

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Justin Trees, Tom Rolfes, Rich Brumm, Mike Miner, Jenny Backer, Duane Tesch, Steve Abben, Keith Horgen, Amanda Baer, Ashlie Sveum, John Walker, Rebekah Barr, and Guadalupe Bandillo. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Marzen, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the minutes of the April 14th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy sent a letter to Henkel giving them ten days but would have to verify the date the letter was sent.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his fees collected for March in the amount of \$6,387.65. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the Sheriff's Report for March. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Beaver said the dispatch room is pretty much done, except the flooring. Sheriff Beaver would like that done before leaving office.

Mike Miner had a Conservation Board meeting last week. Miner said there was a public hearing on the Otranto Park, went over timeline of camp renovations, provided a water trail update, and campgrounds open next week. Amanda Baer will be out of the office today doing water tests and attending a townhall meeting in Waverly discussing Public Health alignment. Auditor Foster stated Solutions sent a bill for Microsoft 365 licensing that was due back in October. The Board agreed to pay out of the sub-project fund, as there is not enough money in the IT budget.

The chair opened the public hearing to Vacate and Convey Real Estate in Little Cedar at 8:45 a.m. There were no oral or written comments received, no discussion amongst the board, and no discussion from the public in attendance. The chair closed the public hearing at 8:46 a.m. Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1358-26 Vacating & Conveying Real Estate in Little Cedar. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on the McIntire bridge, with hopes of having it open Thursday. To be noted, the construction crew is out of working days. Brumm said the DOT approved his budget, but he must go back in and modify the bridges for the grant they received. Engineer Brumm would like to add approval of DOT Program & Budget to next week's agenda. Brumm has received quotes for signs to put up at the shops. Engineer Brumm stated they are going to stockpile some discounted rock.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Fireworks Permit for Flashing Thunder Fireworks on May 30, 2026. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Marzen explained what is happening with membership with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. Currently the facility is offering Mitchell County the chance to participate as a non-member, receive the same services at the price of a member, but not have voting rights on the board. Motion by Marzen, second by Hartogh to approve Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center's proposal for a former member to not participate, decline the initial fee, and no longer have voting rights and representation on the board. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1360-26 Contract for Services with St. Ansgar Chamber in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1361-26 Contract for Services with City of Stacyville in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing for FY27 County Budget at 9:00 a.m. Board members received comments on the budget during the truth in taxation hearing, while Hendrickson received three phone calls on the budget. There was no discussion amongst the board, or any discussion from the public in attendance. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:01 a.m. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1359-26 Adopting the County Budget. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Wherry, Marzen, Frein aye, Hendrickson nay.

Wherry reported on Mitchell Soil & Water Conservation District, North Iowa Juvenile Detention, NIACOG Executive Meeting, ISU Solar, Regov Solutions, and Neapolitan Labs, Frein reported on Neapolitan Labs, and FMC-DECAT, Hendrickson reported on ISU Solar, and Marzen reported on Conservation, ISU Solar, and Neapolitan Labs. Hartogh had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates form Wilt Finisher Farm, HUFCO-Evanson, Friesen 3 Site, Friesen 1 Site, Friesen 2 Site, and Friesen 4 Site. There were no public comments.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors