

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Rich Brumm, Casey Ketelsen, Greg Beaver, Keith Horgen, Shannon Paulus, and Dave Hartogh. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the agenda with adding the approval of a fireworks permit. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #54 on September 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Smolik to approve Resolution #1101-21 to set a Public Hearing for Abandonment and Conveyance of Bridle Avenue for September 7, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Walk discussed appointing a new County Attorney. Walk mentioned the Turtle Creek wind turbines taxes will go to the TIF fund next year. Walk stated the County will be sending a letter to Carpenter residents informing them of the rate increase. Attorney Walk also suggested discussing the building application and to resubmit to the City of Osage right away. Walk said there was a letter sent regarding a weed ordinance violation, but he has had no response. Wherry will look today and update at the next meeting if the County needs to proceed.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his report of fees collected for July for a total of \$15,667.35. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the Sheriff's Report for July. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Beaver does not have an update on the skull that was found near Mitchell. Sheriff Beaver stated the last celebration for the summer is this weekend in Carpenter. Beaver mentioned the Sheriff's Office would like to take department photos in October. Wherry stated Midwest Engineering would be coming Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to start the initial process of the HVAC project.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the roadway striping's should begin tomorrow. Brumm stated there was a bridge pour going on this morning on Underwood Avenue. Secondary Roads is waiting on a 10-foot section pipe to replace the cattle crossing by Sportsman's. Brumm reported the fabric on the salt shed in Osage is getting old and grungy. The tubing that supports is starting to rust on the bottom. Secondary Roads are receiving quotes to

either get a new structure with concrete walls for the salt shed in Osage or just put a new tarp on it. Brumm mentioned the Main-to-Main Marathon is this weekend. An update on Hickory and Kirkwood Avenue was given, with decisions that need to be made based on where the money will come from to pay for the project. Brumm stated they will be looking for a Foreman's truck, motor grader and some miscellaneous equipment. Brumm mentioned they are going to set up an interview for the Weed Commissioner, and is expecting another application as well.

Casey Ketelsen discussed the possibility of having a shared IT Director with the City of Osage. The IT Director would not be receiving a pay increase, but a small percentage of the wage would be paid by the City of Osage. Ketelsen will work with the City of Osage on how they would like to proceed.

Dave Hartogh reviewed the Merv 13 ARPA Project and how this will provide cleaner air and better air flow. Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve the Merv 13 ARPA Project. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve a firework's permit to Joel Nickerson to be displayed on August 20, 2021, or August 21, 2021. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Second Judicial, Mayer reported on Conservation, Smolik reported on FMC Landfill and North Iowa Long Term Disaster Recovery meeting, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Frein had nothing to report. Karen Damjanovic stated they stopped spraying weeds near their house and requested they complete this.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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James Wherry – Vice Chair Board of Supervisors