

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Laura Huisman, Dennis Boerjan, Jerry Reshestar, Rich Brumm, Lowell Tesch, Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Deb Freeman, Cathy Penney, Tom Rolfes, Ryan Stephen, Jenny Backer, Steve Norby, Keith Horgen, Matt Pitzen, Megan Taets, Amanda Baer, Deb Nicklay, Cal Nicklay, Krista Koschmeder, Lori Mork, Deb Gage, and Jim Krebsbach. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the September 3rd meeting and claims. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy discussed the preservation hold on opioid documents after receiving an email regarding the opioid settlement. The letter instructing the preservation hold on documents was sent in April of 2018. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to have the County Attorney report what he thinks the approximate date the County was instructed to preserve documents. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to discuss. Deb Freeman asked Sheriff Beaver if he was aware residents that do not want a survey done for the pipeline are instructed to call the Sheriff.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated they are doing crack sealing around Osage and Hwy 105. The salt shed is prepped whenever the contractor shows up. Brumm received communication that the DOT is planning in FY26 for cold recycling Hwy 9 from Primrose east to Riceville. Engineer Brumm would like to have the 18 intersections on that project paved the extra 40-50 feet to align with what has been done in the past. St. Ansgar shop solar panels are up.

Amanda Baer discussed the wind ordinance contract needed to be signed for Council of Governments to begin their work. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve wind ordinance contract. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Krista Koschmeder with the Mitchell County Historical Society gave a presentation. Koschmeder gave an update on the project that is happening with the new museum building. Dennis Boerjan stated thirty percent of the building has been paid for, and they are looking at fundraising for the remaining amount. The plan is to have the building complete by August 2025 for the Power & Steam Show.

There was discussion on the JCI Proposal for a new panic system in the Social Service/Public Health building and for the Clerk of Court. The board will discuss next week after looking into how many panic buttons are needed.

Supervisor Hartogh explained Solutions wanting a letter that states Mitchell County will hold Solutions harmless from any ethical issue or possible embezzlement. Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve proposed services by Solutions. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mr. Auto completed the project on the Kephart property. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve payment on Kephart property. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for August in the amount of \$7,076,570.00. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report for August in the amount of \$7,793.52. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Wherry provided a HVAC update. Wherry discussed a possible rebate that is available. After discussion, Wherry will find out a couple answers and discuss next week.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to set a budget amendment public hearing for October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve Compensation Board Resolution #1243-24. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on NIACOG Executive Committee, Mayer reported on County Social Services, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services. Frein reported on Community Collaboration Meeting, and Fair Board. Hartogh had nothing to report. Auditor Foster explained absentee ballot request forms being sent out from different parties and organizations do not have postage paid for on them, and requests voters look at their mailing prior to putting in the mail. Deb Freeman reminded the board of the pipeline meetings happening in the area. Matt Pitzen stated there is a lot of interest in the Kephart property. Supervisor Wherry stated if any entity is interested in the panic button system, they would be able to purchase some licenses from the County.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors