

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Chuck Pajer, Sheri Penney, Dana Norby, Aaron Murphy, Laura Huisman, Rich Brumm, Keith Horgen, and Randy Conrad. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting & claims. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy said the Kephart hearing that was held this past Friday has no ruling yet.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Auditor Foster stated the LSA requested one section be changed, which would affect eleven individuals. Supervisor Wherry discussed a couple bills the state is trying to pass. One bill will not backfill schools if it is a wind turbine TIF. The other bill reformats how LOSST is done at the state level. Wherry would like an agenda to be posted to open the HVAC bids. Supervisor Mayer received one bid for the maintenance garage. If any contractor is interested in heating the maintenance garage, please contact Dave Hartogh.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave a Balsam bridge update. Brumm meet with WHKS to discuss funding the Hwy 105 bridge. If local funding was used, the project could have a quicker letting, possibly in a couple months. Engineer Brumm said the used CAT motor graders came in with a price around \$253,000. Brumm will asking to set public hearing dates for Hickory.

There was discussion on how to create the insurance partial self-funding account. Motion by Smolik, second by Wherry to have employees on the 11E plan, contribute \$5 for the individual plan per pay period, \$7 for the family plan per pay period and have the HSA monthly contributions be based on the 11E actual cost. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The Public Health wage increase was discussed. Laura Huisman discussed how she determines the wages line item. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors agreed there were no necessary changes needed.

Items of Note: Wherry, Smolik, Mayer, Hendrickson, and Frein had nothing to report. Keith Horgen suggested voices to be heard from our local government how much LOSST and TIF means to our County. Supervisors were all in agreeance. Dana Norby asked why the County wouldn't use TIF to repair the bridge on Highway 105, versus a short-term fix.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Michael Mayer – Chair Board of Supervisors