

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 10:30 a.m. with Smolik and Walk present. Francis was absent. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Casey Ketelsen, Keith Pitzen, Mike Mayer, Kent Krause, Kevin Byrnes and Josh Byrnes. Media present was Steve Thompson. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to delete County Engineer update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the February 11th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the Mitchell County Conservation Board has a lease with Sara Osmondson for a fishing access along the Cedar River at Otranto. Sara plans on selling the property and the lease will be canceled. County Attorney has prepared a permanent easement for the property. The Mitchell County Conservation Board has approved this. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve signing the easement agreement. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Action on a request to abate property taxes for the City of McIntire was tabled for one week.

Julie Devine introduced a new cancer policy from Cigna that she would like to present to the County employees during open enrollment for health insurance and supplemental insurances. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to allow. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve a Procurement Policy for Disaster Funding. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Osage Municipal Utilities General Manager Josh Byrnes reported that OMU is considering bringing a fiber optic line to the City of Mitchell and rural customers. Josh is requesting permits to use County right-of-way and to hang fiber on the underside of the Cedar River Bridge at Mitchell. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the request subject to the County Engineer's consent. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Kevin Byrnes and Kent Krause reviewed a proposal to build a new 2490 head hog confinement building on Underwood Avenue near Riceville. It was reported that a site visit was done with the DNR with no issues. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the permit application and to forward to the DNR with no negative comments. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of note: Smolik reported on the Wellness, Valent and FMC Landfill meetings and Walk reported on the Conservation meeting and the S & P Global ratings call. Walk also stated that the Mitchell City Council agreed to go along with transferring the County Care Facility building in the City's name for the DNR Derelict Building Program. Walk has

sent in the Grant application. Received a manure management plan update from the Schroeder Hog Farms LLC.
Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Vice Chair Board of Supervisors