

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

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Samantha Scharper, Jim Wherry, Mike Mayer, Keith Horgen and Rachel Foster. Jason Selby was present from the Media. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting. All voted aye.

Motion by Francis, second by Smolik to approve granting up to 80 hours of paid leave when an employee needs to quarantine according to Public Health Guidelines. Proof needs to be shown from their physician or Public Health. This is offered one time and thereafter the employee needs to use their own qualified sick pay. All voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented his November Report of Fees collected. Motion by Smolik to approve the Report in the amount of \$6,711.18. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Engineer Rich Brumm an accident that occurred at the intersection of 445<sup>th</sup> Street and Kirkwood Avenue west of Stacyville. Supervisor Elect Mike Mayer suggested that a flashing stop signs be erected at that intersection. Currently there isn't a policy for putting up a flashing stop sign. Rich did say he has three of these signs in the Secondary Roads inventory. Consensus to have a flashing stop sign put up at this intersection. Discussed funding for 2021 road projects. Supervisor Walk stressed that the new BOS should utilize using TIF funds to assist with the future road projects. Supervisor Elect Jim Wherry said that the County's Urban Renewal projects were created for the good of the public.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve contributing \$1,800.00 to the Mitchell County Substance Abuse Coalition for the Prime for Life Program. All voted aye.

Supervisor Walk stated he had contacted Northland Securities Financial Jeff Heil regarding refinancing the Courthouse Bond. Jeff had said the interest rate has dropped and the County could refinance the Bond now and receive a savings of \$411,000.00. This may be considered after the new Board of Supervisors take office.

Items of note: Francis reported on the County Social Services and NE Iowa Local Workforce meetings. Walk reported on the Conservation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial and NIACOG meetings. Received the November Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$1,213.35. Received manure management plan updates from Fairview, Linc Pork LLC and Riceville. St. Ansgar Mayor Keith Horgen stated that Paul Boerjan would represent the City of St. Ansgar on the Upper Cedar River Watershed Board. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors