

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Dean Pohren, Tony Stonecypher, Randy Conrad, Al Winters, Kevin Sprung, Adam Shirley, KAAL TV 6 and Mary Pieper (Media). Motion by Francis, second by Walk to delete County Attorney and Sheriff updates and to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the minutes of the March 12th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm presented a resolution opposing Senate Study Bill 1045 and Senate File 184 which was passed by the Iowa Senate Committee on Transportation. The Bill would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 relating to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways.

After discussion, motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve Resolution #1030-19. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Rich reported on road conditions. A portion of the River Road is currently close due to flooding.

Discussed possible TIF projects for 2019. Considering \$1 million for road rock, \$2 million for the commercial housing program and \$600,000 for Conservation projects. Supervisor Walk will contact Bond Counsel John Danos and Financial Advisor Jeff Heil to begin work on the proceedings for the projects. Conservation Director Adam Shirley gave an update on replacing the Otranto Dam in 2020 and an issue with the boat docks at Halvorson Park due to the ice going out of the river.

Gayle Nelson from the CRC made a request to close a portion of Foothill Avenue for the Main to Main Marathon scheduled for August 24, 2019. Discussed options to close one lane and use a pilot car or to close the whole road. Motion by Francis, second by Walk to close Foothill Avenue from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday August 24, 2019. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Supervisor Smolik read a proclamation for the North Iowa Community College (NIACC) proclaiming March 23, 2019 as NIACC Trojans Day as they celebrate 100 years of excellence in athletic competition. Motion by Francis, second by Walk approving the Proclamation. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Mark Mohl was present representing NIACC.

Discussed legislation for the Bottle Bill that is being considered at the Iowa Capitol.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve Resolution #1031-19 opposing a proposed 24% increase in the residential rates of Alliant Energy customers in Mitchell County. Roll call vote: all voted aye. This will be forwarded to the Iowa Utility Board.

Items of note: Francis reported on the North Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting and Smolik reported on the Valent and FMC Landfill meetings. Received manure management plan updates from HUFECO Evanson Site, Johnson Brothers,

Jon Krebsbach Finisher and First Klass. Effective March 6, 2019 the Board of Health appointed Laura Huisman to Interim Administrator until further notice for the Home Health/Public Health Department. They approved a \$4.00 raise and her new wage is \$27.07 per hour. Effective March 6, 2019 the Board of Health approved a \$2.00 per hour raise for Lynette Kephart to assist with the Interim Administrator until further notice. Her new salary is \$64,480. Effective March 6, 2019 the Board of Health approved a \$2.00 per hour raise for Jessa Ketelsen to assist the Interim Administrator until further notice. Her new salary is \$48,880.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors