

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Greg Beaver, Keith Horgen, Chuck Pajer, Lindsay Uhlenhopp, Rich Brumm, Heidi Kuhl, Adam Shirley, Karla Mitchell, Heith Hockenberry and Sammi Scharper. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the February 23rd meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Attorney Walk stated there will need to be a public hearing if the county borrows money for Conservation, there is a certain procedure depending on the dollar amount.

County Sheriff Beaver reported having twenty-two applications turned in for the deputy position, with 9 of them being certified officers. Civil Service Commission will meet on March 13th to review the applications and provide Sheriff with ten of them. From that point, Sheriff Beaver will be able to select some applicants for interviews and background checks. Hoping by May 1st, we will have a new deputy.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated he would rather go to the Purple Wave auction, as there is no fee and it is nationwide. Brumm stated they are looking to buy Mack Truck software; they will receive \$1,000 discount off of \$3,200. Brumm state they are hoping to get an air exchanger in the shop to keep the humidity down in the wintertime. They do have some older quotes for less than \$20,000. There are some bridge projects in lettings in for this month.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. for Ordinance #53 to re-adopt the existing ordinances already in effect. The chair asked if the Board of Supervisors, Auditor, and public if they received any comments, written or oral. No comments or objections were made with the board, Auditor or public. Chair closed the hearing at 8:47 a.m. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to waive the first and second readings and proceed with the third reading. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Ordinance #53. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Karla Mitchell and Heith Hockenberry gave a presentation for EMC Insurance. They have offered to review the county's insurance and make sure we are getting the best deal possible.

Heidi Kuhl from Northland Securities and Scott Stevenson from DA Davidson both gave estimated savings amount if the county was to refinance today. Both Heidi and Scott left the meeting, while the other spoke.

Motion by Frein, Second by Wherry to continue with Northland Securities to be the county's underwriter. Roll call vote: Frein, Wherry: ayes; Mayer, Hendrickson, Smolik: nays. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve DA Davidson to be the underwriter to refinance the Courthouse bond. Roll call vote: Hendrickson, Mayer, Smolik: ayes; Frein, Wherry: nays.

Adam Shirley presented the board with information regarding the purchase of the Pitzen property. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to give \$500,000 of LOSST monies to conservation to put towards the Pitzen property. Roll call vote: all vote aye. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to authorize the County Attorney to file to necessary paperwork to borrow \$300,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The CRC representative was not available to discuss the 2021 Main to Main Marathon road closures.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition. Frein, Wherry, Hendrickson and Smolik had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from the HUFECO Evanson Site and Schroeder Hog Farm. Keith Horgen stated St. Ansgar is working on a pretty aggressive Economic Development plan and would take any help they can get from the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors