

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Hartogh, Mayer, and Hendrickson present, and Wherry was available via "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Keith Horgen, Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Rich Brumm, Mike Miner, Jennifer Backer, and Shannon Paulus. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the February 21st meeting & claims. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy discussed putting together paperwork for an ordinance. Mike Miner discussed the ordinance that would allow government entities to compete with private entities under Chapter 23A. There was discussion between supervisors on which fund the additional revenue from credits sold should go. Miner stated the Conservation board wants revenue, after paying off the loan, going to the conservation so we can do projects. Supervisor Hendrickson stated Conservation does not own any ground according to the previous County Attorney, it is owned by the taxpayers.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1155-23, a public hearing for an Ordinance authorizing Mitchell County Conservation Board to engage in Offering the Sale of Wetland Mitigation Credits to public and private entities pursuant to Chapter 23A of the code of Iowa to be held on March 14, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to discuss.

Auditor Foster is going to schedule a budget meeting to be held next Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Mike Miner held a workshop on strategic planning on their five-year plan.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the grant is due at 11:59 p.m. tonight. Brumm has a copy of the grant that was submitted. Engineer Brumm stated there was minor flooding the last couple of days and they are aware of the sloppy roads. Next week Brumm will bring a contract for Balsam Avenue to be signed. Engineer Brumm has signed a purchase agreement for a motor grader from CAT, which the County would not have to make a payment until July 1, 2023. Supervisor Mayer asked about the gravel washing out into the ditch on 450th Street. Supervisor Hendrickson asked about all the work being done on the CAT machines in the last three months. Brumm stated a motor grader had tipped on its side last week, with no serious damage.

Shannon Paulus stated Janelle Reeder has been hired for a FT-40 position in the Treasurer's Office beginning March 6, 2023, with a starting wage of \$18.50 per hour. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the Treasurer's Office new hire. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Attorney Murphy discussed a new opioid settlement that is similar to the previous one. This settlement includes Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to participate in the new opioid settlement and have Aaron Murphy complete all the legal paperwork on behalf of Mitchell County. Roll call: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Hartogh reported on County Emergency Management Commission and E-911 Board, Mayer reported on Conservation, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services and Frein reported on Mitchell County Economic Development. Wherry had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Hufco Evanson Site, New Haven Site, Friesen N1 Site, Friesen N2 Site, Friesen 6 Site, Harvey Martin, Riverview, Underwood Finisher Farm and Schroeder Hog Farm. Received the Clerk of Court's report for January in the amount of \$1,912.34. Jennifer Backer stated she could send MCEDC reports to the supervisors every month if they would like. Auditor Foster stated only \$50,000 is left in the old housing incentive program. Supervisor Hendrickson asked if the City of St. Ansgar is moving forward with the daycare addition, in which Keith Horgen stated they are.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Vice-Chair Board of Supervisors