

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Aaron Murphy, Russ Brandau, Margaret Meyer, Deb Freeman, Sue Horgen, Rich Brumm, Jenny Backer, Penney Morse, Caitlin Golle, Karl Herman, and Ian Cowell. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting & claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

Sheriff Beaver was not available.

There was no department head discussion.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the Secondary Roads department will take their half-day for New Year's Eve on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Brumm gave a Highway 105 bridge update. Supervisor Hendrickson asked about updating the mailbox policy.

Deb Freeman explained the sink holes that could be an issue with the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. Freeman brought up endangered species that are in Otranto Township. Freeman suggested the Conservation Board establish setback rules on their land for these endangered species. Supervisor Wherry stated the Board of Supervisors could not take any action today, as that was not listed on the agenda.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1202-23 for the Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition funding request of \$3,000.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve Resolution #1201-23 for Mitchell County Disclosure Policies & Procedures. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Karl Herman explained the Easy Riders Snowmobile Groomer's request. They would like to store a forty-foot container at a Secondary Roads facility to store their supplies. The Board of Supervisors agreed if they can find a location with the Engineer and not be in the way, this request is fine.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to correct the Appropriations Resolution from last week to be #1200-23, not #1199-23. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on HVAC, and Frein reported on Mitchell County Economic Development Commission. Hartogh, Mayer, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. To be noted that \$101,024 to be transferred from General Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund, and \$763,023 transferred from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund. Russ Brandau stated there is a non-partisan meet and greet this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6:00 p.m. Penney Morse spoke in favor of doing something with carbon pipeline setbacks. Lisa Ritzert was available on "Go to Meeting" sharing her concerns with the carbon pipeline. Caitlin Golle stated formal objections can be filed against the carbon pipeline project. Margaret Meyer discussed the carbon pipeline project risks to water. Supervisor Frein stated he is going into the carbon pipeline project with an open mind.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors