

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 7, 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 Deb Freeman, Tom Rolfes, Jenny Backer, Amanda Baer, Melissa Edgington, Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Jenny Backer, Keith Horgen, Rich Brumm, Shannon Paulus, and Sheri Penney. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve the minutes of the September 20th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to discuss.

Amanda Baer is interested in using the copier that is previously contracted with Social Services. Baer has enough money in her budget to pay for the copier. Baer will wait to move over until an IT Director is hired.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on paving and gave an update on the bridge south of McIntire.

Solutions was not available via “Go to Meeting” to discuss Managed IT Services.

Motion by Frein, second by Marzen to approve the Clerk of Court Report for August in the amount of \$1,381.28. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1321-25 Naming Depositories. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Frein to approve Treasurer’s Report for September in the amount of \$12,531,652.04. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve Recorder’s Report for September in the amount of \$7,161.53. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve the Auditor’s Quarterly Report in the amount of \$3,051.06. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Jenny Backer discussed the Childcare Wages Enhancement Program. Backer is asking for a one-to-one match up to \$200,000 for Osage Daycare, Riceville Little Cats, St. Ansgar Wee Saints, and Stacyville Kids Care. The match would be from today forward; no previous matches would count. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen for one-to-one match on all future funding starting today, not to exceed \$200,000 on the Childcare Wages Enhancement Program. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Wherry discussed updating the 28E Agreement with the City of Carpenter. There is a type in the insurance section, as well as Carpenter being told by their insurance company that they cannot provide property & casualty insurance on property not in their name. There were concerns on AJ’s email with monthly rates possibly increasing next July and the possibility of needing an engineer to help with aeration techniques. Supervisor Marzen showed interest in wanting to pay off the lagoon loans to save interest. Supervisor Wherry will work on getting information to Heartland Insurance for a quote on insurance.

There is one vacancy, and one term is up for the two of the Board of Supervisors representatives on the compensation board. The board can vote to remove the compensation board, if they want to. Attorney Murphy stated if the board chose to get rid of the compensation board, they may have to show more work and be extra cautious on determining their own compensation. Supervisor Wherry discussed whether it is the compensation board or the Board of Supervisors, the work needs to be shown on how they came up with the raises. Supervisor Hendrickson will talk with the member of the

term that just ended to see if he will serve again and Supervisor Frein will talk with the citizen that was previously interested. If a board member does not want the compensation board to exist, they will ask for that to be put on a future agenda.

Marzen reported on Mitchell County Substance Abuse, and Hendrickson reported on IT interview. Wherry, Hartogh, and Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Field, Jonas Z Leid, Friesen 5 Site, DCI Site, Hemann East Finisher Farm, Runde 4 Finisher Farm, and Fred Koshmeder. Deb Freeman verified the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment public hearing is on October 21st. Auditor Foster invited everyone to Immanuel's Fall Goodness Day happening this Saturday, October 11th at Immanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church.

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors