

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Lowell Tesch, Greg Beaver, Rich Brumm, Lindsay Uhlenhopp, Keith Horgen, Savannah Howe, Jason Smelby, and Sammi Scharper. 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 Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the January 4th meeting. All voted aye.

County Attorney Walk reported that the 30 days is expired on the Comisky nuisance property. He recommends issuing a citation if nothing changes. Mark Ross reported that he had been by the property recently and it is real close to being in compliance. County Attorney walk suggested waiting a week and check the property before issuing citation.

County Sheriff Beaver reported numerous issues with a City of Mitchell landowner and his dogs not being tied up. If nothing changes, the dogs may be impounded and the county may then have to set up an adoption fee. This will be further discussed at a later date if necessary. Sheriff Beaver also reported local students creating an online/phone app to be used to report school violence. The students recently received patent approval for their app.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed various projects going on in the county in preparation for winter. He also discussed the bridge replacement contract for Project BROS-SWAP-C066(76)--SE-66. Roll call vote to approve Resolution 1075-21, the contract for Project BROS-SWAP-C066(76)--SE-66. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Molly Anderegg of RSVP of North Iowa gave an update and made a FY 21/22 Budget request of \$5,000. Marie Boyd of Health Harvest of North Iowa gave an update and made a FY 21/22 Budget request of \$3,100. Ellen Friedrich of the Mitchell County Soil & Water Conservation District gave an update on the water sampling program and made a FY 21/22 Budget request of \$8,200. These requests will be considered during the FY 21/22 Budget meetings.

Nathan Summers and Scott Stevenson with D.A. Davidson gave a presentation on what their company can do for the county, benefits of using their services, and answered any questions the board had. The board will take this information into consideration and discuss further at a later date.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve a Liquor License for the Osage Motel & Lounge. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve a 2.5% pay increase for the Safety Coordinator for FY 21/22. All voted aye.

County Auditor Rachel Foster requested consideration of approving two deputy positions in the Auditor's Office. Auditor Foster is not wanting to hire a person to fill her position, but rather spread duties among the two current employees. Auditor Foster is requesting Deputy 1 to receive 65% of the Auditor's salary and Deputy 2 to receive 60% of the Auditor's salary. Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the two deputy positions. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the 2020 Mitchell County Employee Gross Payroll Report. All voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the 1076-21 Matrix Resolution. All voted aye.

Board appointment and discussion for North Iowa Vocational Center (NIVC) has been tabled to the Tuesday, January 19th meeting in order to gather more information.

Rural Library Board members Syd Heimer, Betsy Morse, and Barb Klapperich gave updates from each of their libraries for the past year. They also made a request for a 4% increase for the FY 21/22 Budget. The libraries currently receive a total of \$145,392 from Mitchell County. This would increase the County's contribution to \$151,207.68. The BOS will consider this during budget meetings.

There was much discussion surrounding creating the position of Economic Development Director to work with the Economic Development Commission. Various questions and concerns were brought to the BOS attention. There is an EDC meeting on Monday, January 25th that the BOS will attend for further discussion. Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to table for a later date. All voted aye.

Items of Note: Smolik reported on NIACOG. Wherry, Mayer, Hendrickson, and Frein had nothing to report.

Interim IT Director Samantha Scharper shared her upcoming schedule/hours and can continue her position with IT until May 6, 2021, or until Casey Ketelsen returns.

Public comments were received from Keith Horgen. Keith wanted to confirm that the County was in a group health plan that is combined with other counties for better health rates.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Deputy Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors