

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Keith Horgen, Jenny Backer, Rich Brumm, Greg Beaver, Laura Huisman, Jessa Ketelsen, Aaron Murphy, Megan Taets, Ashley Rosendahl, 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 amending item four, to Sheriff Update. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the March 28th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy has submitted the opioid paperwork.

County Sheriff Beaver had a citizen complaint of their GPS taking them from 340th Street to Orchard. They were not able to get the semi through the bridge. Sheriff Beaver has two IT issues with geo comments and not having the ability to get through 832 numbers.

Supervisor Wherry stated the lift for the cupola will be here April 21st now. Laura Huisman stated their generator is here but needs a contractor to install. Supervisor Mayer received a quote from AJ Stone for the Carpenter Sewer, but the City of Carpenter does not want to pay that amount. Mayer received a couple contacts for other contractors to check into.

County Engineer Rich Brumm recommends Minnowa Construction, Inc. for \$1,071,339.90 for the Hwy 105 bridge. Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1162-23 to approve the E-081 Bridge Replacement Project and authorizing the County Engineer to sign contract document in doc express. Roll call: all voted aye. Brumm stated the Monument Avenue project has advanced, so he will start planning more with the City of Stacyville.

Amanda Baer said the last set of promotional postcards have been sent, and she has not received any applications for the temporary position. Baer stated the budget looks good. Baer conducted pumper inspections and held a contractor meeting. Amanda attended the Iowa Environmental Health Association Annual Business meeting, where she was awarded "Rookie of the Year".

Laura Huisman explained the language line has been set up. Huisman said the electronic visit verification for employees will begin on January 1, 2024. Huisman said the budget is looking good, may have to amend a little on the expense side. The local public health grant will be \$35,864 for FY24. Huisman is still looking for a full-time

or part-time nurse, and PRN aides. The next Home Health meeting will be on April 25, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Jessa Ketelsen has given more CPR classes, and blood pressure sessions. Ketelsen gave an immunization update and completed her quarterly report for immunizations. Ketelsen is working with North Iowa Mutual Aide to bring a community pantry and fridge to Stacyville. Mitchell County is ranked fourth for health outcomes and factors. Jessa is working on a new grant for tobacco control.

There was discussion on how opioid money can be spent. It was discussed to make a budget amendment to be able to spend some of that money this fiscal year.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the payment in lieu of taxes waiver request. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition, and Public Health. Wherry, Hartogh, Hendrickson, and Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Benson Site, Halvorson Finisher Farm, Robert Niess, PL Farm LLC, Mark Theis Finisher, Borderline Buildings LLC-SW Site, Borderline Buildings LLC – Northeast Site, Timber Finisher Farm, Iowa Select – Fitzmaurice/Tip 5 Wean Finish, Hemann West Finisher Farm, Iowa Select – Geiger Sow, and Ruehlow 2 LLC. Supervisor Frein asked how other supervisors know if an individual is contacting multiple supervisors on an issue.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors