

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Keith Horgen, Kris Olson, Jenny Backer, Rich Brumm, Greg Beaver, Lowell Tesch, and Amanda Baer. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda with removing discussion with Cole Excavating. All voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the March 21st meeting and claims. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy was not available.

County Sheriff Beaver reported his fees collected for February for a total of \$5,507.87. Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the Sheriff's Report for February. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Sheriff Beaver said they will be busy at the beginning of April with depositions in Des Moines and picking up an inmate in Minnesota. Beaver stated the homicide case will be August 7, 2023, in Bremer County.

Amanda Baer will be out of the office most of the day tomorrow for training. There haven't been any applications turned in for the temporary position over the summer. Supervisor Wherry would like discussion and possible action on Substance Abuse Coalition Opioid funding request to be added to next week's agenda.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the crews are out blading and grooming. Brumm has hired Caleb Clark as a full-time employee to work out of the St. Ansgar shop. Brumm has received bids for the Hwy 105 bridge. Engineer Brumm is working to pull staff together to make the summer projects work. Brumm plans to hire a consultant for the Hwy 105 bridge to ensure the project is managed properly.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the proposed property tax levy for FY 23/24. The General Services requested tax dollars increased .72% from FY 2022/2023 and the requested tax dollars from Rural Services increased by 2.14% from FY 2022/2023. Auditor Foster explained when calculating the percentages, it is from the previous year and the percentage increases are listed in the right column of the proposed max levy. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 9:01 a.m.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1160-23 to levy the budgeted tax dollars. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve a \$0.50 pay increase for Kassandra Meitner for completing her Certified Car Drive Certificate from the Iowa DOT. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Kris Olson explained updating the Mitchell County Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years, as it is the key to unlocking grants for FEMA. Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the Mitchell County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve HVAC Pay Request Application #10 in the amount of \$51,732.44. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry discussed having \$50,000 left from the previous Commercial and Industrial Incentive Program. Wherry has contacted the bond counsel to see what options the County has, as the bond has been paid off.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the slough bill applications. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to approve a liquor license for Sunny Brae Golf & County Club. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to set a public hearing date for the FY24 Proposed Budget for April 18, 2023, at 9: 00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on North Iowa Community Action and North Iowa Long Term Disaster, and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, and Frein reported on Mitchell County Economic Development Commission. Wherry and Hartogh had nothing to report. Wherry stated at the Osage City Council meeting, Valent BioSciences will be holding an event on June 24, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Received the Clerk of Court report for February in the amount of \$1,389.12. Kris Olson asked for County department heads to sign up for his class on April 19, 2023.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors