

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Dean Pohren, Al Winters, Alex Schmidt (Media) and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Adams to include new hire, fund balances, Mitchell County Community Incentive Program and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Adams, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the March 6th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk budget cuts for the Court system.

Planning and Zoning Director Mark Ross reported that the Mitchell County Board of Adjustment had met and recommended the approval of a special exemption to construct 56 wind towers. After discussion, motion by Adams, second by Voaklander to approve the request for the Turtle Creek Wind Farm. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a brief department update.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the Zinnia Avenue paving project. Ulland Brothers turned in the low bid of \$799,889.03. Rich reported that the Secondary Roads Bargaining Unit voted to work 10 hour days for the summer season. They would like to start on April 30th and end at Labor Day. Action on the proposal was tabled for one week. Discussed the Drainage District #3 project.

Assessor Amy Folkerts gave an estimation for future County tax revenue from the new Turtle Creek Wind Farm.

Angela Backhaus reviewed services that the Iowa Works Young Adult Services program provides.

Discussed a funding request from the St. Ansgar Senior Citizen Center. This was tabled pending receiving more financial information.

Items of note: Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting and the Iowa Select open house. Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and North Iowa Community Action meetings. Adams reported on the Iowa Select open house and the Riceville City Council meeting. Received the February Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$2,248.38. Received manure management plan updates from the Benson Site and Ruehlow 2 LLC.

Supervisor Voaklander reviewed the monthly fund balance report for the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. He asked why funds from that account weren't applied to funding the last mile of the bike trail since there is a balance of \$385,000 in the fund. Supervisor Walk stated that TIF funds were being used.

Reviewed with MCEDC Director Jennifer Andrade the Mitchell County Construction Incentive Program. Supervisor Walk stated that he wants the language for the guidelines to be changed to state that Board of Supervisors has the final

say regarding the funds that are to be dispersed and to set a deadline of December 15, 2018 for the program pending there is still funds available.

Approval of a new hire in the Auditor's office was tabled for one week.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors