

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

Tuesday, September 16, 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, Mike Miner, Keith Horgen, Rich Brumm, Tom Rolfes, Aaron Murphy, Greg Beaver, Jenny Backer, Mike Gerdts, Deb Freeman, Caitlin Golle, and Penney Morse. Motion by Marzen, second by Wherry to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to approve the minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver presented his fees collected for the month of August in the amount of \$7,193.72. Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve the Sheriff's Report for August. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve the transfer of one Sheriff Tahoe to Conservation, with Conservation paying the transmission bill. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mike Miner provided a Conversation update after last week's board meeting. Elaine Govern with the bike trail committee went over upcoming events. The 28E agreement is being reviewed by the City of Mitchell, and Miner provided a water trail project update. The board went into closed session on land acquisition. Jenny Backer said there is a job fair on Thursday, September 18, from 2-3 pm at Fox River. Auditor Foster asked questions on the open meetings training required for newly elected and newly appointed officials.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated there is no information on the River Road paving project. Brumm provided an update on the bridge south of McIntire. The project is on schedule and has a completion date of November.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Second 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, Hartogh ayes, Frein, Wherry nays.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Marzen to approve Liquor License for Bo-Ks and Rusticks. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Wherry has the four City Agreements for the upcoming Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve City Agreements. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Frein, Wherry ayes, Hendrickson, Marzen nays.

Tom Rolfes has been installing pumps when needed in the City of Carpenter and would like to lower the rate if possible. There was discussion on paying off the loan faster or having lower rates. Rolfes stated there are seven rebuilt pumps ready, if needed. Consensus from the board to look at rate reduction and clean up the 28E agreement.

Motin by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Northland Securities Engagement Letter. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on Bond Council meeting, Hartogh reported on FMC Landfill, Marzen reported on Conservation, Emergency Preparedness, and Heidi Kuhl phone call, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Kuper Hog Site 3, and Rottink Finisher Farm. Penney Morse handed out a flyer for the Hamlin Garland event and thanked the Board for approving the second reading of Ordinance 61.

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

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Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

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Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors