

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Deb Freeman, Keith Horgen, Jenny Backer, Rich Brumm, Jackie Armstrong, Max Brandau, Karen Brandau, Caitlin Golle, and Gary Levinson. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with a correction on the minutes to add claims being approved. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy prepared paperwork for Ordinance #60. Murphy said the County holds the tax certificate on Kephart's property. Supervisor Wherry asked if there is anything we can do as we cannot get into certain websites.

Sheriff Beaver stated there is a hearing on October 13<sup>th</sup> for the citation that Kephart received. Beaver had a call from a concerned citizen on 465<sup>th</sup> Street and Kirkwood Avenue. Brumm stated there is a lighted stop sign and rumble strips.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm asked if the board wanted additional signs in Mona. Brumm said they will set beams on Friday for the Highway 105 bridge. The completion date for the Highway 105 bridge is set for mid-November depending on the weather. The paint crew is done in Mitchell County. The crews are out working on concrete patching. North 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Osage had some work done to hold over until construction in two years. St. Ansgar will be concrete patching by the lagoons before winter. Brumm is having a miscellaneous quote put together for asphalt.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the donation of sixteen vacation hours and twenty-four vacation hours. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the IT Director position. Supervisor Wherry would like to use a vendor and try to save the County money. Others suggested having someone onsite. Wherry is going to have Solutions work on the red items on the ICIT assessment. Supervisor Hendrickson is going to try and contact the previous IT Director to get some passwords.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1194-23 to set the public hearing date for Ordinance #60 for October 17, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The Board of Supervisors gave an update on the Carpenter Wastewater. There are currently three bills being held due to the lack of Carpenter residents paying their sewer bill. The total amount of those bills is \$4,148.89.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve Hendrickson and Mayer as Supervisor HR's for six months. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Wherry stated an item has been ordered for the Courthouse HVAC.

Deb Freeman provided ordinance examples for set back rules for the hazardous pipeline.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Mitchell County Water & Soil District and Home Base Iowa Ceremony, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services and Frein reported on FMC DECAT. Hartogh and Mayer had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Hemann East Finisher Farm, Fred Koschmeder, Mosher Ridge, and Jonas Z. Leid. Keith Horgen asked what Ordinance #60 does; Wherry explained this is the next step to fulfill the County's tax rebate agreement with A to Z Drying, Inc. Max Brandau stated the proposed pipeline is coming between his residence and a close neighbor, and the talk about setbacks are important to him.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors