

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Greg Beaver, Keith Horgen, Aaron Murphy, Rich Brumm, Chuck Pajer, Megan Taets, Tracy Church, and Shannon Paulus. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Smolik, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the January 25th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy stated the County's Attorney in the Kephart case has filed a motion for summary judgment to dismiss the case. A copy can be found in the County Attorney's office.

County Sheriff Beaver said there will be a homicide trial in late August that is coming from Cerro Gordo County.

Auditor Foster stated she has not heard any decision from the LSA on supervisor districts. Treasurer Paulus stated there are new qualifications for the elderly credit and any questions can be directed to her. Paulus is going to get a quote to purchase emergency evacuation maps for the Courthouse.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed having the 400th Street vacation corrected, so that vacation can be taken off with the DOT. The Board of Supervisors would like Engineer Brumm to continue to sign off on plans. Brumm said he was contacted by Caterpillar on used motor graders. Brumm was asking about using TIF to pay for Hickory Avenue and using secondary roads funds to purchase some equipment. Supervisor Mayer asked about snow being plowed into the road on Glass Avenue. Brumm is going to look at the site and evaluate.

Motion by Frein, second by Smolik to approve the Detour Revocation for US 218. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve the Detour Revocation for Hwy 9. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Shannon Paulus discussed the County's savings on premiums of \$43,208.83. Paulus stated the requirement changes on the physical for next year. Motion by Smolik, second by Mayer to approve the Wellness Contract for FY23. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Four In-Fill Lot program applications have been turned in to Economic Development. Applicants were Randy Nerad of St. Ansgar, Keith & Linda Leverson of Riceville, LR Builders of Osage, and Jason Roll of Osage.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the In-Fill Lot Program Applications. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve 32 safety buckets, in an amount up to \$3,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry discussed LOSST being used for legal use or property tax reduction. Wherry stated \$250,000 is currently committed within the \$1 million in the fund. Motion by Wherry to put \$500,000 in the general fund for property tax reduction for upcoming fiscal year, starting July 1, 2022. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Dr. Ross's term on the Public Health board expired on December 31, 2021. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to appoint Dr. Ross to the Mitchell County Public Health Board for another 3-year term. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported Midwest Engineering pre-bid conference, Smolik reported on safety meeting, Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition, and Mitchell County Public Health, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, Shell Rock Watershed and Safety, and Frein reported on the Osage School website update and touring Valent BioScience. Received the December Clerk of Court's Report in the amount of \$1,599.20. Received manure management plan updates from McIntire Finisher Farm, Kuper Cattle, and Kuper Hog Site #2. Keith Horgen asked who to contact regarding the Hamlin Garland Wetland and what the intent and purpose of the property was. The Board of Supervisors stated to contact Adam Shirley.

Motion by Smolik, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Michael Mayer – Chair Board of Supervisors