

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Scott Sweet, Rich Brumm, Chuck Pajer, Keith Horgen, Aaron Murphy, Sheri Penney, Shannon Paulus, and Adam Shirley. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Smolik, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the March 15<sup>th</sup> minutes and claims with removing claim 53187. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy is working on questions for Auditor Foster on having an individual being in two elected positions. Murphy discussed criminal trials that both him and Assistant Attorney Baresel have this week.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. for Ordinance #56 to amend Ordinance #55 by deleting and replacing Section 1, Precinct 8 and Precinct 10. The chair asked if the Board of Supervisors and Auditor Foster if they received any oral or written comments. No comments were received. Chair closed the public hearing at 8:46 a.m. Motion by Frein, second by Smolik to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of Ordinance #56. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Smolik, second by Hendrickson to approve Ordinance #56. Roll Call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the Mitchell County Redistricting Worksheet. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Auditor Foster discussed having a motor grader on display for the St. Ansgar Breakfast with the Bunny on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Supervisors are fine with this. Shannon Paulus discussed the emergency exit signs that Adams Graphix can make. Emergency exit signs will cost \$15 per sign, and Adams Graphix will be making a sample at no cost.

County Engineer Rich Brumm is working on taking wings off the motor graders and cutting brush. Brumm had a DOT district meeting and discussed questions on the federal aid money that should be coming at the end of the calendar year. Brumm discussed at the beginning of January 2023, funding will be going back to 80/20 – 80% federal funding and 20% other funding. Engineer Brumm is looking at culvert prices. Supervisor Frein asked for an update on the Balsam Bridge; Brumm expects the deck pouring to begin within two weeks, as the frost is the holdup. Supervisor Mayer inquired about the meeting we need to have with Worth County regarding the Engineer contract. Supervisor Wherry asked how the budget and diesel fuel was looking, Brumm expects to know more by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Brumm gave a Hwy 105 Bridge design update.

The Board took a recess at 8:52 a.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m. a public hearing began for the Pavement Improvements for Hickory Avenue. The chair asked if the Board of Supervisors and Auditor Foster if they received any oral or written comments. No comments were received. Chair closed the public hearing at 9:01 a.m. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1121-22 adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the "PCC Pavement Improvements for Hickory Avenue". Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Mayer reviewed the bid tabulation. Engineer's opinion was \$917,515.70, and Wicks Construction, Inc was \$894,836.03. The proposed bid is 2.5% under the Engineer's Estimate. WHKS recommends that the County award the project to Wicks Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$894,836.03.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Smolik to approve Resolution #1122-22 Making Award of Contract to Wicks Construction, Inc. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The Board took a recess at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

At 9:15 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for FY 22/23 County Budget. The Chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. Auditor Foster read a public comment from Stan Walk, with his concerns of Mitchell County funding MCEDC. Sheri Penney discussed the need to continue funding MCEDC. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:19 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve FY 22/23 County Budget. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Osage City Council, Mayer reported on North Iowa Community Action, and Frein reported on FMC-DECAT. Smolik, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Received the February Clerk of Court's Report in the amount of \$1,718.33. There were no public comments.

Motion by Smolik, second by Mayer to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Michael Mayer – Chair Board of Supervisors