

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 28, 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, Gary Fossey, Judy Voaklander and Mike Mayer. Media present were Savannah Howe and Steve Thompson. Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to include County Care Grant and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the January 21st meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that there were no prisoners in the jail today.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that he is working on closing out the wind tower road agreements. Discussed future road projects

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for Ordinance #51 establishing voting districts in Mitchell County, Iowa. The Chair asked if the BOS or the Auditor had received any oral or written comments prior to the hearing. No one had received any comments. The Chair asked if anyone from the public in attendance had any comments. None were received. The public hearing was closed at 8:46 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to waive the first and second reading of the ordinance. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve adopting Ordinance #51 establishing voter districts in Mitchell County, Iowa. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Tony Stonecypher presented his FY 20/21 budget. Economic Development is requesting the same amount as in FY 19/20 \$85,000. This will be placed in the next year's budget.

Mitchell County Hospital CEO Shelley Russell and Hospital Board member Betty McCarthy made a request of \$32,400 for assistance in tearing down the old Day Care building in Osage. The Hospital has received a proposal of \$64,800 to tear down the building. The Hospital has also contacted the City of Osage to assist with paying the same amount of \$32,400. The BOS tabled the request pending what the City decides.

Sarah Merrifield of the Foster Grandparent Program made a FY 20/21 budget request of \$1,000 to support their program serving Mitchell County youth. After discussion, consensus to contribute \$500 and to include this in the FY 20/21 County budget.

Discussed a request from the McIntire City Council to abate the property taxes for a lot that they now own. Consensus to table taking any action pending more information from the City.

Supervisor Walk reported he is making progress on a DNR Grant to abate asbestos and demolish the County Care Facility building. Walk is working with the City of Osage on a proposal to transfer the property to the City. A requirement for the Grant is for a municipality with a population of less than 5,000 to have ownership of the property. Low bids of \$37,500 to abate the asbestos and \$37,500 to demolish the building have been received. The Grant has a due date of February 20, 2020.

Items of note: Francis reported on the North Iowa Community Action, County Social Services, Heartland Insurance and Economic Development meetings. Smolik reported on the Long-Term Disaster Recovery and Valent meetings. Walk reported on the Mason City Chamber of Commerce meeting. Received manure management plan updates from Kuper Hog Site 2 LLC, Kuper Cattle, McIntire Finisher Farm, Newburg Pigs and Wright Way Inc. Received the December Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$2,250.07.

Discussed the Standard & Poor rating call scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th at 11:00 a.m. This will be posted as a workshop with the BOS.

Mike Mayer asked what the future plans are for the County Care property once the building has been demolished. The BOS are considering their options. No formal decision has been made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors