

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Wherry, Mayer, Hendrickson present, and Hartogh available on "Go to Meeting". Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Kathy Showalter, Jason Penfold, Aaron Murphy, Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Rich Brumm, Greg Beaver, Kaylee Langrell, Amy Folkerts, Galen Barker, Audrey Barker, Chad Halbach, Karl Fox, Adam Norby, and Lindsay Uhlenhopp. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the August 22nd meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy is working on paperwork to vacate a property in Little Cedar, conveying a property to the County, and paperwork for an Ordinance.

Sheriff Beaver stated the County will be seeing a bill for roughly \$6,300 for an inmate. Beaver explained Gilmore plead guilty to second degree murder, after blessings from the family. The sentencing date for Gilmore is set for October 16, 2023, in Mitchell County.

Paul Boerjan talked about combining a server for the Sheriff and Courthouse, with the server being replaced for free. Auditor Foster stated there is a Secretary of State training at the CRC tomorrow, with a few Mitchell County employees participating.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave an update on the Hwy 105 bridge. Brumm said the Balsam Avenue project is officially done. Engineer Brumm stated a few guys will be at farm safety tomorrow at the Fairgrounds. Supervisor Hendrickson asked Brumm to about Hwy 105 where it is eroding.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve a liquor license for Otter Creek Orchard. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. on the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Supervisor Wherry confirmed the public notice was published and the Amendment was available at the Auditor's Office. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 8:46 a.m.

Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1188-23 for 2023 Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:51 a.m. for the Development Agreement Between Mitchell County and A to Z Drying, Inc. Supervisor Wherry confirmed the public notice was published and the Agreement was available at the Auditor's Office. No oral or written comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 8:52 a.m.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1189-23 for the Development Agreement Between Mitchell County and A to Z Drying, Inc. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve Resolution #1190-23 to Sign IEDA Contract for Financial Assistance to A to Z Drying, Inc. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve letters of support for the Fair Board. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to approve Tax Abatement #340 for the City of St. Ansgar in the amount of \$926.00. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Tax Abatement #341 for the City of Stacyville in the amount of \$2,088.00. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Laura Huisman gave a financial update for Home Health/Public Health. Huisman stated all their positions have been filled that were open. Huisman described the new electronic visit program. Huisman discussed grants, explained the alignment assessment, and went over census numbers. Jessa Ketelsen went over numbers, new vaccine for COVID, and RSV vaccines. Ketelsen explained the State of Iowa Bridge program. Ketelsen said the immunization report was submitted and went over investigations.

Kylee Langrell went over the misconceptions of the Carbon Summit Pipeline project. Langrell stated land agents should be reaching out to landowners. No one has signed on, as negotiations take a while. Langrell is not sure when the Iowa Utilities Board will begin meetings. Langrell is going to try and plan quarterly meetings for updates.

Items of Note: Mayer reported on Public Health, and Frein reported on Mitchell County Economic Development. Wherry, Hartogh, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors

Lindsay Uhlenhopp – Mitchell County Deputy Auditor