

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 9, 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, Al Winters, Rita Dvorak, Adam Shirley, Amy Folkerts, Shannon Paulus, Megan Taets, Bill Zimmerell and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to letter from City of Osage for Urban Renewal Plan update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the County Employee Policy Manual. Supervisor Smolik reported that the Board of Health approved granting Home Health/Public Health Administrator Melissa Smith a third week's vacation. Mark stated that the Board of Health had contacted him. The BOH is an autonomous Board and can do their own thing. Supervisor Voaklander is contacting an Human Relations Firm regarding reviewing the County's Policy Manual.

Discussed the Kephart property issue in New Haven. County Attorney will send a letter to Mr. Kephart regarding this matter.

Discussed an abatement of taxes for six parcels of land that is owned by County Conservation. Voaklander stated that the BOS should reconsider the vote that was taken on September 25, 2018 to abate these taxes. Assessor Folkerts explained that the six parcels are not exempt and are in the Federal CRP Program. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to rescind the previous vote to approve abating the taxes on the six parcels and to direct the County Treasurer to back date the payment of the taxes with no penalty. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Sheriff Greg Beaver presented the Sheriff's Report of fees collected for September. Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to approve the report in the amount of \$18,944.11. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Wayne Beek of EDP Renewables gave an update on the Wind Tower Project. Wayne said they are working on road closure routes for the farmers and the school bus routes. He estimates that the wind towers will be on line by January of 2019.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the short bridge repair report. T-38 paving plans are being sent to the IDOT. Rich is working on Conservation trail plans.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve a liquor license for the Osage VFW Post 7920. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Valent meetings. Smolik reported on a drone exercise and a DNR site visit for Kuper Hog Site 4. Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting. Received manure management plan

updates from Flugge Farm, Mosher Ridge and Jonas Z. Leid. Walk stated that the BOS has been invited to a meeting on October 15th at the Osage City Hall for amending the Osage Urban Renewal Area.

Public comments were received from Al Winters pertaining to Port Authority minutes and the gas line study. Dean Pohren questioned Walk about the "Understanding TIF" article in the Press News. Rita Dvorak asked about the potential gas line.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors