

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Wherry, Smolik, Mayer and Hendrickson present, Frein was absent. Also present were Casey Ketelsen, Rich Brumm, Keith Horgen, Greg Beaver, Shannon Paulus, Adam Shirley, Chuck Pajer and Randy Conrad. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the June 15th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Walk stated he received a question regarding the Dr. Haganman case. If Haganman was to win his case against the MCRHC, would the taxpayers be held responsible if there was not enough MCRHC insurance to cover the costs? Walk is looking for some clarification from MCRHC's attorney. Attorney Walk suggested if the County wanted to abandon a road, they should talk with the property owners first. Walk mentioned there has not been a ruling from the magistrate on the Kephart case.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his report of fees collected for May for a total of \$5,529.94. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve the Sheriff's Report for May. All voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated they will be having ads in the newspaper for the Weed Commissioner position. Brumm stated they paved up to Cedar Village late yesterday and hoped to have the paving all done by the end of the day Thursday.

Iowa DOT is creating a new intersection by Floyd and requested an emergency detour route through Mitchell County. Motion by Mayer, second by Smolik to approve the Incident Bypass Detour Agreement. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve road closure east of 12th Street, along 13th Street until Liberty Drive in Osage during the Mitchell County Fair Fireworks on August 6th & 7th. Roll call vote: all voted aye. If the City of Osage needs additional barricades, the County will assist with that.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Smolik to approve a Firework's Permit to Nathan Bye to be displayed on July 4, 2021, Kittleson Family Heritage Farm to be displayed on July 30-31, 2021, and Joel Nickerson to be displayed on July 2, 2021, July 4th 2021 and July 24, 2021. Roll call voted: all voted aye.

There was discussion on having department head meetings twice a year, and more if needed. An item will be added to the agenda every week, that allows for any department head discussion.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to rescind the motion on the Comp Time Policy that was approved June 15, 2021. Roll call voted: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve the Employee Comp Time Policy with no reference to an end date and allows employees to have a maximum of 80 hours. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Auditor Foster informed the Board of Supervisors that the terms of the two individuals they select for the compensation board are up at the end of June. Smolik and Hendrickson will contact the current appointees to see if they will continue serving on the board.

Supervisor Wherry gave an update on the County Home. They are currently removing the asbestos, which could take up to 10 days.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve \$500 donation to the Riceville Community Club. This money will be put towards the Wapsipinicon Festival. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on a webinar on the American Rescue Plan Act and Smolik reported on FMC Early Childhood. Mayer and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Received a Manure Management Plan updates from Ruehlow I Site, Ruehlow III Site and Primrose Sow/Litter. Received the May Clerk of Court's Report in the amount of \$1,810.46. Treasurer Paulus updated on the tax sale.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors