

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Rich Brumm, Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Paul Boerjan, Kris Olson, Paul Boerjan, Amy Folkerts and Randy Conrad. 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 Wherry to approve the April 5th minutes & claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy mentioned the judge ruled guilty in the Kephart case. Murphy will not be in attendance next week. Frein asked about the ruling on the abandonment of Kephart's property, which has no ruling yet.

County Sheriff Beaver discussed getting on a list to purchase a truck for FY23, much earlier than in the past. Beaver explained having a \$100 fine for a property nuisance is not enough to make a change. Sheriff Beaver discussed the FY23 budget does not show the 8.5% increase that is happening.

Supervisor Wherry would like to invite a member from NIACOG to come and discuss having a county abatement program for new housing. Wherry stated both Mayer and Wherry will be attending the HVAC meeting on April 20th at 9:30 a.m. If any other supervisors would like to attend, they will make an agenda. Supervisor Wherry started discussing SF2366 with regards to wind turbines. If a wind ordinance is in effect, the SF2366 does not affect the County. Amy Folkerts discussed the bill passed in the House and is waiting for the Governor's signature. If the Supervisor's repeal the wind ordinance, SF2366 would affect Mitchell County. Wherry would like to purchase a meeting Owl if all agree the Owl works better for the meetings.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave an update on the Balsam bridge. Brumm is meeting with the ethanol plant to put another driveway in. Brumm is requesting a quote for one lane leading from Hwy 218 to the driveway of Absolute Energy. The state website is down, and Brumm does not have access to approve the DOT Budget and Construction Program. Engineer Brumm discussed the Hwy 105 bridge design. Brumm recommended option 1. Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve option 1. Roll call vote: Smolik, Mayer, Hendrickson, and Frein voted aye, Wherry abstained. Motion by Smolik, second by Mayer to approve a contract with WHKS on the Hwy 105 bridge design. Roll call vote: Smolik, Mayer, Hendrickson, and Frein voted aye, Wherry abstained.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to amend the motion from February 8, 2022, of having employees on the 11E plan, contribute \$5 for the individual plan per pay period, \$7 for the family plan per pay period and have

the HSA monthly contributions be based on the 11E actual cost to have all Mitchell County employees that utilize the Mitchell County Health Care Plan have a deduction applied to their paychecks to offset insurance costs. This deduction shall apply to the current 11E and 12C plans. Single policy members shall have a \$5 deduction applied to 24 paychecks per year. Family policy members shall have a \$7 deduction applied to 24 paychecks per year. Deductions shall be shown as a separate line amount on each paycheck. This employee deduction under the 11E plan will be applied to the current Partial Self-Funding system already being used. This employee deduction under the 12C plan will be applied to defray HAS insurance costs. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve Group Benefits Program 28E Agreement and Resolution #1125-22. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve a Letter of Support for Potential Funding of Proposed OMU-Broadband Project. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Hendrickson to approve a Letter of Support for Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvements for Riceville. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Auditor's Quarterly Report given in the amount of \$11,054.70. Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report of Revenue. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Mitchell County Public Health and Hendrickson reported on Shell Rock Watershed. Wherry, Smolik, and Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Friesen Farms-East, Friesen Farms-North, Friesen Farms-Liberty 34 Site, and Friesen Farms-Northeast. There were no public comments.

Motion by Smolik, second by Wherry to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Michael Mayer – Chair Board of Supervisors