

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the February 28th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy is working on an ordinance for next week. Murphy has a post-conviction relief matt tomorrow, and depositions later this week. Supervisor Mayer asked about receiving bids for a new contractor for the Carpenter Sewer. Murphy suggested doing the same as last time. Supervisor Wherry stated there is an ordinance for something that needs to be done timely. Wherry said Amanda Baer is going over a few other ordinances that may need to be updated.

County Sheriff Beaver gave a copy of a couple bank accounts for the Sheriff's Department. Beaver would like to use the room and board fees to pay for new duty pistols. Sheriff Beaver said the new pickup is being outfitted in Des Moines, so they should be getting that soon.

Auditor Foster will be sending the agenda this Wednesday. Foster asked about having a motor grader available on April 1, 2023, for the Breakfast with the Bunny event at South Square. Auditor Foster explained why we cannot pay an advertising invoice until a budget amendment is made. Foster read a letter that the board of supervisors and herself received. Jennifer Backer does not plan to ask for TIF money for the next construction program. Supervisor Wherry stated a company wanted to meet with the remaining supervisors, after meeting with two of them so far.

County Engineer Rich Brumm suggested approving Ulland Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$2,216,615.79 for the Balsam Avenue paving project. Brumm stated with the new road grand, the project for Stacyville has made it past the second cut. Brumm wanted confirmation that the board of supervisors want to commit to moving forward with the project, knowing that the County will need to put some money into the project. Supervisors agreed they would like to commit to moving forward. Brumm suggests using concrete over asphalt for this project. Engineer Brumm is working on an overweight permit and might bring a consultant in and look at the bridges and routes. Brumm will be attending a meeting in Cedar Rapids in July for the global Transportation Research Board meeting.

Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1156-23, approval of the Balsam Avenue paving project and County Engineer authorization to sign contract document in Doc Express. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mike Miner explained the need for a resolution for land being put into CRP under Mitchell County's name. Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve Conservation CRP Resolution #1157-23. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Jennifer Backer gave a MCEDC update. Backer discussed the derelict housing program, the Maple Inn demolition being complete, Art Shoes having a completion date of May 2023, and receiving no applications for the remaining spec building program. Backer explained two loans for two businesses, the Orchard site, and Kwik Start not being interested at this time to move locations. Backer does have a copy of the plans for the St. Ansgar Daycare, which will be south of the current daycare, with a completion date of fall of 2023.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on County Social Services, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, and Iowa Workforce, and Frein reported on County Social Services and Community Health Needs. Wherry and Hartogh had nothing to report. Received manure management plan update from Schroeder Hog Farms, LLC. Keith Horgen gave his opinion on a letter being read that is not signed. Amy Folkerts stated she is the one that wrote the letter that was read and can provide facts for any citizen that would like to know.

The BOS constituted themselves as the Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvass the first-tier votes of the February 28, 2023, Riceville Special Election. It was found that the following received votes from Mitchell County:

Riceville Mayor:

Brian Sigler	15 votes
Lynn Doane	85 votes
Dylan Cummings	0 votes

Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors