

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Wherry, Marzen, and Hendrickson present. Hartogh was available via "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Amanda Baer, Rich Brumm, Stacy Walsh, Ian Cowell, Greg Beaver, Mike Miner, Justin Trees, Gregg Halbach, Keith Horgen, Aaron Murphy, Brandon Halsne, Ashlie Svuem, Dave Hartogh, Elizabeth Thyer, and Dan Shirley. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the March 10th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy discussed having approval to sign opioid paperwork. Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve County Attorney to sign opioid paperwork contract and sign opioid paperwork as they come through. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his fees collected for February in the amount of \$5,723.30. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve Sheriff Report for February. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mike Miner provided an update after the Conservation Board meeting last week. Miner discussed the public notice on Forest Oaks, accepted child protection guidelines, approved a cashless policy, and renovation plans. The deer and turkey show was this past Saturday. Supervisor Wherry asked for clarification on paying mileage and lodging for solar energy workshops. Amanda Baer stated the individuals would be staying in Mitchell County and Baer has been in contact with individuals from University of Minnesota and Iowa State University. Supervisor Frein asked the two individuals interested in being appointed to Sheriff speak. Justin Trees introduced himself, explained how long he has been in law enforcement, his accomplishments over the years, and he plans to run for Sheriff at the General Election. Gregg Halbach introduced himself, explained how long he has been in law enforcement, his accomplishments over the years, and he does not plan to run for Sheriff at the General Election.

The chair opened the public hearing on Rezoning of Parcel Number 10-14-400-010 from Agricultural District to Light Industrial District at 8:47 a.m. Hendrickson and Marzen received questions on why the project was started before being rezoned. Stacy Walsh stated they did not realize it was not zoned properly, and only groundwork had been done. Wherry, Hartogh, Frein, and Foster had no oral or written comments received. The chair closed the public hearing at 8:50 a.m. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve Rezoning of Parcel number 10-14-400-010 from Agricultural District to Light Industrial District. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said one truck is being delivered today. Brumm went over ordering trucks by the end of March would give a possible delivery date in six months.

The chair opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 64 at 9:01 a.m. The board and auditor received no oral or written comments. There was no discussion with the public in attendance. Auditor Foster did note that the ordinance doesn't go into effect until it is published in the papers. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1352-26 to waive the first and second

readings of Ordinance No. 64. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1353-26 approving Ordinance No. 64. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Elizabeth Thyer with Gardiner + Company went over FY25 audit with the Board of Supervisors.

Dave Hartogh discussed issues with the cupola. The board would like to add to next week's meeting to discuss how they would like to move forward.

Dan Shirley explained for internal compliance, Valent needs to add asset tags. There are some items that belong to the County at the pre-treatment plant. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve Wastewater Pre-treatment Plant items to be tagged by Valent. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Recorder's Monthly Report for February in the amount of \$6,628.42. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Fireworks Permit for Flashing Thunder Fireworks for July 3, 2026. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on ISAC Spring Conference, Frein reported on ISAC Spring Conference and Fair Board, and Marzen reported on ISAC Spring Conference. Hartogh and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Received manure management plan update from Schroeder Hog Farm LLC. Auditor Foster noted that Trace Huisman won a scholarship through ISAC.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors