

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Ryan Stephen, Cathy Penney, Jenny Backer, Keith Pitzen, Aaron Murphy, Tom Rolfes, Keith Horgen, Rich Brumm, Amy Folkerts, Shannon Paulus, Seth Wengert, and Marc Borgman. 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 Wherry, second by Frein to table the minutes until week, to add all the names listed on the petition turned in last week. Roll call: Frein, Wherry, Hartogh, Hendrickson ayes, Mayer nay.

County Attorney Murphy discussed there is nothing wrong with adding the petition names to minutes, however it is not illegal if the names are not in the minutes.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Supervisor Wherry confirmed Healthy Harvest's budget request was in the budget for next fiscal year. Supervisor Frein read a letter that was sent to Attorney Murphy questioning if Frein and PlanScape Partners had a personal relationship. Frein stated the letter was unsigned and explained his father worked for the City of Osage for many years, as did Ron Fiscus and Kathy Showalter. Attorney Murphy stated there is no legal conflict of interest. Supervisor Mayer replied he was following up with an inquiry that he received from a taxpayer.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the insurance company came yesterday to review the salt shed, as the current one is no longer usable. Brumm is getting some quotes to replace the salt shed. Next week Brumm will bring a professional service agreement for some hydraulic reviews. Engineer Brumm is looking at what type of structures they can get in there for the two bridges on Indigo Avenue. Brumm said they are trying to update concrete aprons at the shop. Brumm has an invoice coming for a \$9,000 tool chest.

The chair opened the public hearing for FY24 Budget Amendment 9:00 a.m. Auditor Foster verified the public notice was published in the proper newspapers and available at the Auditor's Office. Supervisor Wherry verified the amendment has the full Courthouse bond payment coming from the TIF Fund. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:01 a.m.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve Appropriations Resolution #1216-24. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing for the River View Livestock Master Matrix at 9:15 a.m. Auditor Foster verified the public notice was published in the proper newspapers and available at the Auditor's Office. Supervisor Mayer stated they needed a score of 440, and their score was 500. Supervisor Frein asked Seth Wengert how they would get to the new building. Wengert replied with the same driveway currently there. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:17 a.m.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve River View Livestock Master Matrix. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Marc Borgman, supervisor at the Mason City Probation-Parole Office, explained their office is now being controlled by the state. Borgman went over the number of clients on supervision. Borgman discussed tablets that the prison in Fort Dodge and Newton are now using, that help incarcerated not only get help, but establish a contact for parole or probation officer.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1217-24 for St. Ansgar Community Chamber in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Auditor Foster went over the current fund status report and did not see a possible way to do an internal loan. Cathy Penney asked Foster about the different funds shown in the report. Penney also suggested using multiple local banks for the total \$4 million needed for the projects. Supervisor Mayer stated he felt he was misled by PlanScape Partners and with the amount of money we are spending. Supervisor Wherry did not agree. Supervisor Hendrickson suggests having John Danos at next week's meeting to discuss the next step. Treasurer Paulus has bank contacts for all the local banks.

Mayer reported on County Social Services, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, and Frein reported on Fair Board. Wherry and Hartogh had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Borderline Buildings LLC-Northeast Site, Borderline Buildings LLC-SW Site, Iowa Egg Company, Friesen 1 Site, Friesen 2 Site, Friesen 3 Site, and Friesen 4 Site. There were no public comments.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors