

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Aaron Murphy, Jarod Gasteiger, Greg Beaver, Mike Miner, Rich Brumm, Laura Huisman, Jessa Ketelsen, Jenny Backer, Marcia Mork, and Jathan Chicoine. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the May 16th meeting and claims. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy suggested not setting the rates for the Carpenter sewer until next if the Ordinance is passed.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the Sheriff Report for April in the amount of \$14,691.50. Beaver stated at the Stacyville night in park in July, there will be an emergency vehicle appearance.

Mike Miner gave a Conservation update that included the Mountain Goats expanding trails to make ten miles worth. Miner said the Wetlands project is moving along, and they are hiring a Conservation tech. Director Miner gave a Mitchell Dam update and stated on June 29th they will be having a grand water opening. Miner explained two endangered wood turtles were found in Mitchell County.

County Engineer Rich Brumm will be paying for a new motor grader from CAT after July 1st. Brumm will be getting a quote for a skid loader for the next fiscal year, as well as a mower. Engineer Brumm will send out the rock run this week for quotes. With the grant they are applying for, the County will need a 28E agreement with the City of Stacyville for that construction project.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. for Ordinance #59 to amend Ordinance #54, which amended Ordinance #39, by deleting and replacing Article II, Section 2. The chair confirmed the public notice was published and the Ordinance was available at the Auditor's Office. All supervisors have received some comments from the public. Jarod Gasteiger discussed his opinions and asked if the board would be willing to meet with the City of Carpenter's city council. After much discussion on what the fees were used to pay, and the possible rate increase, the public hearing was closed at 9:16 a.m.

There was no motion for the consideration of the first reading of Ordinance #59.

Jathan Chicoine discussed Home Base Iowa and how Mitchell County started the process. Mitchell County signed a resolution in 2014 in support of creating a Home Base Iowa Community. The County will check the

resources we have available to see what needs to be done to complete the process of becoming a Home Base Iowa Community.

Jenny Backer discussed a new construction loan program through MCEDC. The loan could be anywhere from \$2,000 to \$20,000. For more information, contact MCEDC. Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to approve the new construction loan program. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry for MCEDC to amend the wording for the speculative building loan program to encompass the construction loan program. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve two In-Fill Lot Applications for Duane Ramker for \$10,000 and Ben Winters for \$10,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve the FY24 Mitchell County Staffing Amendment. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve Wapsi Days Funding request in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the new security system upgrade. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Hartogh reported on Conservation, Mayer reported on North Iowa Community Action, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, and Frein reported on Fair Board, and MCEDC. Wherry had nothing to report. Received the Clerk of Court report for April in the amount of \$1,915.96. Received manure management plan updates from Ruehlow III Site, and Ruehlow I Site. Supervisor Mayer explained why he voted no to the County budget.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors