

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

Tuesday, September 11, 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, Steve Cooper, Judy Voaklander, Cal Nicklay, Al Winters, Dave Stauffer 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 September 4th meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that progress is being made on cleaning up the Kephart property in New Haven.

Valent Bio Science officials made a presentation regarding the odor issue at the pretreatment plant. In February 2018 Valent took on the responsibility for the operation of the plant. It was explained that there are issues with removing the sludge from the tanks. The sludge is to be completely removed twice a year. Valent is working on getting the right equipment in place and is committed to get the odor issue fixed.

After discussion, consideration of an abatement of taxes for the City of Osage was tabled for one week.

County Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Heartland Insurance Employment Seminar and Valent meeting. Smolik reported on the FMC Early Childhood meeting and Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting. Received a manure management plan update from the Hemann East Finisher Farm. Voaklander stated that Dave Stauffer is interested in renting the barn at the County Care Facility to store a horse. Also someone is interested in purchasing a portable basketball hoop at the facility.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the renewal of Title VI Assurances and a Non Discrimination Agreement. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich reviewed a Resolution to amend the DOT Budget and Program for FY 19. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the County Services building. Present were occupants of the County Services building, members of the Board of Health, BOS, Mitchell County Food Bank, media and contractor Kelvin Palsic. Home Health/Public Health Director Melissa Smith proposed changing the Home Health offices to the east side of the building in order to have private offices for her nurses and to be HIPPA compliant. County Social Services Director Megan Taets explained that her department also needs to be HIPPA compliant. Other departments shared their time spent in the building. After further discussion consensus of the BOS to make separate offices on the west side of the building for the Home Health department. Drawings and plans will be done

this fall with construction to begin in January 2019 by Palsic Construction. Goal is to keep costs below \$100,000.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors