

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Tony Stonecypher, Al Winters, Casey Ketelsen, Doug and Karen Brumm. Media present were Chrystal Berche and Mary Pieper. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the April 9th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk and Auditor Lowell Tesch discussed a fraudulent invoice that the Auditor's office had received via an email. The invoice was questioned and was not paid. The Auditor's office has also received fraudulent emails involving the Sheriff and the County Attorney. The IT Director has scheduled a cyber awareness training session for Department Heads to alert them for potential similar types of emails.

County Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the Sheriff's Report of Fees collected for the month of March. Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$6,938.25. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed a bridge project on Underwood Avenue over the Wapsi River and south of 485th Street. Rich recommended that the BOS approve the agreement. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve a Professional Services Agreement with WHKS & Company for the Wayne D-215 Bridge Project. Total design cost is a lump sum fee of \$50,000. Letting will be in the Fall of 2019 and work to be completed in 2020. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Rich recommended the BOS approve a new hire for his department. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve hiring Pat Michaels as a FT-40 Secondary Roads employee. His starting wage will be \$20.73 per hour. His date of hire is yet to be determined. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Toeterville area farmers and the Toeterville Elevator Manager Scott Jansen made a request to be reconsidered to have Hickory Avenue paved north to the state line road. Discussed future needs and widening of Hickory Avenue south of the town. Also discussed the amount of commerce being generated by the elevator. Dust has been an issue along the road. Supervisor Walk stated that he is in favor of paving the road. Supervisor Smolik feels the county needs to maintain what they have for paved roads now, not to pave new roads. Supervisor Francis is not in favor of using more TIF dollars for paving. No action was taken.

Milt Owen gave a water quality update. Milt reviewed a data analysis for the surface waters of Mitchell County.

Items of note: Francis reported on the Substance Abuse meeting, Rural Development Summit and Retail breakfast. Walk reported on the T-21 meeting and Smolik reported on the Valent, Hazmat and the Emergency Response meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors