

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Rebekah Barr, Justin Trees, Rich Brumm, Aaron Murphy, Pat Mackin, Thomas Bean, and Paige Martin. 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 Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the September 15th meeting. Roll call: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Trees presented his fees collected in August. Motion by Hartogh, second by Marzen to approve Sheriff Report for August in the amount of \$10,693.53. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Supervisor Wherry stated Conservation is a dangerous spot for a deputy to stand to direct traffic during cross country events. Trees will reach out to the school for some recommendations.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated the new trucks are out a few months.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1393-26 for Second-Tier Canvass of votes from September 8, 2026, Special Election. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to Amend Contract for Payment in Addition to Taxes (PIATT) with Simple Mining, LLC for parcel 10-25-400-013. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve 2026 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to accept resignation from Paige Martin, with the last day being September 23rd. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Marzen thanked Martin for working intensively in that office. Marzen would like to wait a week before posting for that position, to see if another department could absorb the work. In the interim, Marzen will answer questions for that office.

John Robbins with NIACOG was available “Go to Meeting” to provide an update on the solar ordinance. Robbins said the Planning & Zoning Commission has had extensive educational workshops where they have pulled a lot of examples from the state and pieced together an ordinance. The board discussed the moratorium for the solar ordinance was approved on November 12, 2025, and that was good for nine months. Wherry will get with Attorney Murphy to see about extending the moratorium.

Wherry reported on Mitchell Soil & Water District, Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance, and Marzen reported on Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition, and Planning & Zoning Commission. Hartogh and Frein had nothing to report. There were no public comments.

Frein adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors