

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Russ Brandau, Laura Huisman, Penney Morse, Jenny Backer, Tom Rolfes, Jerry Reshetar, Keith Horgen, Jessa Ketelsen, Rich Brumm, Brent Chapman, Ryan Stephen, Brock Waters, Brylee Wynia, and David Svoboda. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Hartogh, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve the minutes of the October 15th meeting and claims. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy is going to prepare paperwork for Mitchell County land in New Haven to add to next week's agenda.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to discuss.

Laura Huisman gave a Public Health update and stated the expenses and revenues are sitting good. Huisman provided a staffing update, census numbers, and gave a Vac Care update. The new panic button system has the supplies at their building, but they are not working yet. Huisman has turned in an ARPA application for new windows on the Home Health building but will get some quotes before the application moves forward. November is Home Health month and Huisman plans to celebrate with her employees. Jessa Ketelsen gave a Public Health update, as they have been busy with immunization clinics for the last six weeks. Ketelsen is working on the school immunization audits. Ketelsen provided an update on the mental health therapist and prescriber.

Auditor Foster stated there will need to be a budget amendment done this year as she just found out there will be a special election for the City of Riceville and St. Ansgar Schools. Sheriff Beaver stated there is a one-hour presentation at 10:00 a.m. today at the Cedar Valley Seminary to discuss current scam trends and how to prevent them from happening to you.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated the paving projects are complete. Brumm hosted a safety action plan last Thursday. Brumm went over the different plow truck quotes he received. Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve two plow trucks from Don's and snow equipment. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Brent Chapman, Weed Commission, provided his annual report. Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve the Weed Commissioner's annual report and appoint Chapman to continue as weed commissioner. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve liquor license for Veterans of Foreign Wars, Osage Post #7920. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve an extension for the Mitchell County Wastewater Pretreatment Facility Compliance Schedule. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on NIACOG Executive Meeting, North Iowa Juvenile Detention, and Safety Action Plan Meeting, Hartogh reported on Safety Action Plan Meeting, and NIACOG, Mayer reported on Public Health, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Received the Clerk of Court Report for September in the amount of \$1,218.62. Penney Morse suggested the Board of Supervisors get more information on the Bitcoin application that the Planning & Zoning Commission will discuss next week. Morse asked for the benefits and concerns, and stated her concerns with energy use and noise, and not an increase to the tax base. Amanda Baer stated the Board of Supervisors do not make any decisions on the Bitcoin project; the

Board of Adjustment does. The Board of Adjustment is meeting on Monday, August 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the board of Supervisor's boardroom. Brock Waters stated tomorrow South 7th Street will be under construction and down to one lane. Keith Horgen had additional questions on when the zoning ordinance would or would not give approval of the project. Supervisor Mayer attended the Stacyville Kids Care open house last Sunday and stated they are thriving after almost shutting down last year and have openings for kids.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors