

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Casey Ketelsen, Rita Dvorak, Mike Mayer, Chris Olson, Rachel Foster and Steve Thompson (Media). Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the November 19th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed the bills for cleaning up the Kephart property in New Haven. Discussed FEMA policies and a resolution. This will be placed on the December 3rd agenda for possible action. Discussed with Sheriff Beaver a medical bill for an inmate from Wisconsin who was held in the Mitchell County Jail. The County Attorney has sent a letter to the Sheriff in Wisconsin to reimburse Mitchell County for these expenses.

Rita Dvorak, representing the Supervisor Redistricting Committee, reviewed a revised Precinct plan that was requested by the Iowa Secretary of State's office. Rita explained the changes that were made. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the revised Redistricting Precinct Plan as presented. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

After discussion, motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve Resolution #1046-19 to transition County Social Service employees to One Employer with CSS. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that he has an employee who has done an exceptional job and would like to reward the employee with chamber bucks. The BOS said they would like to think about this for a week before giving him an ok on doing this.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the Roads department are putting up snow fences. Discussed signage at railroad crossings and storage containers. The Board is considering on purchasing a storage container to store office furniture from the Home Health/Public Health department for their remodeling project. Once the project is completed the storage container could be turned over to the Roads department.

Deputy Auditor Rachel Foster reviewed the 2019 Urban Renewal and TIF Reports. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the Reports. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of note: Francis reported on the North Iowa Community Action, Board of Health, County Social Services and Economic Development meetings. Walk reported on the Port Authority and Mitchell County Progressive meeting. Smolik reported on the FMC DECAT and County Social Services building meetings. To be noted that \$133,262.00 is to be transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund and \$625,000.00 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Public comments were received from Steve Thompson regarding a meeting sponsored by the Iowa State Extension Service dealing with suicides amongst the farming community. MCEDC Director Tony Stonecypher stated that the Economic Development Board discussed continuing a Spec Building Program. Approximately 8 years ago the BOS loaned money to the MCEDC for this program. Tony stated there is interest in another spec building being built in the St. Ansgar Industrial Park. Supervisor Walk is recommending the BOS renew this program. Supervisor Walk commented that he wished Auditor Tesch would have informed the BOS that there is an opening in his office for a payroll clerk position. Instead of seeing an ad in the newspaper.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors