

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Rich Brumm, Keith Horgen, Ashley Rosendahl, Megan Taets, Chuck Pajer, Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Tracey Church, Tony Reed, Sheila Kobliska, Cherry Doring, Kathy Huegel and Sammi Scharper. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the April 27th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve Resolution #1090-21 for the Proclamation of May 2021 as Mental Health Month in Mitchell County. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Attorney Walk has talked with the Conservation Board and they are wondering if the Board of Supervisors would approve Conservation to pre-sell some credits for the Wetland project and delay other projects so Conservation would not have to ask the Board for more money. This has been tabled until the June 1st meeting.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available for the meeting.

County Engineer Rich Brumm mentioned there will be a Highway 9 closer for a short time. The Balsam Avenue project will potentially be late season construction. Last week Brumm had the pre-construction with Henkel on the Bailey bridge, and they are anticipating late July construction.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1091-21 adding a 45 MPH speed limit sign north of Stacyville. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Tony Reed with Central Iowa Detention gave a presentation on their services. There is no fee to become a member with Central Iowa Detention and Mitchell County can keep our membership with North Iowa Juvenile Detention. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to request membership with Central Iowa Detention. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Laura Huisman and Jessa Ketelsen with Public Health gave an update on total number on Covid-19 cases, deaths, and positivity rate. Currently, 30% of Mitchell County has been vaccinated for Covid-19. Public Health is looking to close the vaccination site in June but will continue giving vaccines at their office.

Motion by Frein, second by Smolik to approve a \$500 donation to the St. Ansgar Ag and Horticulture Fair for St. Ansgar's Town and County Days celebration. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve Resolution #1092-21 authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of \$5,895,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same and approving an Escrow Agreement for the investment of bond proceeds. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1093-21 authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of \$2,220,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Waiver Request from North Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Board of Supervisors discussed the Temporary County Redistricting Commission. Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to have 5 members for that commission. Supervisor Wherry and Supervisor Smolik will find 3 members, while Supervisor Frein will find 2 members. There will be a resolution to approve the Temporary County Redistricting Commission at the next board meeting.

There was a lot of discussion on Electronic Time Clocks. Auditor Foster explained the ADP Investment Summary. There will be seven facial recognition time clocks added to all Secondary Roads locations, Conservation, and the Courthouse. The new time clocks are expected to be up and going by the beginning of July. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve ADP's electronic facial recognition time clock. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported of Substance Abuse Coalition and Public Health, and Hendrickson reported on Social Services. Smolik, Wherry and Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Burnett Nursery Unit and Erickson Sow/Litter. There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors