

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. The meeting was made available by video via “Go to Meeting”. Also present were Tom Rolfes, Krista Koschmeder, Jerry Fisk, Lowell Tesch, Paul Halbach, Lori Mark, Deb Gage, Tammy Lamb, Jenny Backer, Deb Freeman, Mike Gerdts, Amanda Baer, Jim Krebsbach, Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Mike Miner, Pat Huebsch, Scott Halbach, and Keith Horgen. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the October 14th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his fees collected for September in the amount of \$7,698.33. Motion by Marzen, second by Frein to approve Sheriff Report for September. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mike Miner provided a Conservation update after their meeting last week. Conservation signed a 28E agreement with the City of Mitchell for Interstate Park. Miner gave a water trail project update and possible start date for T-38. The albino deer from St. Ansgar was moved to the Nature Center. Miner discussed the Wade Machin Memorial and grant submissions. Amanda Baer had the chair sign a contract to start the solar ordinance that was previously approved. The board would like Elderbridge to come in person to provide an update. Supervisor Wherry suggested having newly elected and appointed officials take the open meetings training through ISAC. Supervisor Marzen would like any entity on the agenda to provide paperwork by Monday morning for a Tuesday meeting, so the board has time to look through before a meeting. Shannon Paulus said the delinquent notices have been sent out for taxes. There is a statewide issue with the postmarked date. Citizens need to go into the post office to have mail physically postmarked, so ensure no delinquent date.

County Engineer Rich Brumm was not available. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Preconstruction agreement for STP-009-6(086)- -2C-66. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area at 9:00 a.m. Wherry, Hartogh, and Frein received no comments. Marzen received comments on only one of the four non-profit nursing homes that are receiving funding and the dollars being spent on Conservation projects. Hendrickson received three comments against the projects. Auditor Foster had to email out copies of the proposed amendment. Marzen further clarified she is not against the upgrading of campgrounds. Marzen also noted that the County is not a checkbook. Wherry noted that only one non-profit nursing home has brought a project before the board. Wherry also noted that Mitchell County has spent a lot of money on daycares, and we need to look at helping our elderly. Mike Miner noted that Riverside Park went from bringing in \$6k in revenue to \$50k after renovations. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1322-25 to Declare Necessity and Establish an Expanded Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.3 of the Code of Iowa and Approve an Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Wherry, Frein ayes, Marzen, Hendrickson nays.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1323-25 Setting Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to Incur Non-Current Debt for November 12, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Wherry, Frein ayes, Marzen, Hendrickson nays.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Clerk of Court Report for September in the amount of \$1,633.98. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve liquor license for Osage Post No. 7920 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve Home Base Iowa Application for Jason McKenna for \$1,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve IT Applicant A for \$115,000 with background check. Roll call vote: Marzen, Hendrickson ayes, Hartogh, Wherry, Frein nays. Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve IT Applicant A for \$115,000 with package provided to him pending background check. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Marzen stated she did research and fifty-five counties no longer have a compensation board. Frein and Wherry would like to see the compensation board continue as recommended by the County Attorney. Wherry would like to see the work from the compensation board. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Julie Thome to the vacant compensation board position for the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on NIACOG Executive Committee, and North Iowa Juvenile Detention, Marzen reported on Conservation, Hendrickson reported on IT Applicants Meeting, and Frein reported on Fair Board. Hartogh had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Flugge Farm, Old Gestation Site, and Anders Knudsen. Miker Gerds explained his frustrations with last week's meeting. Deb Freeman stated there may have been misinformation at last week's meeting from the Summit representative.

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors