

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Keith Horgen, Rich Brumm, Tom Rolfes, Aaron Murphy, Ashlie Sveum, and Dave Hartogh. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve the minutes of the March 24th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy explained there needs to be a correction to the legal description from a vacation done a couple of years ago. Motion by Marzen, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1355-26 setting a public hearing date for Vacation of Property in Little Cedar for April 21, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Supervisor Hendrickson stated he spoke with FEH Design regarding the issues with the cupola. FEH was under the impression the problems had been resolved and said it is Henkels' responsibility to have this corrected. Murphy will draw up paperwork and will ask for board approval next week. Dave Hartogh asked about donating 20-30 chairs to Mitchell City Hall, which the board will discuss next week.

County Engineer Rich Brumm plans to submit the DOT budget today or tomorrow. Brumm spoke with the construction company, and they were planning to start tomorrow on the McIntire bridge. Engineer Brumm presented a memorandum of understanding regarding border bridges that notes Mower County covers 100% of maintenance and inspection, while ownership is shared 50% between Mower County and Mitchell County. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Border Bridges. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was discussion on the Civil Service Commission and members with terms that have expired. Attorney Murphy stated Trevor Olson will serve another term. Supervisor Marzen suggested Greg Beaver for the third spot. Wherry would like it added to next week's agenda with similar verbiage as when the Sheriff was appointed.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to set the public hearing date for FY27 County Budget for April 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve Home Base Iowa Application for Donald W. Cook. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve In-Fill Lot Application Extension for Susan Birkholz until August 1, 2026. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Frein reported on Mitchell County Economic Development Commission, Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance, and Marzen reported on Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention and the possibility that there may be a fee to rejoin with the next 28E. Wherry, and Hartogh had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors