

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

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Max Brandau, Karen Brandau, Ron Gasteiger, Diane Gasteiger, Jerry Reshetar, Keith Horgen, Ross Grafft, Judy Thurnau, Pam Marzen, Amanda Baer, Mike Gerdts, Sue Horgen, Margaret Meyer, Cathy Penney, Jenny Backer, Deb Freeman, Brock Waters, Penney Morse, John Walker, Lowell Tesch, Ryan Stephen, Aaron Murphy, and Dee Urbatsch. 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 Mayer, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and claims. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Supervisor Wherry asked for an update on the Osage Co-op Elevator paperwork, Auditor Foster will check with Dorsey. Supervisor Mayer discussed the neighboring properties of the Kephart property and would like to split and purchase the Kephart property after it is cleaned up.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the walls for the salt shed are up and expects the hoop building to be up the first or second week of September. Brumm stated the rock run is finishing up. Brumm and Mike Miner had cut down some wildflowers that were overgrown to help with visibility at Riverside Park. Supervisor Frein thanked Brumm for cleaning up 430<sup>th</sup> Street and Underwood Avenue.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to retain ISG for Agricultural Inspection Services for the proposed east to west lateral and utilize both documents with docket numbers. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve Council of Government's services to help with the wind ordinance for \$3,500 plus mileage. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussion on the supervisor's compensation board representatives. Three board members sought out individuals that would be interested. Cathy Penney suggested having the individuals interested give a reason why they are interested. The board wants to table this discussion until next week.

Supervisor Wherry explained the ARPA dollars need to be committed by the end of 2024. There is roughly \$114k remaining in the ARPA fund, with approximately \$84k of retainage and \$6,300 left in consulting services. Wherry suggested the board think of projects to spend the remaining \$24k so the County would not have to send the money back.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Eminent Domain Resolution #1242-24. Wherry explained he is not in favor of eminent domain; however, he would like the resolution updated to correct Iowa Utilities Board to Iowa Utilities Commission. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to amend Resolution #1242-24 to state Iowa Utilities Commission. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Recently the City of Osage purchased 607 and 609 Main Street and they are asking for their taxes to be abated. Auditor Foster said there are three small properties that have an owner of unknown. Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve tax abatement numbers 347,348, 349, 350, and 351. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on ISAC, Hartogh reported on ISAC, and Frein reported on FMC DECAT and FMC Early Childhood. Mayer and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Received a manure management plan update from Double K Farming. Keith Horgen stated he believes the state is taking away any control the County has. Lisa Ritzert spoke online that she agrees with Keith and believes the board should not just sit back, they should represent their people. Lisa added there are 0% voluntary easements in Mitchell County. Ritzert is not in favor of ISG. Penne Morse, Deb Freeman, and Margaret Mayer thanked the board for passing the eminent domain resolution.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors