

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 29, 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 Ryan Stephen, Amanda Baer, Greg Beaver, Aaron Murphy, Deb Freeman, Caitlin Golle, Tom Rolfes, Rich Brumm, Keith Horgen, Jenny Backer, and Dave Fox. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the July 22nd and July 23rd meetings. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to discuss.

Supervisor Wherry stated the meeting with Northland Securities will be on August 8th at 9:30 a.m. Wherry reached out to Heartland Insurance regarding the wastewater pre-treatment plant not being insured. The quoted cost is \$36,379. Supervisor Wherry suggested the board start thinking about a solar ordinance. Jenny Backer provided a MCEDC update after last night’s meeting. There will be a job fair on August 8th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Osage School. There is a resume workshop on August 6th. MCEDC will be at the Mitchell County Fair this week. The board approved two revolving loan applications, a CLP application, and a Homeward loan. There was an In-Fill lot application that was denied because the project was started before the application was submitted. MCEDC is requesting \$2,547.50 from St. Ansgar Economic Development for dues or to step down.

County Engineer Rich Brumm will work on the Stacyville water line agreement. Last week Brumm was notified of a bridge improvement grant opportunity. Brumm can submit up to two bridges to the committee by Wednesday. Engineer Brumm provided a truck route paving update. Brumm is working on shouldering for letting and may possibly borrow a machine from another county to get project done sooner.

The chair opened the public hearing on L-LRRVRD - - 73-66 & L-HMA2025- - 73-66 at 8:45 a.m. Rich Brumm provided a summary of both projects. There were no written or oral comments received by the board, auditor or engineer. There was no discussion from the public in attendance. The chair closed the public hearing at 8:46 a.m.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Resolution #1304-25 Approving Plan & Specifications for L-LRRVRD - - 73-66 & L-HMA2025- - 73-66. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the bid tabulators. All bids met the requirements and were under the engineer’s estimates.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1305-25 Making Award of Construction Contract to Ulland Brothers Inc, in the amount of \$1,497,534.70. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1306-25 ISAC voting resolution. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to set public hearing for FY26 Budget Amendment for August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1307-25 setting a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY CONTROL ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES AND USES OF COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY”. Marzen explained nothing changed in the ordinance since the last time it was brought to the table. Tim Whipple answered questions from the previous discussion and stated no changes were needed. Rich Brumm stated the comments made sense to him after Whipple explained. Wherry would like to see the word requirement changed to guidelines or recommendations. Aaron Murphy suggested having a meeting to discuss possible changes prior to setting up a public hearing. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Wherry, Frein nays, Hendrickson, Marzen ayes.

Marzen reported on new phone training at Public Health, and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, and Frein reported on MCEDC, and Fair Board. Wherry, Hartogh, and Hendrickson had nothing to report. Caitlin Golle asked about the purpose of public hearings and the process. Supervisor Wherry discussed the cost of publications and wants to know ahead of time what is happening before getting to a public hearing. Keith Horgen wanted clarification on who was to pay MCEDC from St. Ansgar. Backer clarified St. Ansgar Economic Development needed to pay dues to continue having voting power. Supervisor Frein encouraged the City of St. Ansgar to be a part of MCEDC. Lisa Ritzert was available on “Go to Meeting” and provided comments on the ROW ordinance.

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors