PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Aaron Murphy, Brent Chapman, Justin Trees, Dave Stauffer, Tom Rolfes, Rich Brumm, Keith Horgen, Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Ashlie Sveum, and Amy Folkerts. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the October 20th meeting & claims. Roll call: All voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Trees stated the K9 is certified with narcotics. Trees said Ashley Johnson is halfway through the academy.

Auditor Foster stated the County shouldn't be paying late fees, department heads need to be turning in claims right now. Supervisor Wherry stated ISAC sent an email about Operation Green Light, and Dave Hartogh will put a green light in the cupola November 4th through November 11th. Wherry mentioned one member from the compensation board is not interested in serving again, so the board will need to think of a replacement.

County Engineer Rich Brumm is back from vacation and working on catching up. Brumm provided an update on paint from Stacyville to McIntire. Brent Chapman discussed the crop damage being done while spraying. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve Property Owner Complaint with reimbursement of $500 paid out of the Weed Commissioner's budget and a release signed by property owner. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The insurance has not been approved for liquor license for Veterans of Foreign Wars, Osage Post #7920.

Both Janet Borcherding and Terri Tesch should have been reappointed to the Board of Health January 1, 2026. Motion by Marzen, second by Hartogh to appoint Janet Borcherding and Terri Tesch to a 3-year term to have begun January 1, 2026. Hendrickson stated Borcherding does not want to serve the last two years of the current term. Marzen said Borcherding will finish this calendar year and give possible names for replacement. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Laura Huisman provided a Home Health update. The revenue and expenses are slightly lower now than expected, but this is the time of year that revenues start coming in. Sanitation and Planning & Zoning budgets will be separated for next year's budget. Huisman went over different grants available. November is Home Health month. Jessa Ketelsen provided a Public Health update. Water tests are done twice a month, and they are still working with AJ Stone. Ketelsen explained the Walk with Ease program. Public Health partnered with the local schools for Red Ribbon Week. Ketelsen is still working with Marion County for Combat Cancer. The coalition is sponsoring Too Good for Drugs program with Prairie Ridge. Cerro Gordo applied to be the lead entity of the realignment. Ketelsen is working on school immunization audits that are due this week.

Last night the Board of Supervisors met with the Planning & Zoning Commission to review the proposed solar ordinance. Planning & Zoning Commission voted unanimously to have an attorney review the ordinance to protect constituents. Marzen stated Dorsey would cost $15,000 and Ahler's & Conney would cost $3,000 up to $10,000. Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to Hire Tim Whipple from Ahler's to Review Final Draft of Solar Ordinance. There was a lot of discussion to review the draft before having to send multiple versions to Ahlers. Roll call vote: all voted nay.

Auditor Foster needs to help set up polling locations on Monday, and inquired about not having a meeting next week. The board stated they will notify Foster if something comes up.

Wherry went over the proposal for the Secondary Roads/Planning & Zoning Administrator position. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Melissa Tusler for $69,800 for the combined job description. Board members were upset because no additional money was offered to Public Health when the Board of Health absorbed the Sanitation position. Roll call vote: Wherry, Frein aye, Marzen, Hartogh, Hendrickson nay.

Amy Folkerts discussed Growmark requesting a tax refund on their pressure tanks. In 2023, Growmark did not petition the Board of Adjustment, but did in 2024. In 2024, the 30-gallon and less tanks were removed from value. Folkerts recommendation is to not approve the refund.

Dave Stauffer explained the Mitchell County Concert Association and what they do. Stauffer is asking for $6,000 help to meet expenses for this year. Motion by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1396-26 Contract for Services with Mitchell County Concert Association for $6,000. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Wherry reported on NIACOC Executive Meeting, and NIACOG Policy Board, Hartogh reported on NIACOG Commission, and North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission, Frein reported on FMC Early Childhood, Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance, and Marzen reported on Board of Health. Wherry stated he believed the hiring committee was going in a good direction with what was recommended, but apparently that was his recommendation and not the board's. Wherry will forward the applications on for Planning & Zoning and step away from the hiring process. Foster agreed and does not want to be a part of the hiring process for Planning & Zoning.

Access Systems	Office Supplies	742.91
Adams, Tracy L	Mileage	152.30
AgVantage FS, Inc.	Fuel	5788.19
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	Serv	354.00
Alliant Energy	Util	14.41
Astrup Drug, Inc	Serv	110.13
Betts, Haley	Mileage	135.05
Bissen, Krystal	Mileage	272.92
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	Serv	80869.88
Buchheit Drone Service LLC	Serv	8899.00
Bundy, Kelsey	Mileage	31.92
Bushbaum Services, LLC	Serv	234.17
Cedar Ridge Property Owners	Well Closure	205.18
CenturyLink	Phone	47.53
Cerro Gordo Co. Sheriff	Serv	32.84

City of Carpenter	FM Extensions	334.98
City of McIntire	FM Extensions	419.17
City of Mitchell	FM Extensions	364.06
City of Orchard	FM Extensions	290.84
City of Stacyville	FM Extensions	1069.39
Cooper's Osage Auto	Serv	1549.27
Dave's Repair	Serv	1251.91
Douglas, Christine	Mileage	4.56
Dvorak, Rita	Zoning Mtg	27.36
Election Source	Supp	10164.00
Electronic Specialties Inc.	Serv	700.80
Enterprise Media Group LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	674.99
Floyd/Mitchell Solid Waste	Serv	491.47
Frontier	Phone	1017.14
Galls,LLC	Serv	325.43
GFC Leasing - WI	Supp	102.18
Giles, Sasha	Mileage	88.92
Goodale Custom Pumping	Serv	300.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc.	Serv	74.48
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.	Serv	152.10
Groh, Samantha	Mileage	407.75
Hackenmiller, Christine	Mileage	21.28
Heartland Business Systems LLC	Serv	21613.18
Heartland Power Cooperative	Serv	38924.19
Huisman, Laura	Mileage	63.23
IA Law Enforce Acad	School	150.00
LJP Waste Solutions	Serv	672.98
Johnson Controls Sec. Solution	Serv	5678.27
Ketelsen, Jessa	Mileage	154.20
Kwik Trip, Inc	Supp	287.04
L.R. Falk Construction	Serv	12749.06

Marathon Media, LLC	Serv	389.00
Martin Bro Dist Co.	Supp	1444.89
Mayer, Roger	Zoning Mtg	15.20
MCI WorldCom	Phone	13.20
Merchant & Gould	School	183.00
Midwest Group Benefits	Insurance	352.00
Midwest Surface Prep, Inc.	Serv	7200.00
MK Service & Repair	Serv	1528.45
Modern Marketing	Serv	1839.04
Moody, Gary	Zoning Mtg	2.28
Nuway/K&H Coop Oil Co	Fuel	60.37
Osage Municipal Utilities	Util	436.37
Osage Oracle LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	677.54
Osage Towing & Repair, LLC	Serv	95.12
Osage Vet Clinic	Serv	190.00
Paulus, Shannon	School	455.85
Phoenix Supply	Serv	211.00
Pickar Plmb & Heat	Serv	41700.00
Pollard Pest Cont Corp	Serv	129.38
Professional Office Services	Serv	505.26
Quill	Supp	361.14
Riceville True Value Hardware	Supp	32.97
Rick's Mowing	Serv	100.00
Schafer-Smith, Pam	Zoning Mtg	22.80
Schulz, Molly	Mileage	241.00
Streit, Phil	Zoning Mtg	19.76
Treadmark	Serv	141.31
Treasurer State of Iowa ATTN:	Serv	3520.00
Uhlenhopp, Lindsay	Mileage	36.02
Verizon	Hot Spots/Phone	377.76
Water Systems Company Ecowater	Serv	19.66

WHKS & Co.	Serv	4801.13
Wolff, Dawn	Mileage	310.84

Frein adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Todd Frein – Chair Board of Supervisors