa gave an update on their presence in the nine counties they represent. She reported on farmer's markets, supply chain, branding and incubator gardens. She also requested \$3,100.00 from the County for FY 17/18. This amount is based on a \$0.3 per capita. The BOS will take this under consideration.

Dustin Clair and Renee Scheuerlein made a presentation of Colonial Life's new Group Medical Bridge product. A census of full time county employees receiving health insurance will be provided to Colonial Life.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors