

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

Tuesday, August 19, 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, Keith Horgen, Aaron Murphy, Rich Brumm, Mike Miner, Caitlin Golle, Deb Freeman, Rita Dvorak, Mike Gerds, Gary Levinson, Max Brandau, Tom Rolfes, John Walker, Alexander Schmidt, Jenny Backer, Roger Loden, Sandy Loden, Gary Huffman, David Sveum, Denis Beland, Colleen Tucker, and Penney morse. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> meetings. To be noted, when the publication bill is received for Ordinance 62 amendment, it needs to come in front of the board to decide payment. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to present.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Mike Miner provided an update after their board meeting last week. The Conservation Board went over campground plan and designs. There was discussion on creating a 28E agreement with the City of Mitchell, Water Trail project started last week, Elaine Govern provided an update on Wapsi Trails, and they approved a mower purchase. Auditor Foster clarified the legal description for the sewer project in St. Ansgar should just be the truck route, not the land it would serve.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on the bridge south of McIntire. Brumm stated they are working on the shoulder for the truck route around Osage and waiting on paint. Brumm plans to use the Purple Wave Auction to get rid of some equipment before winter.

Ryan Stephen discussed putting all IT in one budget, except Conservation and election. The transition will begin next fiscal year, with department heads working together to have items budgeted under IT. The IT Director will tag equipment as it comes in for inventory. There will need to be more discussion with Assessor equipment, as they have a separate budget.

Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve Resolution #1310-25 Policy for Testing Wireless Panic Buttons/Lynx System. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1311-25 Mitchell County Electronic Key Fob Policy. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

The Mitchell County Emergency Response Plan had grammar updates, along with updated dates. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve the Mitchell County Emergency Response Plan. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

There was discussion on the proposed Ordinance 61. Supervisor Wherry has questions on the ordinance coming to the table for a third time with no changes, as well as concerns as he feels it is a violation of Iowa Code. Wherry also shared concerns of the billing stating liquid pipeline ordinance. Supervisor Marzen thought Tim Whipple replied to those concerns, and believes it is within our rights to create a ROW ordinance, with the public in support of the ordinance. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1312-25 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” on September 9, 2025 at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Marzen, Hendrickson ayes, Frein, Wherry nays.

Motion by Frein, second by Marzen to appoint Kayla Zimmerman, and Jenny Backer as an alternate to the North Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve Home Base Iowa Application for \$1,000 to Roger Michelson. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Marzen reported on Conservation, Hendrickson reported on Safety Committee, and Frein reported on Fair Board. Wherry and Hartogh had nothing to report. Deb Freeman thanked the board for passing a resolution that will try to protect taxpayer infrastructure. Colleen Tucker echoed Deb and stated this ordinance compliments what the state has in place. Rite Dvorak stated having a public hearing is an important piece.

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors