

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 2, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Mayer, and Hendrickson present. Wherry and Hartogh were available via "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Keith Horgen, Tom Rolfes, Greg Beaver, Rich Brumm, and Jenny Backer. 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 Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the February 20th & February 21st meetings and claims. Roll call: Frein, Hendrickson, Mayer, Hartogh voted aye. Wherry abstained as he did not see the claims.

County Attorney Murphy has depositions in Mason City this morning. Murphy said a deal was reached in the Kephart case. Mitchell County acquired a tax deed on Kephart's property. A forceable entry and detainer action was done. If there are any items left on the property after June 25, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., the items are forfeited to the County.

County Sheriff Beaver stated the County would see some overtime after the Friday night incident. Beaver has come up with two options to eliminate employees using their personal vehicles to pick up items in town for the jail. The first option is to remove the decals from the Tahoe that comes out of commission in July. The second option is to use the room and board fund and purchase a van. Beaver explained Worth County is the County looking to house their inmates. Beaver said we should hear any day now if Worth County chose Mitchell County to house their inmates.

Jenny Backer gave an Economic Development update. Backer has two In-Fill lot applications that are asking for an extension. Backer said Chucks Sportsmans, Inc. has the kitchen finished and expects the upstairs apartments to be ready to rent March 1st. At this point, no one has been interested in the spec building program.

County Engineer Rich Brumm has found a loader for the Stacyville shop for \$56,000. Brumm said the current trailer for the skid loader is maxed out on weight. Engineer Brumm received a quote from Terry's Auto Body in Riceville for \$16k. There is money in the equipment budget that will be used for these items. Brumm resolved issues on the Hwy 105 bridge from last week. Next week Brumm will bring a pay request to close out the Bailey Bridge. Brumm explained the Stacyville project did not make the cut for the grant. Engineer Brumm was told to put the Stacyville project in front of Ashley Hinson.

Laura Huisman gave a Home Health update. Huisman discussed the new worksheet she is using to show expenses and revenues. Jolene Norby is the Public Health board president, Brenda Miller is vice-president, and Terri Tesch is secretary. The board meets the second Tuesday of every month. Public Health has hired Dawn Wolfe as an aide and is currently fully staffed. The Public Health board has raised the starting wage by \$2 and has

increased the wage of employees by \$2. January 1st the employees began using the GPS location to check in and out of appointments. Director Huisman went over dollar amounts that are left from grants. Jessa Ketelsen gave a Public Health update. Ketelsen stated immunization clinics are finished. Ketelsen has Mennonite immunization clinics going on, as well as being busy with CPR classes. Ketelsen completed stop the bleed training with Osage Community Schools. Local businesses and Osage Community Schools have requested Narcan. Ketelsen is going to instruct 4-8 grade babysitting classes and car seat classes. Ketelsen went over the County Public Health snapshot.

Jenny Backer asked for a correction of the February 13, 2024, meeting minutes from Pickar-Oulman residential project tax abatement to Pickar-Oulman residential project tax rebate agreement. Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to correct the February 13, 2024, meeting minutes. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mayer reported on Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, and Frein reported on FMC-DECAT, and Mitchell County Economic Development Commission. Wherry, Hartogh, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Received the Clerk of Court Report for January in the amount of \$1,856.60. Received manure management plan updates from Freisen 6 Site, Friesen 7 Site, Friesen N2 Site, Friesen N1 Site, Griffiths Finisher Farm, Quad-R Finisher, and Underwood Finisher Farm. Keith Horgen suggested talking with our local elected officials about the State taking local funding away.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors