

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Pat Mackin, Keith Horgen, Justin Trees, Aaron Murphy, Rich Brumm, Ashlie Sveum, Jenny Backer, Steve Eastman, and Mike Miner. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve the minutes of the July 14th & July 17th meetings. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Trees presented the Sheriff Report for June in the amount of \$9,052.02. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the Sheriff Report for June. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mike Miner provided an update on Conservation after their board meeting last week. Conservation has hired two new employees, received quotes for Otranto Park, and they are wrapping up on the water trail project. Miner stated they reviewed rental equipment that will be paid for by a grant. Parks are back open after the flooding. Supervisor Hartogh reminded the public that the Treasurer's Office will be closed on July 28th for training. Hartogh also suggested emailing the Planning & Zoning applications to the board as they come in. Supervisor Marzen is going to have the website updated to reflect the correct phone numbers for Planning & Zoning & Sanitation questions.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on Addison Avenue. Brumm said the crews are mostly caught up from the flooding. Brumm is working on the annual report and spacing for updated signs. Engineer Brumm is looking at projects for next fiscal year.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1375-26 Setting a Public Hearing for Ordinance 65, entitled an Ordinance Amending Mitchell County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 17) and Mitchell County Zoning Map by Revising Zoning for Parcel 06-23-100-004 from Agricultural District to Heavy Industrial District for August 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Contract for Payment in Addition to Taxes and have Board of Supervisors and Simple Mining sign for parcel 10-25-100-013. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve Tobacco Permit Application for Oboon2 Inc./Mona Tobacco. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The board is waiting on proof of insurance for fireworks permits for Deanna Eastman.

Supervisor Wherry discussed using NIACOG for services while waiting to hire a Planning & Zoning Administrator. John Robbins would not charge for every phone call he takes. Robbins would not be able to cover basic daily operations of the office, public facing work, or general paperwork and process work. Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve NIACOG Proposal for Planning & Zoning Services with a billing rate of \$65 per hour and billed on a monthly basis. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Frein, Wherry aye, Hendrickson, Marzen nay.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1376-26 Contract for Services with Riceville Community Club for \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to set public hearing date for FY27 Budget Amendment for August 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on North Iowa Juvenile Detention, Hartogh reported on NIACOG, Upper Wapsi Watershed, FMC Landfill, and Supervisors Meeting in Des Moines, and Marzen reported on Heartland Insurance Training. Frein and Hendrickson had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors