

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Casey Ketelsen, Tracy Church, Dana Norby, Adam Shirley, Kara Trettin, Jackie Armstrong, Gary Levinson, Gary Kuper and Randy Conrad. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve the minutes of the May 25th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Walk stated they are waiting for the Magistrate to make a ruling on the Kephart case, but Walk will update as soon as he hears. Mayer asked about adding the Osage Daycare property to the Urban Renewal Area and why it had not been done in the past.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

County Engineer Rich Brumm mentioned grading projects will begin within a week. Brumm stated the pad is done for now for the new County Maintenance Garage. Paving will begin on Foothill Avenue early to mid-next week. Brumm will check into dust control for detour routes for Foothill Avenue. Brumm said the Title IV meeting went well, and there will be a link added to the County website for information in the future. 10-hour days will begin for Secondary Roads next week.

There was much discussion on the Wetland Mitigation Project. Jackie Armstrong mentioned how wonderful this project would be for the community. Tracy Church suggested the revenue be put towards the Conservation for recreational purpose. Gary Kuper would like the supervisors to keep control of the money so it can be spent efficiently. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the Wetland Mitigation Project. Roll call vote: Wherry and Frein ayes, Smolik, Mayer and Hendrickson nays. Motion by Mayer to approve the Wetland Mitigation Project, where Conservation will pay back the costs of the project and the rest of the revenue will be split between the County and Conservation. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve \$242,000 for Conservation for the Wetland Mitigation Project and for Conservation to repay the General Fund. Amended motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve the Wetland Mitigation Project for the initial cost of construction being paid from the General Fund and the initial revenue will repay the construction costs. Roll call vote: Frein, Hendrickson, Mayer and Wherry ayes, Smolik nay.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve a firework's permit to Flashing Thunder to be displayed on August 6 & 7, 2021 and September 16, 2021. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Amanda Jacobs as the Planning & Zoning/Sanitarian employee, she will begin on June 7, 2021, with a starting pay of \$15/hour. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the liquor license for Acorn Park & Golf Recreation. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition and Public Health and Hendrickson reported on County Social Services. Wherry, Smolik and Frein had nothing to report. To be noted that \$30,000 be transferred from General Basic Fund to the Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund, and \$643,526.50 to be transferred from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund. Received a Manure Management Plan update from Valley Finisher Farm. There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors