

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Mike Miner, Tom Rolfes, Jackie Armstrong, Ryan Stephen, Andrea Evelsizer, Jenny Backer, Rich Brumm, and Alison Mason. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the December 10th meeting. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

Andrea Evelsizer gave a presentation for FY26 budget request for Healthy Harvest. Healthy Harvest of North Iowa is requesting \$3,100 for FY26.

Laura Huisman gave a Home Health update. Huisman went over the expenses and revenues, and plans on submitting a budget amendment when she turns in her budget for FY26. Huisman talked about the Medicare cost report, gave staffing updates and will submit the other half of the window claim once they are completed. Huisman attended the career and college fair that was held at Osage schools and had an open house to celebrate fifty-five years. Huisman explained that their office staff is helping with meals on wheels a couple times a month with deliveries. Jess Ketelsen said the last Flu/Covid clinic is coming up. Ketelsen explained the Dairy Farmer Grant and the details involved with applying for Howard County's grant. Ketelsen discussed getting a new website that is more user friendly. Ketelsen went over reportable cases and explained HIPS training in St. Ansgar for parents only. Ketelsen plans to start urine drug screenings for our area and will be giving yearly physicals.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver reported his fees collected in November in the amount of \$7,077.65. Motion by Hartogh, second by Mayer to approve Sheriff Report for November. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Beaver explained in March the K9 will retire and the Sheriff's Department will find a replacement. Currently there is \$10,000 pledged for the K9, and a new K9 costs \$15,000.

Supervisor Wherry would like to add Foster Grandparents to the January 2nd board meeting. Mike Miner gave a Conservation board meeting update. The dam project has been wrapped up, and the board had equipment sale openings. The solar panels were sold, and the Conservation board will be selling their vehicles online. The family of Jeff Hanson, formerly of St. Ansgar, will be donating different mounts to display in the Conservation building. Miner created a purchase procedure policy for FEMA. Miner will be asking for quotes for remodeling the inside of the Conservation building. Miner stated the Conservation board put in an offer on a piece of property in Mitchell County and is waiting to hear back.

County Engineer Rich Brumm plans to add blue lights to the Mack trucks to show the trucks better in the wintertime. Brumm said culverts are being delivered today. Engineer Brumm stated the board did not need to approve the certificates of completion and final acceptance of agreement work for Orchard Road and Lime Kiln Road. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve Funding Agreement Approval for HDP-CO66(88)- - 6B-66 Bridge Project. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Alison Mason gave a presentation for FY26 budget request for RSVP. RSVP is requesting \$5,000.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hartogh to approve Compensation Board Salary Recommendations for FY 25/26. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, and Board of Supervisors 3.3% increase, Auditor \$1,000 stipend for elections, Attorney and Sheriff 6% increase, and \$125/month for supervisor chair.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve \$1.16/hr wage increase for hourly employees for FY 25/26. Roll call: Hartogh, Hendrickson, Mayer nays, Wherry, Frein ayes. Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson for 3.3% wage increase for all hourly employees. Roll call vote: Mayer, Wherry, Hendrickson, and Hartogh ayes, Frein nay.

Supervisor Mayer explained in 2023, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center amended their 28E agreement and submitted paperwork with the state, without having the approval of all of the counties in the 28E agreement. The state asked for CIJDC to receive approval from all counties prior to amending the 28E agreement again. Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve the 2023 Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center 28E agreement. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mayer reported on Public Health and Conservation. Wherry, Hartogh, Hendrickson, and Frein had nothing to report.

Hendrickson adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Mark Hendrickson – Chair Board of Supervisors