

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Barb Francis, Dean Pohren, Paul Groth and Crystal Berche with the Media. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to include Kathy Showalter and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the September 25th meeting. Roll call vote: all vote ayes.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk and County Assessor Amy Folkerts a request by the Conservation Board to abate the property taxes on 6 parcels of land that County Conservation owns. Discussed revenues received from CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) which is an USDA Federal Program. No action was taken and was tabled for one week.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported on complaints that his department is receiving from farmers who are trying to get down gravel roads and into their fields. The wind tower company has been closing them while moving their equipment to the wind tower sites. County Engineer will contact the wind tower company regarding this issue.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the paving project is to begin this week. Discussed hiring a full time person for the Osage shop. Consensus to advertise for an employee.

Kathy Showalter of Planscape Partners reported on an expansion project for A to Z Drying Inc. They plan to build a 50' x 80" warehouse. A to Z is requesting a TIF rebate. Kathy will be working with A to Z and the City of Osage on an amendment to the County Urban Renewal Plan. Consensus for the County to follow with the City of Osage on a ten year plan with A to Z Drying.

Terry Beek gave a presentation for the Washington National Insurance Company. Consensus of the BOS to allow Washington National Insurance to present their products to the County employees at the 2019 open enrollment meeting.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Valent meetings. Smolik reported on a special Board of Health meeting. Walk discussed TIF and the backfill from the State of Iowa. Effective October 15, 2018 Lynette Kephart will be changing roles at the Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health department. She will be transitioning from her current hourly position as agency RN to the salaried position of Clinical Manager. Her annual salary will be \$60,320.00. Effective October 22, 2018 Jessa Ketelsen has been hired as a Full time Quality Assurance Coordinator and Agency LPN. Her annual salary will be \$44,720.00. Effective September 20, 2018 Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health Administrator Melissa Smith was granted an additional week's vacation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors