

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Caitlin Golle, Tom Rolfes, Connie Rosenberg, Jerry Reshetar, Sue Horgen, Julie Butler, Elton Butler, Deb Freeman, Max Brandau, Doug Campbell, Ashley Rosendahl, Judi Hamaker, and Mary Griffin. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> meetings and claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy was not available.

County Sheriff Beaver presented April fees in the amount of \$1,612.64. Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Hartogh asked about an update on the Riceville shooting, Beaver stated the case is at the County Attorney's Office and it will be a grand jury trial.

Supervisor Mayer stated the board proceedings and video will not be uploaded until tomorrow as Auditor Foster is out of the office today.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the DOT received salt bids for next year, decreased in price again and preorder 1,200 ton for next winter. Brumm is doing a safety action to receive federal grants. There is a meeting scheduled for October 17, 2024, in the board meeting. There is a bridge that is shared with Howard County that Brumm will have to reprogram next year. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve WHKS Service Agreement for two structure replacements on Indigo Avenue over drainage districts between 410<sup>th</sup> Street and 395<sup>th</sup> Street. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the Recorder's Monthly report for April in the amount of \$9,044.19. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the Treasurer's Monthly report for April in the amount of \$10,654.60. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Mayer believes there is enough money in LOSST to cover fixing Primrose Avenue and March Avenue on the west edge of Stacyville. Mayer would like to take care of the needs before the wants. Brumm discussed the farm-to-market funds that would need to pay for work being done and the City of Stacyville having to pay for the shared road. Supervisor Wherry agrees with Brumm. Engineer Brumm said the project is programmed for FY27, could possibly be moved up to FY26, but cannot be added to FY25. Supervisor Frein stated Iowa Select is not sure if they want the bridge on Primrose Avenue fixed because it is a low disease traffic area.

Last Wednesday, Attorney Murphy, Supervisor Wherry, Supervisor Hartogh, Heidi Kuhl and John Danos had a meeting to discuss the next step in the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Danos recommended an internal loan is possible, then a bank loan and then a bond. Heidi's role would be the fiscal agent and go through what financial avenues we have. Kuhl stated their fees are based off percentage, no more than 2%. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein approving Retaining Services from Northland Securities to Act as Placement Agent for Mitchell County. Roll call vote: Mayer, Hendrickson nays, Wherry, Hartogh, Frein ayes.

Supervisor Wherry put together paperwork to give to contractors for a uniform plan of what needs to be at the Kephart property. Wherry would like the property to look nice when it is all done. Supervisor Mayer does not think we need to pay someone to seed the property once it is cleaned. Mayer would like this to be done in house. Brumm explained if their department is helping, they would send an invoice for repayment to their department. The board is going to think about what they would like done and discuss further in the future.

Ashley Rosendahl explained the juvenile department is hard to predict what is going to happen throughout the year. Rosendahl would like to amend the budget if the juvenile was to stay in detention through the rest of the fiscal year. Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to set public hearing for the FY24 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Deb Freeman read a letter that she wrote in support of local government protection. A petition was turned in stating "The signatures below represent concerned landowners, taxpayers, and citizens of Mitchell County impacted by the proposed CO2 pipeline. Hazardous liquid pipelines present well-founded and well-grounded concerns to our personal and public safety, as well as business and personal responsibilities. Such projects will also add enormous expense to the county and damage our roads, among other concerns. The county can adopt a planning & zoning ordinance to address these concerns. We, the undersigned, want county supervisors to adopt an ordinance that will protect our homes, our land, our livelihoods, our quality of life and the future impact on our property taxes. A hazardous pipeline ordinance benefits the people of this county – please adopt a Hazardous Pipeline Ordinance". Supervisor Mayer and Supervisor Hendrickson agree that the board needs to act. Freeman provided sample letters and ordinances that the board could go. Margaret Mayer is concerned for public safety, water use, and eminent domain. Mayer asked the board who would send an objection to the IUB, Mayer yes, Hendrickson yes, Hartogh nodded, Frein has an open mind, and Wherry stated there are two sides. Mayer supplied the board with examples of objections to send to IUB board. Lisa Ritzert spoke against the pipeline via "Go to Meeting". Supervisor Mayer would like to add a letter to the IUB for eminent domain to next week's agenda.

Wherry reported on NIACOG, and Mark reported on Heartland Insurance. Hartogh, Mayer, and Frein had nothing to report. Deb Freeman asked if there is interest on internal loans, Wherry responded that interest can be paid, and it is a benefit to the fund that is borrowing the money. There were no public comments.

Hendrickson recessed at 9:48 a.m.

Henrickson returned from recess at 10:00 a.m.

Judi Hamaker with Heartland Insurance went over the background to make changes where the Counties can help with the pool. Mary Griffin from Holmes Murphy went over rate changes. There are large increases in property and inland marine. They will send out auto schedules to Conservation to make sure everything is correct. Mitchell County has until the end of May to make any changes. Heartland will start providing budget numbers at the end of the calendar year. The County can implement multi-factor authentication by July 1<sup>st</sup> for a cheaper rate. Hamaker discussed the different trainings that will be available.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

---

Lindsay Uhlenhopp – Mitchell County Deputy Auditor

---

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors