

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 23, 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 Keith Horgen, Greg Beaver, Tom Rolfes, Rich Brumm, William Baresel, Caitlin Golle, Deb Freeman, Sandy Loden, Roger Loden, Karen Kittleson, Bobbie Schroeder, Julie Neeley, Joann Kroneman, Crystal Clark, Sue Horgen Virginia Neeley, Colette Ellingson, Mike Gerdt, Penney Morse, Jenny Backer, and Judy Kittleson. 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 16th meetings. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

William Baresel explained the tax abatement request for Mitchell County Memorial Foundation regarding Brower Pharmacy. Motion by Wherry, second by Hendrickson to approve Tax Abatements #352, 353 & 354. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy had nothing to discuss.

County Sheriff Beaver had nothing to discuss.

Supervisor Hartogh stated the camera system is down at the Public Health building, and maintenance is working on getting those back online. Hartogh said Dave is still waiting for bids on the columns. Solutions would like to put together a meeting to discuss future requests. Auditor Foster has received election paperwork for the City/School election in November, and the sample ballots will be posted online as soon as they are available. Maintenance is waiting on Henkel for information on the cupola.

County Engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on the bridge south of McIntire, and the River Road project.

Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Third 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” by Resolution #1317-25. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Marzen, Hendrickson, ayes, Wherry, Frein nays.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve Resolution #1318-25 Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for October 21, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: Frein, Hartogh, Wherry aye, Hendrickson, Marzen nay. The consultation meeting will be held October 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., and the Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on October 9, 2025.

Heidi Kuhl was available via “Go to Meeting” and went over the constitutional debt limit, summary of projects, proposed schedule of events, bond debt service based upon current interest rates and provided an updated TIF revenue and debt.

Julie Neeley with Senior Saints explained having to replace a compressor in the air conditioner and needing to replace the sixty-year-old furnace. Motion by Marzen, second by Hendrickson to approve Resolution #1319-25 Contract for Services for St. Ansgar Senior Saints in the amount of \$2,000. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to approve Liquor License for Sportsman Inn & Grill, LLC. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Marzen to approve reimbursement for newly elected and newly appointed officials for open meetings and open records meeting training for registration costs. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Wherry reported on Mitchell Soil & Water District, and Nextera meeting, Marzen reported on Nextera meeting, and Mitchell County Emergency Management, Hendrickson reported on Iowa Workforce, and Frein reported on FMC Early Childhood. Hartogh had nothing to report. Keith Horgen questioned why Iowa Workforce and FMC ECI are combining, Frien stated the funding was cut. Deb Freeman asked for clarification on who FMC ECI was. Penney Morse thanked the board for passing the ROW ordinance and doing their homework. Auditor Foster asked what the process will be for incoming IT job applications, and Supervisor Hartogh asked for it to be added to next week's agenda. Lisa Ritzert was available via "Go to Meeting" to share her appreciation to Rich Brumm and Tim Whipple on educating on the ROW ordinance. Julie Neeley thanked the board for approving the Senior Saints request.

Hartogh adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

Sydney Hartogh – Chair Board of Supervisors