

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Paul Boerjan, Brian Lynch, Jolene Norby, Betty McCarthy, Greg Beaver, Amanda Baer, Tom Edgington, Phil Kolbet, Sand Offen, Brenda Miller, Keith Horgen, Laura Huisman, Lindsey Falk, Sydney Hartogh, Jessa Ketelsen, Shirley Penney, Aaron Murphy, Dave Falk, Dana Norby, Steve Norby, Jackie Armstrong, Mike Miner, Jenny Backer, Milt Owen, Devin Storks, Mike Webb, Cheryl Smalley, Jeanne Watts, Giner Merrick, Dennis Fannin, Chris Fannin, Gary Watts, and Connie Jensen. Motion by Smolik, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the December 13th meeting minutes. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to report.

Auditor Foster reminded department heads that the agenda needs to be sent Wednesday this week. Foster stated the mayor of Riceville resigned this past week. Sheriff Beaver said the City of Riceville did sign a 20-hour contract with Howard County. Supervisor Wherry asked if any supervisors would be attending the zoom meeting regarding the cupola.

County Engineer Rich Brumm was not available.

Brian Lynch with Valent BioScience's gave a 2022 calendar year update. Valent had a Mitchell County tax rebate approved, IEDA sales tax rebate approved, 12-acre solar field rezoned and approved for construction, slough bill approved for 37.6 acres, planted 100% of prairie, and adopted a highway.

Milt Own, Mike Webb, and Devin Storks gave a Mitchell County Soil & Water District update. Motion by Smolik, second by Wherry to approve \$9,000 FY24 budget request for Mitchell County Soil & Water District. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mike Miner, the new Conservation Director, introduced himself and gave a Conservation update.

Amanda Baer gave a calendar year update for Environmental Health.

Jessa Ketelsen gave immunization counts and discussed grants they have been working on. Laura Huisman went over financials, and a nurse retiring at the end of January. Ketelsen also discussed drug screening for new

employees at Public Health. Huisman said at the last Public Health Board meeting, the FY24 budget was approved. Note that the Iowa law any appointments to boards cannot be made before the spots are vacant. If appointments are made prior to vacancy, they are invalid – such as the appointments made last week for Terri Tesch and Janet Borcharding.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Smolik to approve the Board of Health going from 5 members to 7 members. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to make Board of Health appointments at the first meeting in January. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Smolik to approve tax abatement Number 337 for \$147.00 and Number 338 for \$151.00. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Wherry to approve the Substance Abuse Coalition budget request for FY24 of \$1,800. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to approve the HVAC pay request for \$32,828.17. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to appoint Joe Malecek as Osage Township Clerk. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Mitchell County Soil & Water District, Smolik reported on Mitchell County Public Health, and FMC Landfill, and Mayer reported on Conservation, North Iowa Longer Term Disaster Recovery, and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. Hendrickson and Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Myron & Monica Hemann, and Pete Thome. Received the annual program report for FY22 from Second Judicial District. Jessa Ketelsen thanked the Board of Supervisors for increasing the Public Health Board to 7 members and approving the funds for the Substance Abuse Coalition. Jenny Backer gave an update the property in Osage had the paperwork filled out for the new property owner.

Motion by Frein, second by Smolik to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Michael Mayer – Chair Board of Supervisors