

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 9, 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, Russ Brandau, Duane Tesch, Joy Beckman, Mark Ross, Lyndsey Falk, Russ Kephart and Media present were Chrystal Berche, Mary Pieper and Travis Charlson. 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 2nd meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed a request to waive a tax penalty and the interest for a building at the Osage Airport. The tax statement had been sent to the previous owner and was not forwarded to the new owner. County Attorney recommended that the fair thing to do would be to waive the penalty and interest. Motion by Walk, second by Francis that based on the recommendation of the County Attorney to waive the tax penalty and interest. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed the Renner & Birchem Auditing Firm's comments on questionable expenditures. Their belief is that certain disbursements in FY 18 did not meet the requirements of public purpose and were not clearly documented. In the future all grant requests will be run by the County Attorney to be determined that they meet the requirements of a public purpose.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve Wellness Resolution #1032-19 subject to additional language placed in the Resolution. This Resolution replaces Resolution #1023-19 dated December 31, 2018. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Francis, second by Walk to direct IT Director Casey Ketelsen to order a video recorder to tape BIOS meetings. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed using TIF funds for a payment to the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission to do marketing efforts for Mitchell County. Supervisor Francis stated that she is not in favor of using TIF funds for this. No action was taken.

Josh Byrnes presented a request for the County to help fund a Tiny House study. Josh feels this would be an option to recruit younger people to the county. Francis asked how this would help our tax base. Walk sees no problem with the tiny homes. He suggested that the Osage Municipal Utility Board should consider funding the study. Josh stated that OMU can't legally give out funds. Josh is requesting \$5,000 for the study. No action was taken.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the FY 2020 State DOT budget and program. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the FY 2020 State DOT budget and program. Roll call vote: all voted aye. A meeting for the T38

paving project was held last week. Discussed a tracking system for the Secondary Roads department vehicles. Estimated cost is \$25,000. Consensus to have Rich go ahead with purchasing the system. Discussed the pros and cons of allowing the Roads department start working four ten hour per day shifts on April 29th. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve allowing the Roads department to begin working four ten hour per day shifts beginning April 29th and end on August 29th. Roll call vote: Walk and Francis voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried. Discussed providing ten loads of rock for S. Ellicott Street in Mitchell. Consensus that the City of Mitchell pay for half the rock. Also discussed providing rock for the parking areas of Turtle Creek Trout Stream north of St. Ansgar. This would be along private property. County Engineer will look at the areas.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Tony Stonecypher asked if there would be someone from the County who would be interested in participating in the Leading Communities Training Program. The program is being conducted by the Iowa State Extension. The MCEDC is supporting the program. County Departments will be contacted regarding a volunteer for the training.

Jennifer Andrade, CEO of Avanca which is a Clear Lake based human resource company, made a presentation regarding a program to assist area businesses recruit employees from Puerto Rico. Local counties are being asked to contribute a stipend to assist local businesses with the recruitment of employees. Jennifer said total cost could be up to \$75,000 per region. After discussion consensus of the Board to have MCEDC Director Stonecypher to investigate the program.

Items of note: Francis reported on the North Iowa Community Action and Board of Health meetings. Walk reported on the NIACOG and Fair Board meetings. Smolik reported on the Valent and FMC-DECAT meetings and a recap of the Marshalltown tornado from 2018. Received the Mitchell County Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2018. Received the March Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$2,036.76. Effective April 5, 2019, Madison Eagen has been hired at the Home Health/Public Health department as a PRN HCA III aide. Her starting wage is \$14.10 per hour.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors