

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Aaron Murphy, Dana Norby, Greg Beaver, Mike Miner, Rich Brumm, Amanda Baer, Jackie Armstrong, Jenny Backer, Randy Conrad, Milt Owen, and Devin Storcks. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the September 10th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy said last Friday they had the case for Kephart's littering; in which a decision has not been made. Yesterday was the sentence for Nathan Gilmore in the murder case.

Sheriff Beaver had an IT problem arise on Sunday, and Joel Rohne was able to help with that. Beaver would like to attend the next HVAC meeting, as some issues have arisen.

Mike Miner said the Iowa DNR gave an update at the last Conservation meeting. There is not an update with Summit Pipeline as they have asked to not to be on their agenda yet. Miner gave a Mitchell Mill Dam update, and stated there is not an update on Bennett Access. The retaining wall in Riceville is complete. Miner discussed the youth pheasant hunt that is happening this Sunday. Supervisor Hendrickson asked about two county departments not receiving permits for septic. Supervisor Mayer asked MCEDC to contact Stacyville Daycare. Hendrickson is going to contact Healthy Harvest to see why they are only giving to Osage Schools and not St. Ansgar Schools. Supervisor Wherry stated the tractor for the Courthouse is in and outfitted, the claim will go through next week.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. for Ordinance #60. Wherry confirmed Auditor Foster had published the public hearing and copies of Ordinance #60 were made available for the public. The supervisors received no oral or written comments. Auditor Foster received questions from Stan Walk in regard to the amount of funds to be provided to A to Z Drying and comparing them to previous commercial and industrial incentives. The chair closed the public hearing at 8:48 a.m.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve Resolution #1195-23 waiving the first and second readings of Ordinance #60. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1196-23 adopting Ordinance #60. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the crews are working on Cameo Bridge. Brumm gave a Hwy 105 bridge update. Engineer Brumm received a quote for asphalt patches for \$94,000. Brumm is working on submitting the bridge south of Osage and bridge on 320th Street near Stillwater for the RAISE grant.

Brumm has the Ford Escape, power washer, old pick-up, old pick-up boxes, plow, and pick-up toolboxes for sealed bid. Brumm will post in the paper to have sealed bids in by the end of day November 3, 2023; and open the bids on November 7, 2023. Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve selling equipment. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Devin Storks discussed water monitoring in Mitchell County. Storks explained Rock Creek Watershed goals, Rock Creek nitrate trends, and Rock Creek phosphate trends. Storks talked about improving our water quality with cover crops.

Supervisor Hartogh stated Kris Olson had a concern about active 911 emails, and noticed that dues were not paid. Previously this was paid through the IT department.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Hendrickson to approve an IT job description and to have it posted this week. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve HVAC Pay Request Application #17 for \$140,630.40. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to appoint Joel Voaklander to the Compensation Board. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1197-23 for Mitchell County Refreshment Policy for PEO's. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve the Recorder's Monthly Report for September in the amount of \$6,972.16. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on North Iowa Juvenile Detention, and Transportation Policy Board, Hartogh reported on FMC Landfill, Mayer reported on Conservation, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Frein had nothing to report. Dana Norby thanked the Board of Supervisors for helping fund the Mitchell County Soil & Water.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors