

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Brian Lynch, Rich Brumm, Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Brock Waters, Jenny Backer, Russ Brandau, Ashley Rosendahl, Megan Taets, Keith Horgen, and Mike Miner. 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 Hartogh to approve the minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

Sheriff Beaver reported his fees collected for September in the amount of \$2,237.33. Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve the Sheriff Report for September. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Rich Brumm stated that Melissa was having issues with Microsoft, and he will be contacting Solutions. Supervisor Wherry read a letter that was received from the Governor.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave a Hwy 105 bridge update and said they have an aggressive update to the schedule. Brumm will be traveling to Cerro Gordo County for another RAISE grant opportunity. Brumm discussed bridge inspections that will be happening. Engineer Brumm stated there are some items they will have for sale, and he needs to get those published in the paper. Supervisor Frein asked about the erosion matting down on Golf Course Road.

Brian Lynch discussed the DNR report that was completed on Valent. There is an inspection that is completed every two to three years. Valent has been completing extra sampling and will begin submitting all those samples. The report had minor observations. Valent came up with a compliance schedule. Valent's philosophy is to be honest and up front. Valent is done with all the recommendations and will submit a response by the end of the week.

Supervisor Wherry had Solutions begin working on items from the audit that was done. Wherry spoke with Joel Rohne and it was suggested to hold off on some items until an IT Director has been hired. Hendrickson and Mayer are working on a job description to send to Rohne for review. Solutions has been able to get into all necessary systems.

Supervisor Wherry stated Rick Bodensteiner will no longer be on the comp board. Wherry has spoken with Joel Voaklander and he is interested in being a member of the compensation board.

Megan Taets explained the changes in the 28E Agreement with County Social Services. There were changes to the language to add Health and Human Services, and legislation changed the make up the governing board to only allow 49% to be elected officials. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the 28E agreement with County Social Services. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the Auditor's Quarterly report in the amount of \$5,838.00 for quarter ending September 30, 2023. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the unemployment claim. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Mayer received a call about having public hunting grounds at the Wetland. Mike Miner stated per the Wetland Ordinance, this is to come to the Conservation Board.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on HVAC progress meeting, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Hartogh, Mayer, and Frein had nothing to report. Received a manure management plan update from Merten Farms. Jenny Backer stated MCEDC will be having a lunch and learn next Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for Childcare Solutions in Mitchell County.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors