

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Tracy Scharper, Paul Boerjan, Keith Horgen, Charlie Pajer, Randy Conrad, Penney Morse, Greg Beaver, Dave Falk, Jim Koenigs, Caitlin Golle, Steve Eastman, and Ashley Conger. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Smolik, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the June 28th meetings minute. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy discussed the new state law that opens ATV use up. Murphy is waiting for an office in Des Moines to give some direction on the ordinance Mitchell County had in effect.

County Sheriff Beaver expanded on his interpretation of the new ATV state law. Beaver explained how the Sheriff's Office has not been reimbursed properly for room and board since February. Beaver is working with Murphy to resolve; the issue may resolve with a state audit being done.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave a Hickory Avenue update. Brumm is expecting a pre-construction meeting for Kirkwood Avenue this week. Engineer Brumm received preliminary plans on Highway 105. Supervisor Smolik had a call from a farmer with questions to the weeds that need to be eradicated on his property. Supervisor Hendrickson asked about an update on a culvert on Timber Avenue north of 490th Street.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on Ringneck LLC Maser Matrix. The Chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. Wherry, Hendrickson and Frein received phone calls with some concerns to the manure management plan. Penney Morse was not against the master matrix being turned in but asked for the supervisors to support putting a pause on new farms. Steve Eastman and Ashley Conger showed concerns of the driveway location with traffic. The public hearing was closed at 9:16 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve the Ringneck LLC Master Matrix. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve the In-Fill Lot application for LR Builders at 810 Main Street, Osage. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was discussion to continue offering an In-Fill Lot program. Board of Supervisors will wait to see what happens if more applications are turned in.

Auditor Foster discussed items that have been in storage for a while that need to go to free up space. Motion by Smolik, second by Hendrickson to approve a silent auction at the Courthouse on July 26, 2022. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Substance Abuse Coalition, and Frein reported on Mitchell County Economic Development Commission. Wherry, Smolik, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Happy Pork Inc, Liberty South Finisher Farm, Liberty West Finisher Farm, Jenkins South Finisher Farm, Liberty East Finisher Farm, Iowa Select-Johnson Tip 6 Nursery Unit, and Iowa Select-Kiss/Tip 13 Wean Finish. Dave Falk stated there is a group of concerned citizens that are meeting at Conservation on July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 09:52 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Michael Mayer – Chair Board of Supervisors