

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Frein, Wherry, Marzen, and Hendrickson present. Hartogh was available via “Go to Meeting”. The meeting was made available by video via “Go to Meeting”. Also present were Vince Morische, Dave Fox, Karrie Pringinitz, Tom Rolfes, Pat Burk, Amanda Baer, Sue Horgen, Margaret Meyer, Betty McCarthy, Gretchen Castle, Lori Mark, Kristin Newton, Bill Newton, Caitlin Golle, Patrick Mackin, Deb Freeman, Penney Morse, Mark Retterath, John Walker, John Robbins, Shannon Paulus, Aaron Murphy, Amy Folkerts, and Rich Brumm. Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve the minutes of the November 25th meeting & claims. Roll call vote: Frein, Hendrickson, Marzen, Wherry ayes, Hartogh abstain.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Shannon Paulus explained the new scheduling system the Treasurer’s Office will have.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on the bridge south of McIntire. Brumm received a resignation letter from one full-time employee. Engineer Brumm asked about the possibility of purchasing a truck from Conservation for the weed commissioner. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve Professionals Services Agreement with WHKS not to exceed \$114,700. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The chair opened the public hearing on Ordinance 63 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MITHCELL COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 17) MAKING REVISIONS REGARDING WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS (WECS) AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) at 8:45 a.m. The board and auditor received no comments. Auditor Foster stated the notice was published, as well as being posted on the bulletin board and online. John Robbins summarized the amendments. The chair closed the public hearing at 8:49 a.m.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1334-25 to Waive the first and second readings for Ordinance 63. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1335-25 to approve Ordinance 63. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve 2025 Debt Certification for \$1,432,449. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Wherry discussed having conversations with Valent regarding property at the pretreatment plant. This is nothing to do currently, but Valent is working on getting an idea of what they own in case their auditing firm asks.

There was an extended conversation regarding data centers. Wherry was asked previously about having an ordinance to not keeping data centers away, but to have guidelines. Wherry was also asked about a moratorium, and there needs to be a reason to have a temporary moratorium.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1336-25 establishing a moratorium on data centers until December 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Frein, Marzen, Hartogh, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson nay.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve the Clerk of Court Report for October in the amount of \$1,271.39. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry to approve Resolution #1337-25 for interfund operating transfers from General Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund, and Resolution #1338-25 for interfund operating transfers from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on Mitchell County Soil & Water, Hendrickson reported on County Social Services, and Frein reported on FMC-Earlychildhood and FMC-DECAT. Hartogh and Marzen had nothing to report. Betty McCarthy spoke with individuals that toured a bitcoin mining facility and had questions as it was a new facility. Keith Horgen stated people have rights, and it needs to be regulated properly. Penney Morse thanks the board for crafting an ordinance with pressure on the rural areas. Vince Morische appreciated Attorney Murphy's comments.

Access Systems Leasing	Serv	433.36
Adams, Tracy L	Mileage	227.92
AgVantage FS, Inc.	Fuel	3797.26
Air Chek, Inc	Well Closure Serv.	1975.00
Alliant Energy	Util	14.21
Baer, Amanda	Mileage	117.04
Betts, Haley	Mileage	273.28
Bissen, Krystal	Mileage	204.75
Black Hills Energy	Util	113.17
Brightree Home Hlth & Hospic	Serv	7228.72
Bundy, Kelsey	Mileage	51.94
Casper Plbg & Htg, Inc.	Serv	8870.49
Cedar Veterinary Clinic	Serv	57.00
CenturyLink	Phone	13.58
Chosen Valley Testing	Serv	5800.00
City of Carpenter	FM Extensions	351.14
City of McIntire	FM Extensions	439.39
City of Mitchell	FM Extensions	381.61
City of Orchard	FM Extensions	304.88
City of Stacyville	FM Extensions	1113.47
Column Software PBC	Board Proceedings/Legals	34.42
Cooper's Osage Auto	Serv	141.90
Cott Systems	Serv	150.00
Crowe, Kevin	Serv	200.00
Dave's Repair	Serv	259.38
Diamond Mowers Inc.	Serv	1007.35

District II Supervisors	Mtg	50.00
Elan Financial Services	Supp	1360.37
Enterprise Media Group LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	632.76
Eurofins Environment Testing	Serv	115.00
Farm & Home Publishers	Supp	44.80
Floyd/Mitchell Solid Waste	Serv	356.85
Gardiner & Company	Serv	5670.00
GFC Leasing - WI	Serv	149.18
Giles, Sasha	Mileage	78.75
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.	Serv	152.10
Halfman, Deanna	Mileage	107.10
Haugen, Faye	Mtg/Mileage	106.00
HealthCareFirst	Serv	846.31
Heartland Power Cooperative	Util	435.95
Hosmer, Beyonca	Mileage	18.55
Hy-Vee	Supp	510.92
I.S.A.C.	Consultant Service	500.00
IA Sec of State	Serv	1307.25
LJP Waste Solutions	Serv	580.80
Joens, Robert	Mtg/Mileage	106.00
Johnson Controls Fire Protecti	Serv	2051.06
Johnson Oil and LP Company	Serv	13279.67
Ketelsen, Jessa	Mileage	96.32
Kwik Trip, Inc	Supp	270.88
L. R. Falk Construction	Serv	3355.53
Marketplace Media Company	Serv	379.00
Martin Bro Dist Co.	Supp	936.50
Midwest Group Benefits	Insurance	312.00
Nuway/K&H Coop Oil Co	Fuel	43.49
Osage Oracle LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	65.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc. Reserve	Serv	2000.00
Pittenger Law Office, PC	Serv	451.71

Pollard Pest Cont Corp	Serv	54.30
Provider Insights, Inc.	School	1200.00
Quill	Supp	210.96
Randy's Neighborhood Market	Supp	84.49
Rock River Arms, Inc.	New Equip	623.00
Rockmount Research & Alloys	Serv	801.35
Schorg, Goerge	Mtg/Mileage	51.40
Schroeder, Nancy	Mileage	17.50
Schulz, Molly	Mileage	121.80
Spahn & Rose	Serv	44.82
St Ansgar Auto Parts	Supp	49.53
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Samples	1086.00
Unity Point Health	Serv	84.00
Verizon	Phone/Hot Spots	383.52
Water Systems Company Ecowater	Serv	19.66
Weber Auto Parts	Supp	21.19
Wolff, Dawn	Mileage	200.90
Youth and Shelter Service, Inc	Serv	1306.20

Frein adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Todd Frein – Vice-Chair Board of Supervisors