

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Gregg Krebsbach, Melanie Krebsbach, Keith Horgen, Cathy Penney, Jerry Reshetar, Kathy Showalter, Ron Fiscus, Chad Halbach, Lou Ann Murphy, Amanda Baer, Lowell Tesch, Adam Norby, Karl Fox, Syd Heimer, Heather Adams, Beth Levan, Jenny Backer, Lindsey Falk, Dave Falk, Ed Griffith, Mark Campbell, Greg Beaver, Galen Barker, Ryan Stephen, Dana Norby, Rich Brumm, Tom Rolfes, Kyle Mehmen, Deb Freeman, and Keith Pitzen. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the minutes of the April 23rd meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy was not available.

County Sheriff Beaver recommended the Board of Supervisors sign the contract with Worth County for jail services for a start date of May 15th. Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the Jail Services contract. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Mayer tried to explain the misinformation of TIF. Amy Folkerts discussed the wind turbines being locally assessed, and once the TIF area expires, that value will be added to the tax base. Once added to the tax base, the money will flow to the entities that are entitled to the taxes. Folkerts stated that 17% of the total valuation for Mitchell County is in the wind farms. Urban Renewal Area for the wind farms have an expiration of twenty years. Auditor Foster wanted to ensure after last week's meeting, the Board understood that the funding source needed to be changed due to the Iowa Code, not because the Auditor's Office requires this.

County Engineer Rich Brumm lost the salt shed last week due to high winds. Brumm has contacted the insurance company and is receiving quotes for replacement. The original construction on this shed was done in 1998. Engineer Brumm said the Union voted to have 10-hour days from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Board emphasized the importance of five-day coverage. Supervisor Hendrickson asked for a motion to approve 10-hour days, died for the lack of a motion.

The chair opened the public hearing for Library Grant Agreement at 8:45 a.m. Auditor Foster verified the Library's Agreement public notice was published in the proper newspapers and available at the Auditor's Office. Wherry, Hartogh, Mayer, and Hendrickson received comments. Mayer read a comment from a member of the Stacyville Library board, letter from Bob Marreel, and Lisa Rizert. Wherry tried explaining how HF718 affected the budget this year. Cathy Penney, Deb Freeman, Lowell Tesch, Keith Horgen, and Lou Ann Murphy had comments. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1212-24 approving the Library Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Hendrickson, Mayer nays, Hartogh, Wherry, Frein ayes.

The chair opened the public hearing for the Agricultural Society Grant Agreement at 9:07 a.m. Auditor Foster verified the Agricultural Society's Agreement public notice was published in the proper newspapers and available at the Auditor's Office. Wherry, Hartogh, Mayer, and Hendrickson received the same comments as the previous public hearing. Adam Norby explained the new building would be for poultry, sheep, goat, swine, and rabbits, as well as holding the show arena. Lindsey Falk spoke in favor of a new fair building. Deb Freeman and Cathy Penney asked questions regarding the proposed building. Jenny Backer and Lou Ann Murphy explained how applying for grants works. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:22 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1213-24 approving the Agricultural Society Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Frein, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson, Mayer nays.

The chair opened the public hearing for the MCEDC Grant Agreement at 9:23 a.m. Auditor Foster verified the MCEDC's Agreement public notice was published in the proper newspapers and available at the Auditor's Office. Wherry, Hartogh, Mayer, and Hendrickson received the same comments as the previous public hearings. Cathy Penney, Lou Ann Murphy, and Dave Falk spoke in support of MCEDC. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:40 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1214-24 approve the MCEDC Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Mayer, Hendrickson nays, Wherry, Frein, Hartogh ayes.

The chair opened the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment public hearing at 9:41 a.m. Auditor Foster verified the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment public notice was published in the proper newspapers and available at the Auditor's Office. Wherry, Hartogh, Mayer, and Hendrickson received the same comments as the previous public hearings. Auditor Foster received a petition that was turned in against using TIF money for some of the projects. Supervisor Wherry said if we are going to submit that document the top of the document needs to be read and all the names on the document need to be read and will be in the minutes, so if we are going to submit that document, it is a public document. Foster replied it is a public document. Wherry replied then be prepared to read all the names on it. Wherry said 'Ok, start reading'. Auditor Foster proceeded to read the paperwork: Mitchell County Citizens against using TIF Dollars for Funding Libraries \$173,376, Funding Mitchell County Economic Development at \$97,750, Funding Mitchell County Agricultural Society at \$35,000, Funding Mitchell County Agricultural Society new building at \$770,000, Funding Mitchell County Conservation Roof Project at \$75,000, Funding Mitchell County Parks and River Trails Projects at \$861,270 – total of \$2,012,396, signed by Eric Krahenbuhl, Mike Banefler, Kathy Branstad, Donella Kline, Kaleb Krahenbuhl, Taylor Krahenbuhl, 613 West 7th Street St. Ansgar, 220 W Main Street Mitchell, Jeff Luber, 111 E 6th Street St. Ansgar, Macie Redmond, Bill Struthers, Todd Wandemro, 4688 Hickory Avenue Toeterville, Andy Flugge, Theresa Boerjan, Julia Crail, Mitch Huisman, 4001 Glass Avenue St. Ansgar, 1508 436th Street St. Ansgar, Diane Gasteiger, Ron Gasteiger, Russ Nelson, 3803 Dancer Avenue Osage, John Muller, Amy Folkerts, Nicke Krebsbach, Nathan Zuehl, Ken Pitzen, Deborah Pitzen, Verlyn Mullenbach, 2721 465th Street McIntire, Cole Smith, Steve Weis, Monica Hemann, Ashley Wilberding, Jake Wilberding, Jeff Hageman, Lyle Newton, Paul Juenger, Darin Voaklander, Rachel Foster, Lindsay

Uhlenhopp, Mike Mayer, Raina Roll, Nick bubnitz, 11249 Echo Avenue St. Ansgar, 4154 Cameo Avenue St. Ansgar, 2427 430th Street Little Cedar, Tom Kenney, 1027 Maple Street Osage, Gregg Krebsbach, Mindy Krebsbach, Gregg Krebsbach Jr, Lee Boerjan, 2119 465th Street Stacyville, Keith Johnson, Yvonne Yoders, Peggy Freeman, Neil Schroeder, Les Turner, Leroy Steward, 1642 440th Street St. Ansgar, Ken Knutson, Bob Marreel, 1239 410th Street St. Ansgar, 4451 Hickory Avenue St. Ansgar, Roger Eberling, 5075 Monument Avenue Stacyville, Lowell Tesch, Mike Juhl, Dave Juhl, Kevin Kirchgatter, M Lynn Kirchgatter, April Waldemar, Zach White, Kim Schwab, Ross Kuper. Auditor Foster explained her name is on there because she believes Urban Renewal Plan Amendment paperwork should be prepared by an attorney. Baer read the Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Kathy Showalter and Ron Fiscus discussed their part in making the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment happen. Cathy Penney and Keith Horgen suggest putting together a plan for the next twenty years if the new wind turbines are passed. The chair closed the public hearing at 10:23 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1215-24 approving the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Roll call vote: Frein, Hartogh, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson, Mayer nays.

The Board discussed the Town & Country Days request for funding but will discuss it next week after putting a Resolution together.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the In-Fill Lot Application for Susan Birkholz for \$10,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve Home Base Iowa Application for Goerge & Kaija Logue for \$1,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the Solar Project for St. Ansgar Secondary Roads shop. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition, and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, Hendrickson reported on Iowa Workforce, and Frein reported on Riceville Urban Renewal meeting. Received the Clerk of Court report for March in the amount of \$1,283.92. Received manure management plan updates from Iowa Egg Company and Iowa Select-Lipson Finisher Farm. Jerry Reshetar recommended looking for a long-term budget plan and future plans would come together.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors