

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Francis and Smolik present. Walk was absent. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Gary Fossey, Casey Ketelsen, Karen Damjanovic, Mark Ross, Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Shannon Paulus, Ashley Rosendahl, Rachel Foster and Steve Thompson (Media). Motion by Francis, second by Smolik to include discussion on CSS Resolution and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

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

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed costs for cleaning up the Russ Kephart property in New Haven. Treasurer Shannon Paulus asked about receiving receipts for the metal that was hauled away. None has been provided. Jason Palmer will be contacted about providing the receipts.

A resolution to transition County Social Services employees to CSS One Employer will be placed on the November 26<sup>th</sup> BOS agenda.

Discussed right-of-way and ownership of a county ditch. No action was taken.

At 9:00 a.m. the public hearing for the County Service building remodeling project was opened. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. The Supervisors and the Auditor stated that they had not received any. Gary Anderson of Skott & Anderson Architects reported on the bids that were turned in for the project Five bids were received. The low bid was received from Kingland Construction Services in the amount of \$149,700.00. The timeline for the project would begin January 1, 2020 and be completed by April 15, 2020. The public hearing was closed at 9:07 a.m.

After discussion, motion by Francis, second by Smolik to approve awarding the contract to Kingland Construction Services in the amount of \$149,700.00. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the October Sheriff Report of Fees. Motion by Francis, second by Smolik to approve the report in the amount of \$3,478.78. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed with County Engineer Rich Brumm a concern by a County resident on the size of rock on Hickory Avenue southwest of Osage. Rich reported that the Secondary Roads had received 700 tons of road salt.

Rural Library Board members Syd Heimer, Betsy Morse, Marsha Kuntz, Barb Klapperich and Jerry Brandau gave updates from each of their libraries for the past year. They also made a request for a 4% increase for the FY 20/21 budget. The libraries currently receive a total of \$139,800 from Mitchell County. This would increase the County's contribution to \$145,392.00. The BOS will consider this during budget meetings in January.

Items of note: Francis reported on the County Social Services meeting, the Iowa Lt. Governors visit to the Murphy-Smith Accounting office and a ribbon cutting at the Osage School project. Smolik reported on the FMC Landfill and Upper Cedar Watershed meetings.

Supervisor Francis stated that Jeanne Dahley was supposed to have been appointed to the Mitchell County Board of Adjustment instead of Chrystal Berche. Motion by Francis, second by Smolik to appoint Jeanne Dahley to the Board of Adjustment for a five-year term. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Regular meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. The Board proceeded as a Board of Canvassers and canvassed the ballots from the second tier of the City/School Election held on November 5, 2019. Motion by Francis, second by Smolik to approve the canvas as presented. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors