

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Kris Olson, Jenny Backer, Mike Miner, Rich Brumm, Amanda Baer, Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Randy Conrad, Shannon Paulus, and Laura Huisman. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy will be busy with juvenile hearings today. Supervisor Wherry asked about an email regarding the Riceville law enforcement. Murphy stated the City of Riceville has signed off on the law enforcement agreement.

County Sheriff Beaver asked about offering insurance for PRN employees. Beaver believes this would help keep employees.

Supervisor Wherry reminded departments that a Sheriff's vehicle will become available in March-April. Wherry would like the meeting packets to be scanned. Auditor Foster discussed some paperwork for Heartland Insurance that will need to be completed by department heads. Supervisor Hendrickson stated the CRC will no longer be doing the Main to Main Marathon. Mike Miner stated there is a Conservation meeting tonight, where they will be discussing adding an ordinance for the Mitigation Bank, so they can continue selling credits.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed the verbiage updates in the 28E cooperative agreement. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the 28E Cooperative Agreement for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Project and Resolution #1153-23. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Submission is due February 28, 2023. Brumm has talked with the mayor of Stacyville regarding the next grant opportunity. Engineer Brumm said the project in Stacyville is the most opportune to get a grant. Brumm stated Worth County is renting a John Deere right now, and they have the option to purchase the machine if they want. Engineer Brumm can purchase used steel forms. Supervisor Hartogh asked about continuing paint the plows. Supervisor Hendrickson received two calls on overweight roads. Brumm stated we have until FY25 to be compliant. Supervisor Wherry asked about the need for cameras at Secondary Roads locations. Supervisor Mayer asked if someone can cut trees in the their grove and burn them in the ditch. Engineer Brumm suggested burning on their own property, not on the right-of-way.

Amanda Baer discussed being gone for twelve weeks and posting a job listing for the temporary hire. Supervisor Frein and Supervisor Hartogh will be on the board to assist with interviews. The position will be listed at \$15/hour. Baer gave a water test promotional test update. Administrator Baer stated Ordinance #8 is very vague and may possibly need to be updated. Baer will be holding her annual contractor meeting on March 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Baer recently attending the Iowa WWA conference. Administrator Baer gave a grants to county program update, and stated radon kids are now \$11.

Board of Supervisors briefly discussed health insurance. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve ISAC as the health insurance carrier and option 2 of HSA contributions. Supervisor Wherry is in support of continuing with ISAC, but not option 2 for contributions. Roll call vote: Mayer, Hendrickson ayes, Wherry, Hartogh, Frein nays. Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve ISAC as the health insurance carrier. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve a firework's permit to Flashing Thunder to be displayed on July 3, 2023. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was a lot of discussion on SF 181 and SSB 1124. SSB 1124 would be detrimental to Mitchell County.

Supervisor Wherry asked if any departments had a use for the tablets and hotspots that were being used for the electronic time clock. Both the tablets and hotspots can be used between departments throughout the year.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve using opioid funding for the Substance Abuse Coalition to have ads at the movie theater, not to exceed \$500 per quarter. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the HVAC Pay Request for \$59,396.11. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Mitchell Soil & Water, and Second Judicial, Mayer reported on Public Health and Mike Weber being done as operator in Carpenter as of April 1, 2023, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, and Heartland Insurance, and Frein reported on Fair Board. Hartogh had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Griffith's Finisher Farm, Wilt Finisher Farm, Sunner, and First Klass. There were no public comments.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors