

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 8, 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 Max Brandau, Amanda Baer, Kaylee Gibson, John Robbins, Jenny Backer, Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Rich Brumm, Luke Porisch, Mike Miner, Stan Walk, Mike Gerdt, Shannon Paulus, Jackie Armstrong, Gary Levinson, Tom Rolfes, Caitlin Golle, Penney Morse, Deb Freeman, Rita Dvorak, Paul Lovell, and Phil Streit. Motion by Frein, second by Marzen to approve the agenda with updating the second public hearing to 9:15 a.m. from 9:00 a.m. and removing the Elderbridge claim until a contract of services agreement is complete. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the July 1st and July 2nd meetings and claims with removing the claim for Elderbridge. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver is receiving bids for new cameras in the jail. Beaver plans to pay for the new equipment from the room and board fund. Supervisor Marzen stated the utilities bill for the Sheriff’s Office is high.

There was no department head discussion.

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

Keith Horgen explained the proposed sewer project for St. Ansgar. Horgen feels he has met the requirements to apply for County TIF money. Supervisor Wherry explained he wanted to focus on inefficient structures within the County first. Supervisor Marzen asked about the City of St. Ansgar using their own TIF money to pay for the project.

The chair opened the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. on Ordinance 61 “An Ordinance enacting a new right-of-way control ordinance to regulate certain occupancies and uses of County right-of-way”. All board members received comments prior to the meeting, and Auditor Foster provided citizens with copies of the ordinance. There was a lot of discussion off topic of the right-of-way. It was asked by a person in attendance to keep the citizens interest first. If there are any future questions, they are to be directed to Rich Brumm, County Engineer. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:11 a.m.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve the First Consideration of Ordinance 61 entitled “An Ordinance enacting a new right-of-way control ordinance to regulate certain occupancies and uses of County right-of-way”. Roll call vote: Hendrickson, Marzen ayes, Hartogh, Frein, Wherry nays.

The chair opened the public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on Ordinance 62 “An Ordinance amending the Mitchell County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 17) regarding provisions regulating Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (C-WECS) and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)”. Wherry, Marzen, and Hendrickson received comments prior to the meeting. Auditor Foster sent copies of the ordinance to individuals that requested. Amanda Baer spoke about her office working on this ordinance for a couple of years. John Robbins from NIACOG explained he helped Amanda, and the commission draft the ordinance. The reason both the wind energy and battery energy were done at the same time, was the fact both are amending the same previous ordinance. Gary Levinson had questions, which were noted by Baer. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:37 a.m.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the First Consideration of Ordinance 62 entitled “An Ordinance amending the Mitchell County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 17) regarding provisions regulating Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (C-WECS) and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)”. Roll call vote: Frein, Marzen, Hartogh, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson nay.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to set the next consideration of Ordinance 62 at next week’s board meeting. Roll call vote: Frein, Hartogh, Wherry aye, Marzen, Hendrickson nay.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve signing paperwork for the Sandoz Opioid Settlement. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Implementing Urban Renewal Plan. Supervisor Hendrickson suggested using LOSST to pay for the projects versus using that money for an internal loan. Supervisor Marzen has concerns about using TIF money for nursing homes. Roll call vote: Frein, Marzen, Hartogh, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson nay.

There was discussion on the County owning property in McIntire. Consensus of the board to have Secondary Roads take care of the lawn when needed.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Recorder’s Monthly Report for June in the amount of \$8,225.61. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Treasurer’s Monthly Report for June in the amount of \$2,374,450.24. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the Auditor’s Quarterly Report in the amount of \$8,120.51. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1293-25 Contract for Services for RSVP of North Iowa in the amount of \$5,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1294-25 Contract for Services for Healthy Harvest in the amount of \$3,100. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1295-25 Contract for Services for Crisis Intervention in the amount of \$1,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1296-25 Contract for Services for NIACOG Housing Trust Fund in the amount of \$2,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1297-25 Contract for Services for Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition in the amount of \$7,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1298-25 Contract for Services for Riceville Community Club in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Hartogh reported on FMC Landfill, and Frein reported on FMC-DECAT & FMC Early Childhood realignment, and Fair Board. Wherry, Marzen, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Caitlin Golle asked questions on the process of the right-of-way ordinance and what it takes to bring back up for a public hearing. Stan Walk would like to see some TIF money being spent on some of the County structures.

Access Systems Leasing	Serv	104.50
Adams, Tracy L	Mileage/Phone	242.73
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	Serv	156.00
Amazon Capital Services	Supp	3281.79
AT&T Mobilty	Phone	131.19
Baer, Amanda	Mileage/Phone	160.87
Betts, Haley	Mileage/Phone	233.21
Bissen, Krystal	Mileage/Phone	331.07
Bree's Tire Service	Serv	980.56
Bruening Rock Products Inc.	Serv	2238.10
Burr Oak Township Trustees	Care of Graves	20.00
Bushbaum Services, LLC	Serv	107.05
Calvary Lutheran Church	Care of Graves	55.00
City of Carpenter	FM Extensions	148.89
City of Carpenter	FM Extensions	73.64
City of St. Ansgar	FM Extensions	50.50
City of Stacyville	FM Extensions	36.00
Column Software PBC	Board Proceedings/Legals	367.41
Cooper's Osage Auto	Serv	574.27
Country Acres Hardware	Supp	484.03
Crowe, Kevin	Serv	100.00
DeMaris Hardware	Supp	156.54
Douglas, Christine	Mileage	12.60
Electronic Services System	Serv	1119.44
Electronic Specialties Inc.	Serv	3922.23
Enterprise Media Group LLC	Board Proceedings/Legals	481.61
First Lutheran Church	Care of Graves	415.00
Fox Rehabilitation	Serv	7245.00
Frontier	Phone	1211.07
Giles, Sasha	Mileage/Phone	88.45
Gordon Flesch Company Inc.	Serv	141.00

Gordy's	Serv	32.33
Hackenmiller, Christine	Mileage/Phone	54.50
Halfman, Deanna	Mileage/Phone	93.30
Haugen, Faye	Mtg/Mileage	53.00
Heartland Power Cooperative	Util	83.00
Hegland, Merlyn	Phone	35.00
Hendrickson, Mark	Mileage/Phone	921.88
Hoff Celebrations-Champion	Serv	1300.00
Huisman, Laura	Mileage/Phone	72.00
I.S.A.C.	Insurance	8384.23
Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemet	Care of Graves	230.00
Intoximeters, Inc.	Supp	135.00
Iowa State Assoc. of Counties	School	6850.00
IRS	Serv	146.61
LJP Waste Solutions	Serv	248.00
Joens, Robert	Mtg/Mileage	53.00
John Deere Financial	Serv	526.52
Ketelsen, Jessa	Mileage/Phone	153.26
Kimball Midwest	Serv	1758.28
Klemesrud, Larry	Phone	210.00
Larson's Hardware Hank	Supp	4375.78
Lessin Supp Co	Serv	82.07
MacQueen	Supp	61.00
Mail Services, L.L.C	Serv	524.84
Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC	Serv	237.00
Malmin LLC	Serv	74.67
Martin Bro Dist Co.	Supp	1509.29
McKesson Mediccal - Surgical	Supp	222.47
Mitchell Co Econ. Dev Comm	Contrib	24437.50
Mitchell County Ag Society	Contrib	17500.00
NIACC North Iowa Area Communit	Serv	30.00
Nixa, Teresa	Mileage/Phone	171.68

Norsolv Sys Env Serv	Serv	180.95
No. IA Media Grp,Inc	Board Proceedings/Legals	640.00
Olson, Kris	Phone	150.00
OmniTel Comm	Phone	111.42
On Track Signs	Serv	862.50
Osage Municipal Utilities	Util/Phone/Internet	6042.18
Pearson Guns	Supp	90.00
Petro Blend	Serv	656.36
Phoenix Supply	Supp	79.50
Pitney Bowes Inc.	Serv	57.00
Pollard Pest Cont Corp	Serv	249.41
Prairie Ridge	Contrib	794.76
PRIA	Dues	110.00
Proforma	Serv	1072.32
Rick's Mowing	Serv	71.10
Riverside Cemetery	Care of Graves	1095.00
Rock Creek Lutheran Church	Care of Graves	435.00
S&H Environmental Services LLC	Serv	1100.00
Sacred Heart Cemetery Assn c/o	Care of Graves	895.00
Schipper, Emily	Well Closure Serv.	181.15
George Schorg	Mtg/Mileage	25.70
Schroeder, Nancy	Mileage/Phone	34.20
Schulz, Molly	Mileage/Phone	192.26
Solutions Inc. Harris Local Go	Serv	56066.59
St. Patricks Cemetery	Care of Graves	35.00
STA Properties	Rent Pmt	500.00
Stericycle, Inc.	Supp	36.92
Storey Kenworthy	Supp	701.10
T-Mobile	Serv	15.75
U.S. Dept of Agriculture Rural	Loan Pmt	1302.60
Verizon	Hot Spots/Phone	135.71
Water Systems Company Ecowater	Serv	19.66

Weber Auto Parts	Supp	1255.30
Windstream	Phone	86.44
Wolff, Dawn	Mileage/Phone	157.45
Xiaoling Chen	Rent Pmt	400.00
Ziegler Inc.	Serv	184.72

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors