

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Samantha Scharper. Due to the Corona Virus the meeting was made available to the public by video via "Go to Meeting" 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 May 19th meeting and the claims. All voted aye.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley reported on 212 acres of property owned by the Pitzen family east of Stacyville that the Conservation department is interested in purchasing. The Conservation Board is seeking to obtain an Iowa DNR Habitat Stamp Grant to assist with buying the property. The purchase price is \$996,000. The property is in the CRP Program and there is six years left in the program. \$48,000 is the annual amount that is generated from the CRP and would be used to make the loan payments. County Attorney Mark Walk said a public hearing would need to be held prior to the Conservation Board making the purchase. After discussion, motion by Smolik, second by Walk to allow Conservation Director Shirley to apply for the Iowa DNR Habitat Stamp Grant. All voted aye.

Gayle Nelson from the Cedar River Complex gave an update on the 2020 Main 2 Main Marathon and to ask the County's permission to close county roads for the event. The marathon will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. This is will be the 3rd year for the event. Gayle expects to have over 200 participants. This will be place on the June 2nd agenda for action.

County Engineer Rich Brumm said the roads department is blading roads. The rock run continues.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve a Liquor License for the Acorn Park Golf and Recreation Area. All voted aye.

Supervisor Walk reported on population figures for the cities in our seven-county area. Between 2010 and 2015 Mitchell County is the only county to show a positive population growth.

Items of note: Francis reported on the NE Iowa Workforce Development, Board of Health and County Social Service HR meetings. Received a Manure Management Plan update from Mark Theis Finisher.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors