

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Judy Voaklander, Al Winters, Mark Ross, Bill Zimmerell, Jerry Dunay, Kevin Kolbet and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the November 20th meeting. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated he will be meeting with the Sheriff and Mark Ross regarding the Russ Kephart property.

County Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported he is working on his budget and road projects. Discussed purchasing right of way for Hickory Avenue just south of Toeterville. Also discussed paving Quail Avenue and the Red Ball Road south of St. Ansgar. Rich stated that a paving point analysis will need to be done along with a public hearing before proceeding with paving the Red Ball Road.

Casey Ketelsen was interviewed for a full-time IT (Information Technology) position for Mitchell County. Discussed needs for the county departments. After further discussion, motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to offer the full time IT position to Casey at a starting salary of 65,000. Roll call vote: all ayes. Casey will start work January 2, 2019.

Discussed TIF funding. Supervisor Walk stated that \$5 million of TIF funds are available. Supervisor Voaklander reported that the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission Board is talking about doing a second phase for a commercial housing program. Supervisor Smolik suggested that current homes need to be updated but without using TIF funds. Voaklander stated other county communities would like new housing. The current housing stock is aging. Walk is asking for a firm recommendation from MCEDC Board by the end of December.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Economic Development and North Iowa Community action meetings. Smolik reported on a FMC DECAT meeting.

Judy Voaklander stated that a recent newspaper editorial stated that the City of Osage is being TIF'ed 100%. That is not close to being true and is misleading to the public. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.