

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Hartogh, Marzen, and Hendrickson present. Wherry was available via "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Brandon Halsne, Aaron Murphy, Rich Brumm, Tom Rolfes, Keith Horgen, Jenny Backer, John Walker, Amanda Baer, Penney Morse, Alexander Schmidt, and Les Hardy. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the February 17th meeting & claims. Roll call: all voted aye, Wherry abstained from claims.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to present.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm will add a bid to the agenda next week. Brumm is currently looking at a 6-way dozer to possibly purchase, for which there is money available in this year's budget. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve Certificate of Completion for L-HMA2025--73-66 & L-RVRRD--73-66. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Brandon Halsne discussed the current silver plan with Solutions. The services that are currently being provided under this plan could be provided at a lower cost from elsewhere. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to have Brandon email Solutions that Mitchell County will no longer be using the Silver Managed Services. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Halsne discussed exploring other internet options for the Courthouse. OMU is limited to what they can provide. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve a 3-year contract with Mediacom for the Courthouse. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Amanda Baer stated the Zoning Commission met last Wednesday and recommended moving forward with NIACOG for a Data Center Ordinance. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors would like to hold off discussion until after March 20th to see what the legislation decides.

Baer would like to have presenters come and host workshops for the Zoning Commission regarding the Solar Ordinance. Baer has money in her budget to pay for mileage and lodging for presenters. Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to approve payment for mileage and lodging for informational Solar Ordinance workshop presenters. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Baer discussed holding joint meetings with the Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors for solar workshops, as the board would be the ones approving permits. Baer will send an email when she has schedules back from the commission.

Baer provided an update after her Board of Health meeting. Minutes were provided to the board, free radon kits are available at P&Z Office, Auditor's Office, Public Health, Riceville Library, Stacyville Library, and St. Ansgar Library. Baer has been watching closely on legislative updates for possible changes to her office.

Frein reported on open meetings training, FMC-ECI, and FMC-DECAT, and Marzen reported on a meeting with Stacyville clerk/mayor. Wherry, Hartogh, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Penney Morse thanked the board for waiting on hiring something for Data Centers and seeing what happens with the legislature. John Walker thanked the board for their experience & knowledge and keeping in mind what benefits the community. Frein answered questions from an email the board received this morning, and Marzen added comments.

Access Systems Leasing	Serv	431.25
Adams, Tracy L	Mileage/Phone	324.64
AgVantage FS, Inc.	Fuel	3532.87
Alliant Energy	Util	24.02
Batteries Plus Bulbs	Supp	187.50
Bengston, Charles	Supp	372.50
Betts, Haley	Mileage/Phone	403.45
Bissen, Krystal	Mileage/Phone	311.23
Black Hills Energy	Util	769.82
Bundy, Kelsey	Phone	10.00
CentralSquare Technologies LLC	Serv	42353.33
CenturyLink	Phone	47.53
City of Carpenter	FM Extensions	268.04
City of McIntire	FM Extensions	335.40
City of Mitchell	FM Extensions	291.30
City of Orchard	FM Extensions	232.72
City of Stacyville	FM Extensions	863.98
The Crittenton Center	Serv	1446.15
Crowe, Kevin	Serv	100.00
Douglas, Christine	Mileage	11.60
Elan Financial Services	Supp	216.90

Election Source	Supp	4056.84
Electronic Engineering Co.	Serv	198.00
Elliott, Hannah	School	41.20
Enterprise Media Group LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	637.82
Floyd/Mitchell Solid Waste	Serv	566.55
Frank Dunn Co.	Serv	989.00
Frein, Todd	School	25.00
Frontier	Phone	940.21
GFC Leasing - WI	Serv	102.18
Giles, Sasha	Mileage/Phone	81.11
Gordon Flesch Company Inc.	Serv	50.87
Gordy's	Serv	41.40
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.	Serv	152.10
Hackenmiller, Christine	Mileage/Phone	61.18
Halfman, Deanna	Mileage/Phone	125.28
Hanns, Troy	Serv	4350.00
Heartland Power Cooperative	Util	862.61
Hendrickson, Mark	Mileage/Phone	438.00
Huisman, Laura	Phone	30.00
Iowa Dept. of Public Health Bu	Supp	71.23
Iowa Homeland Security And Eme	Serv	2748.35
IOWA IT	Serv	300.00
IA Law Enforce Acad	School	625.00
I.S.A.C.A. Dist II Audiors	Dues	20.00
LJP Waste Solutions	Serv	1276.88
Johnston Autostores	Serv	308.41
Ketelsen, Jessa	Mileage/Phone	193.71
Klemesrud, Larry	Supp	254.27
Kwik Trip, Inc	Supp	99.10
L. R. Falk Construction	Serv	300.18
Larson's Hardware Hank	Supp	84.90

Martin Bro Dist Co.	Supp	437.65
MCI WorldCom	Phone	13.09
Midwest Group Benefits	Insurance	304.00
Midwest Wheel Co.	Serv	1183.47
NBS/WahlTek, Inc	Serv	27900.00
NIACC North Iowa Area Communit	Serv	30.00
No. IA Media Grp, Inc	Serv	109.00
Nuss Trucks	Serv	1121.36
Nuway/K&H Coop Oil Co	Supp	24.25
Osage Coop Elev.	Supp	81.00
Osage Dental Arts	Serv	518.00
Osage Oracle LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	275.44
Osage Vet Clinic	Serv	60.00
Pollard Pest Cont Corp	Serv	56.47
Provider Insights, Inc.	School	1200.00
Pullen, Leland	Well Closure	400.00
Quill	Supp	206.96
Rolfes, Thomas	Serv	70.63
Ross, Kelly & Glenda	Well Closure	700.00
Schulz, Molly	Mileage/Phone	284.33
Smart Pharmacy	Serv	32.00
Solutions Inc. Harris Local Go	Serv	5000.00
St Ansgar Auto Parts	Serv	107.87
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Samples	276.00
T-Mobile	Serv	42.00
Verizon	Phone/Hot Spots	376.50
Windstream	Phone	189.97
Wolff, Dawn	Mileage/Phone	236.13

Frein adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors