

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Monday, January 4, 2021

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Lowell Tesch, Sammi Scharper, Savannah Howe, Jason Smelby and Lindsay Uhlenhopp. Due to COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via “Go to Meeting”. Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to approve the agenda with name corrections on the Board Appointments and change the date to 2021 on item fifteen. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the minutes of the December 22nd meeting. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to nominate Smolik as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. All voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to nominate Wherry as Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Wherry to set the following office days for Supervisors to be available in the Courthouse. Wherry on Monday’s, Hendrickson on Tuesday’s, Frein on Wednesday’s, Mayer on Thursday’s and Smolik on Friday’s. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the following committee and board appointments: FMC - ECI Board - Smolik with Wherry as alternate; NIACOG Board - Smolik with Wherry as alternate; North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission (NCRERC) - Smolik with Wherry as alternate; Floyd/Mitchell/Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency – Smolik and Wherry as alternate; FMC DECAT – Frein with Hendrickson as alternate; Advisory Committee of the Mitchell County Home Health Care and Board of Health - Mayer with Smolik as alternate; Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services - Wherry with Frein as alternate; Trustee to Heartland Insurance Risk Pool (HIRP) - Hendrickson with Mayer as alternate; REAP Committee - Wherry with Frein as alternate; County Emergency Management Commission - Smolik with Wherry as alternate; Mitchell County Joint E-911 Service Board - Smolik with Wherry as alternate; Local Elected Officials Development Board - Hendrickson with Mayer as alternate; Mitchell County Economic Development - Frein with Hendrickson as alternate; Animal-Feeding Operation Complaint Investigations contact person – Hendrickson - District 1, Frein District 2, Wherry District 3, Smolik District 4 and Mayer District 5; Area Agency on Aging County

Advisory Committee - Smolik with Wherry as alternate; Sister City Organization – Paulus with Smolik as alternate; Conservation Board – Mayer with Smolik as alternate; North Iowa Community Action – Mayer with Smolik as alternate; Assessors Conference Board – Frein, Wherry, Smolik, Mayer and Hendrickson; Board of Supervisors Appointee to NIACOG Board – Rick Bodensteiner and Tracy Church; County Social Services 28E Governing Board – Hendrickson with Mayer as alternate; Fair Board – Frein with Hendrickson as alternate; North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services – Wherry with Frein as alternate; Substance Abuse Coalition Board – Mayer with Smolik as alternate; Upper Cedar Watershed Wherry with Frein as alternate; Upper Wapsi Watershed Smolik with Wherry as alternate; Valent BioSciences Frein with Hendrickson as alternate; Iowa Workforce Development Hendrickson with Mayer as alternate; North Iowa Port Authority Wherry with Frein as alternate and Tony Stonecypher; NIACOG Revolving Loan Committee – Shannon Paulus; North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services – Wherry with Frein as alternate; North Iowa Long Term Disaster Recovery Committee – Smolik with Wherry as alternate; North Iowa Regional Housing Authority – Tracy Church; Wellness – Smolik and Shannon Paulus. Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the Committees and Boards as indicated. All voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to authorize County Auditor to issue warrants in payment of all county payroll, Iowa Public Employees Retirement, Social Security, Health Insurance and approved claims. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to designate St. Ansgar Enterprise Journal and Mitchell County Press News to be named the official newspapers for Mitchell County for 2021 and appoint Enterprise Media Group, publisher of the St. Ansgar Enterprise Journal, as an agent to serve notice of expiration of Right of Redemption and to be the legal publication when one publication is required. All vote aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to designate Rich Brumm, Mitchell County Engineer, be authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications, therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in the county. All voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Mayer to designate maximum rates that are allowed to be reimbursed to County employees for meeting expenses: room – actual reasonable cost; a total per day of meals not to exceed \$30.00, and mileage reimbursement at the Federal rate (\$0.56 per mile). Individual meals may exceed the amount allowed if the price includes meeting room expense and shall be so indicated on the receipt. No meals will be reimbursed without a receipt. Appointments of Supervisors to various boards shall constitute approval for necessary expenses to those board meetings incurred throughout the calendar year of 2021. County Supervisors using a personal cell phone to conduct county business shall receive a monthly stipend of \$30.00 for partial

monthly billing costs. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Frein to appoint Dr. Kelly Ross the Mitchell County Medical Examiner for 2021 with Dr. Jeff Nasstrom and Dr. Benson Hargens as Deputies with the coroner's fee to be \$100.00 plus mileage at the current county rate. All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to provide the following assurances to the DOT according to the provisions of the 1970 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act:

1. It is the policy of Mitchell County to acquire right-of-way in accord with Title III of said 1970 Act as amended by Title IV, and applicable state laws.

2. It is the policy of Mitchell County to provide relocation assistance benefits in accord with Title II of said 1970 Act as amended by Title IV, and applicable state laws.

3. Mitchell County will contact the Iowa Department of Transportation for assistance as needed to assure compliance with applicable laws which are summarized in the instructions entitled "Uniform Manual, Real Property Acquisition and Relocations Assistance." All voted aye.

Motion by Wherry, second by Frein to establish a rate of 1.9 times the assessed valuation in acquisition of R.O.W. for local road projects and damages for fence removal at the rate of \$9.00 per rod for woven fence and \$7.00 per rod for barbed wire plus \$150 per acre crop damage allowance. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the 2021 Mitchell County dues and/or contributions to the following organizations: NIACOG dues @ \$.80 capita (rural only) \$3,719.20, Region 2 Transit assessment @ \$1.65/ capita \$17,780.40, NCRERC dues @ \$.76/capita \$8,189.76. All voted aye.

Motion by Frein, second by Wherry to appoint to the Mitchell County Land Compensation Commission for 2021 (Iowa Code 6B.4) the following:

Licensed Real Estate Agents:

Dale Blakestad, Lisa Pollard, Clarence Kruse, Bob Muller, Kevin Kolbet, Phil Kolbet, Janean Kolbet.

Owner-Operator of Agricultural Property:

Paul Groth, Russ Bissen, Curtis TerHark, Deanna Eastman, Jack Edgington, Dean Theis, Rodney Kuntz, Pete Thome, Karl Theis.

Owner of City or Town Property:

Tom Heard, Richard Brown, Jerry Dunlay, L. Dean Pohren, Kelvin Palsic, Gordon Anderson.

Persons Having Knowledge of Property Values:

Scott Brandau, Rodney Patterson, Harold Landherr, Bill Denner, Dean Wright, Tim Schulz. All voted aye.

County Attorney had nothing to present.

Sheriff Beaver said New Year's Eve was pretty quiet and will go over the Sheriff's budget on January 6th.
County Engineer was not available.

After Discussion, motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve Resolution #1074-21 adopting the salary recommendations for the Mitchell County elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as recommended by the Mitchell County Compensation Board. All voted aye.

Discussed wage increases for the Mitchell County hourly employees. Motion by Frein, second by Hendrickson to approve a 55 cent per hour increase for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. All vote aye.

After Discussion, motion by Wherry, second by Mayer to approve the FY 2022 County health insurance plans 11E and 12C including Dental and Vision Plans and to continue contributing to the County's Flex Benefit Plan for all full-time forty-hour employees. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the liquor license for Osage Bowl & Rivals Sports Bar & Grill. All voted aye.

After discussion of a policy for donating vacation hours, it was decided to discuss at the January 26th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Rachel Foster - Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors