

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Wherry, Mayer, and Hendrickson present. Hartogh was available via "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Rich Brumm, Laura Huisman, Jessa Ketelsen, Ryan Stephen, Jenny Backer, Aaron Murphy, Keith Horgen, Tom Rolfes, Greg Beaver, Kris Olson, Ashley Rosendahl, Megan Taets, Mike Miner, Shannon Paulus, Matt Pitzen, Randy Conrad, and Keith Pitzen. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the agenda with removing item 3a, Discussion & Possible Action on Unused Vacation Time Pay. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the April 1st & April 2nd meetings and claims. Frein noted that he was on the April 1st meeting via "Go to Meeting" but was unable to remove the mute. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy must be up to the courtroom at 9:00 a.m. today.

County Sheriff Beaver stated Worth County will plan to hold inmates in Mitchell County. Worth County Sheriff will be gone for a week and will get with Beaver once he returns to get a 28E Agreement put together. Beaver has a good lead on the tire case.

Auditor Foster discussed receiving a new master matrix that will be added to next week's agenda. Supervisor Hendrickson questioned why he and Supervisor Mayer were not asked to speak on behalf of the County at city council meetings regarding the Urban Renewal Amendment.

County Engineer Rich Brumm explained the RAISE funding agreement and went over the DOT Program and Budget. Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve HDP-C066(88) – 6B-66-2-24-RAISE-012 Funding Agreement. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve DOT Program & Budget. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Ryan Stephen introduced himself as the new IT Director. Stephen created a ticketing system to organize and address issues as they come in. Stephens has addressed critical issues from the ICIT assessment that was completed and recommended. Stephen has addressed seven of the sixteen issues and will continue working on that list.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve HVAC Pay Request Application #23 in the amount of \$20,624.04. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Hendrickson explained he and Supervisor Mayer took on the Supervisor HR duties for six months beginning October 3, 2023. After much discussion, no action was taken to appoint two supervisors.

Jessa Ketelsen explained Substance Abuse Coalition is working on ways to spend the Opioid funds. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve \$3,000 for Substance Abuse Coalition to spend on local live stream ads, radio ads, and Narcan and tips training. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Ketelsen explained the concern of mental health. Prairie Ridge is short staff and suggested a mental health prescriber to be available in Mitchell County. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to allow Kristen Penn to utilize the empty room at County Social Services building. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Mayer and Ketelsen discussed the funding opportunity for FY25 County Substance Abuse Program. At this time, they did not find it practical to apply for the grant.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report in the amount of \$3,111.00. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March in the amount of \$11,818.55. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Supervisor Hendrickson asked if it is still required to have an appointment for driver's license now that COVID is over. Paulus stated appointments are not required, but they are recommended.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve Resolution # 1210-24 increasing maximum balance at banks. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Mayer would like to see a solution for the Primrose bridge near Little Cedar. Engineer Brumm will look into what it costs to reopen the bridge and see if it is feasible.

Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition, Hendrickson reported on Shell Rock Watershed, and Frein reported on Fair Board. Wherry and Hartogh had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors