

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Casey Ketelsen, Keith Pitzen, Mike Mayer, Betty McCarthy, Leo Meitner, Mark Ross, Rachel Foster, Adam Shirley, Larry Klemesrud, Justin Jensen and Tony Stonecypher. Media present was Steve Thompson. 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 February 18th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the Sheriff Report for January. Motion by Smolik, second by Francis to approve the report in the amount of \$8,310.21. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve Resolution #1054-20 approving a Bond Purchase Agreement with Northland Securities in connection with refinancing two bonds for Valent BioSciences. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed procedures to amend the Mitchell County Flood Plain Ordinance. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 17th at 8:45 a.m. to amend the Flood Plain Ordinance. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed with the County Attorney procedures to change the Mitchell County Local Option Sales Tax from 70% for any Lawful Purpose and 30% for Property Tax Relief to 100% for any Lawful Purpose. The voters of Mitchell County will have to vote on this proposal to change it. The original vote was in 1999.

Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve a request from the McIntire City Council to abate property taxes in the amount of \$1,293.00 for property owned by the City. Roll call vote: Francis and Walk voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that Turtle Creek Wind Farm Company is reviewing the bill Rich sent them for damage done to Kirkwood Avenue during their construction of their wind towers. A radio tracking system is being installed this week in the County motor graders and dump trucks. Roads department is doing cold patching on the hard surface roads.

Hospital Trustee Betty McCarthy made a request for the County to contribute \$23,290.00 towards demolishing the former Osage Day Care building. After discussion, consensus to not contribute any funds for this project.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Tony Stonecypher discussed the importance of the upcoming census. The public needs to be accurate when completing their census forms. Information regarding the census will be put on the County website.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley requested permission to replace two pickups from his department. One is a 1999 Dodge and the other is a 2004 Chevy. Both trucks need major repairs. Discussed purchasing new versus used. Also discussed buying one now and another after July 1st. Motion by Francis, second by Smolik to approve purchasing a new truck in this fiscal year and to order a second one if it can be paid for in the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Francis and Smolik voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve a fireworks permit to Nathan Bye to be displayed February 26, 2020 and one for Flashing Thunder/Mitchell Booster Club for July 3, 2020. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Chuck Pajer stated he would like the community to look into purchasing a van that Veteran's could use to transport to medical appointments to Des Moines, Mason City and Minneapolis. He is also taking to other organizations regarding a van.

Supervisor Walk stated that the Globe Gazette is planning on printing a Progress Edition on March 8th for the North Iowa Area. Stan has written an article for this edition. He stated the Globe will donate 100 additional copies.

Items of note: Francis reported on the Board of Health meeting and Smolik reported on the Valent BioScience, FMC DECAT and FMC Early Childhood meetings. Received manure management plan updates from the Griffiths Finisher Farm, Jen Rae Site and Thorson Sow Farm/Tip 10. Veteran's Affairs Director Larry Klemesrud stated that the Veteran's Commission has discussed leasing a van for Veteran's to use for going to appointments. A van with a wheel-chair lift would be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors