

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Rich Brumm, Aaron Murphy, Keith Horgen, Greg Beaver, Mike Miner, and Shannon Paulus. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the April 11th meetings. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had depositions last week in Ankeny for the criminal case, which we should be seeing bills come in for.

County Sheriff Beaver reported his fees collected for March for a total of \$7,835.00. Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the Sheriff's Report for March. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Beaver is working on removing graphics and clearing out equipment from a 2016 truck that will be available for other departments to purchase. Sheriff Beaver will have a reserve truck available this coming July.

Auditor Foster stated Mitchell County Press News dropped the ball and did not publish the budget amendment that was supposed to happen on May 2, 2023. The budget amendment will now happen on May 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Mike Miner said Conservation is looking for a trail technician, and there were a couple issues with the dam gates that will be taken care of. Miner said the issues will be resolved for the Mitigation Bank by May. Conservation is busy burning. Supervisor Wherry explained Board of Supervisor's meetings happen in person, but they have the option to attend via Go to Meeting. When time allows, the meeting recordings will get posted to YouTube and Facebook, which may not happen until the following day.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated the Union voted to have four 10-hour days from Memorial Day until Labor Day. The discussion on 10-hour days will happen next week. Engineer Brumm does not have a start date yet for Balsam Avenue or the 105 Bridge project. Brumm is looking into roadside mower quotes.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for FY 23/24 County Budget. The chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. The Board and Auditor replied that none were received. The public in attendance had no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve FY 23/24 County Budget. Roll call vote: Frein, Hartogh, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson, Mayer nays.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve signing a 3-year contract with Cost Advisory Services to complete the County's cost allocation plans. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was a discussion on the Carpenter sewer/water fees. Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to set a public hearing on Ordinance #59 for May 9, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Shannon Paulus discussed elderly credit being available to citizens that are age 65 and older, or disabled individuals under 65. Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve signing paperwork for Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program Affidavit for S&H Environmental. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Community Health Assessment, NIACOG Policy Board, Hartogh reported on NIACOG, and FMC Landfill, Mayer reported on Conservation, Hendrickson reported on Northeast Iowa Workforce, and Frein reported on FMC Early Childhood. Keith Horgen asked if anyone from the state responded to the resolution approved by the County in support of keeping LOSST the way it is. Received the Clerk of Court Report for March in the amount of \$2,044.32. Supervisor Mayer asked Murphy if he is allowed to talk at the meetings that he is a part of, if more than one other supervisor attends that meeting.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors