

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Caitlin Golle, Max Brandau, Karen Brandau, Deb Freeman, Keith Horgen, Mike Miner, Tom Rolfes, Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Rich Brumm, Ryan Stephen, Diane Gasteiger, Ron Gasteiger, Penne Morse, Jerry Reshetar, and Amanda Baer. 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 Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the October 8th meeting. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver thanked the Conservation mechanic for getting their Tahoe up and running again.

Mike Miner gave a brief update after the Conservation board meeting last week. The Historic Oaks Wildlife is open, and the dam repair continues. Miner discussed the grant agreements, and stated there was a bike trail update and provided a park closure update.

Miner provided a Conservation annual update. There was a large transformation due to the threat of Emerald Ash Borer. For the fifth year in a row, Mitchell County was awarded the Izaak Walton Wildlife Habitat Improvement Award. Miner went over the revenue and expenditures for the year, as well as the tax asking for Conservation. Chelsea Rowcliffe was awarded the title of Hunter Education Program Instructor of the Year. Miner also provided a map of the Conservation Board managed areas in Mitchell County.

County Engineer Rich Brumm has a safety action plan meeting this Thursday in the board room. Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve the Iowa DOT Detour Agreement. Roll call vote: all voted aye. The detour will begin March 31, 2025, and end in May. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Project Funding Agreement for BROS-C066(70)—8J-66. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. for the proposed amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for Mitchell County. The Board and Auditor received no oral or written comments. There was no discussion. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:01 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve a Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area Resolution #1246.24. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1247-24 Setting a Date of Meeting at which it is proposed to approve a Development Agreement with Osage Cooperative Elevator, including Tax Increment Payments for November 4, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was a lot of discussion on survey ordinance. Attorney Murphy suggests holding off on any ordinance until what is currently in litigation is resolved. Supervisor Wherry stated the ordinance is a bad document that does not list Summit Carbon or pipeline.

St. Peter's Catholic Church in New Haven has offered to purchase the county owned property in New Haven for fair market value. Attorney Murphy will start preparing the paperwork to set a public hearing.

Sheriff Beaver explained the meal reimbursement policy for his office is 23 years old. Beaver plans to update the policy to allow his employees to purchase a meal while at school.

Supervisor Hendrickson explained in 2009 the County contributed \$400 towards paint for the Highway 218 Shortcut sign on Foothill Avenue and Hwy 9. Hendrickson was contacted to see if the County would pay for the labor to have the sign repainted.

Amanda Baer will be gone for 12 weeks, with a plan to come back on March 31, 2025. Baer suggested permits can wait until she gets back. The Board of Supervisors suggested having someone available to answer questions. Keith Horgen suggested NIACOG helping if they could.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report for September in the amount of \$6,549.91. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mayer reported on Conservation. Wherry, Hartogh, Hendrickson, and Frein had nothing to report. Penney Morse suggested Mitchell County be in contact with other counties to get together and protect the counties together. Deb Freeman went to the supreme court hearing last week and Summit Carbon Solutions told them to do minimally invasive surveys.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors