

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Aaron Murphy, Brian Lynch, Rich Brumm, Keith Horgen, Jenny Backer, Amanda Baer, Greg Beaver, and Randy Conrad. 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 Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the June 6th, June 7th, and June 9th meetings and claims. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy said the deposition in Des Moines did not happen last week, but they are going to try again at the end of the month. Murphy will start working on paperwork for a street vacation in Little Cedar. Supervisor Hendrickson asked about having a moratorium on pipelines in the County. Sheriff Beaver said there needs to be clarity, as they will have to write citations if there are complaints from homeowners wanting someone off their property. Supervisor Frein stated the pipeline company is willing to work with citizens to make this happen. Amanda Baer thought there must be a pipeline inspector and believes that is the County's responsibility.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the Sheriff Report for May in the amount of \$2,595.10. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Supervisor Wherry received a call about the property in New Haven, which Beaver will check to see if any items are in the right-of-way. Supervisor Mayer received a complaint about grass clippings on the road.

Brian Lynch discussed the celebration Valent BioSciences is having on June 24, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Valent will be donating eighteen solar panels to the Osage Community School District. Lynch was asking for a couple road closures to keep traffic out during the celebration hours.

County Engineer Rich Brumm had the preconstruction meeting on Balsam Avenue. The project will start traffic control on June 21, 2023, and hope to be completed by August 7, 2023. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve the professional services agreement with WHKS for project Rock I-232 Bridge on Echo Avenue over Rock Creek north of State Highway 9. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Auditor Foster asked to have a restriction removed from the County's Solution's account, which was denied. Supervisor Mayer and Supervisor Hendrickson attended the Carpenter City Council meeting and the City of Carpenter will write a check to the County to fulfill the reserve account. The City of Carpenter would like to receive monthly detailed transactions.

Supervisor Wherry and Attorney Murphy discussed Will Bartz wanting to purchase property located by the Cedar River. After discussion, the board agreed that Mr. Bartz will have to get some information figured out if he is the one wanting to purchase property.

Jenny Backer described updating the Mitchell County Economic Development Speculative Building Loan Program Agreement to include the new construction program. Backer stated there have been many applicants looking for assistance. Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the modification to the Mitchell County Economic Development Speculative Building Loan Program Agreement. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Upper Cedar Watershed, and Mitchell Soil & Water District, Hendrickson reported on Iowa Workforce, and Frein reported on Fair Board. Hartogh and Mayer had nothing to report. If there is any interest in the housing seminar that took place, MCEDC can provide anyone with the recording of the meeting.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors