

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Rich Brumm, Greg Beaver, Jenny Backer, Becky Murphy, Aaron Murphy, Melissa Tusler, Sarah Reindl, and Kevin Sprung. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the January 31st meeting & claims. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver stated an inmate was picked up this morning, another inmate was picked up from the U.S. Marshall, and Mitchell County will need to go get an inmate from Martin County, Minnesota. Beaver has the new Sheriff vehicle, and by March/April, he will have a truck to sell to another department or the public. Sheriff Beaver did fill the jailer position.

Auditor Foster explained the ballots for the City of Riceville election should be in at the end of this week to begin absentee voting. Voters can mail in an absentee request form by February 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. or vote at the counter until February 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Supervisor Wherry did not appreciate having his Oath of Office included in his meeting packet.

County Engineer Rich Brumm had an update to the 28E agreement from last week. Next week the Board of Supervisors will approve the updated 28E agreement. Brumm said there is a grant opportunity for paving and needs to turn in information by Monday.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to amend FY 22/23 County Budget. The Chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. There were no comments or discussion. The public hearing was closed at 9:01 a.m.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the Appropriations Resolution #1152-23. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There is no update on the house bill regarding rollbacks.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the new hire for the Recorder's Office for Full Time-30 with a beginning pay of \$18.50. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the 2023 Mitchell County dues and/or Contributions to the following organizations: NIACOG dues @ \$0.95/capita (rural only) \$4,218.95, Region 2 Transit assessment @ \$1.93/capita \$20,390.45, and NCRERC dues @ \$0.81/per capita \$8,557.65. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to appoint Gayle Heimer as Rock Township Clerk. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Hartogh reported on a Supervisor State Meeting. Wherry, Mayer, Hendrickson, and Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from McIntire Finisher Farm, Kuper Hog Site, and Kuper Cattle. Kevin Sprung expressed concerns with the possibility of wind farms being added in the southern part of Mitchell County.

Board of Supervisors took a recess at 9:11 a.m.

Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to go into a closed session per Iowa Code §21.5 of the Iowa Code. Iowa Code §21.5(1)(i) permits a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual request a closed session. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Board of Supervisors went into a closed session at 9:33 a.m.

Board of Supervisors came out of closed session at 11:23 a.m.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors