

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Justin Trees, Ashlie Sveum, Jenny Backer, Rich Brumm, Tom Rolfes, Keith Horgen, Hannah Elliott, Aaron Murphy, Mike Miner, and Amanda Baer. 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 Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the June 9th meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy stated Joe Gamble will look at the cupola paperwork and would charge the rate he charges Heartland Insurance.

County Sheriff Trees presented his fees collected for May in the amount of \$2,407.35. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the Sheriff Report for May. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was discussion on having the cupola fixed so it doesn't leak, and having it built like the blueprints show. Mike Miner provided a Conservation update after their monthly meeting last week. Miner discussed campground renovations, the water trail wrapping up by July 14th, and equipment purchases/orders. Miner said they went into closed session on a possible land acquisition. Frein inquired about the poles at two poles.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on Addison Avenue. Brumm said two bridges made the semifinals for the grant. Engineer Brumm is working on evaluating roads for the 60-mph speed change.

Amanda Baer provided an update on Sanitation department. Baer gave a well update and septic update. Baer signed a 3-year intergovernmental contract with the DNR for annual pumper inspections. Radon kits are available for \$10. Baer went over updating her job description and title with the state alignment. Beginning FY27, water tests will cost \$40 now that the state has changed the funding.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve Clerk of Court Report for May in the amount of \$3,583.41. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Hannah Elliott stated Jessica Hertel has started as her part-time clerk. The state changed the vital records fee to \$20 per copy. Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve Recorder's Report for May in the amount of \$7,614.26. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to pay the final Fidar payment out of the Recorder's budget. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve Library Contract for FY27 in the amount of \$183,936. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1365-26 Setting Township Clerk & Trustee Pay. Roll call vote: Frein, Hartogh, Wherry, Marzen aye, Hendrickson abstained.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1366-26 Transfer from General Basic Fund to Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was discussion on Text my Gov and how much it is utilized within the County. There is a sixty-day written notice, and Wherry would like to see if we can prorate the amount to just pay for the 60 days. No action was taken and the board will discuss more next week after Murphy has a chance to look at the contract.

Frein reported on FMC-ECI, and Marzen reported on Conservation and Board of Health. Wherry, Hartogh, and Hendrickson had nothing to discuss. Wherry and Marzen suggested constituents should visit the new Historical Society building. Ashlie Sveum asked if the test results are available to the public. Both radon and water tests are available by visiting Amanda Baer in her office.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors