

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Cheryl Jahnel, Teran Smith and Warren Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Mitchell County Hospital Administrator Sandy Leggett gave an update on hospital operations and reviewed critical access hospitals.

County Engineer Jim Hyde stated that the Road foreman's pickup truck should be replaced due to the amount of mileage on the vehicle. Consensus to have Co. Engineer write specs for a new pickup. Jim reported that the bridge on Noble Ave. is done, Popp's Excavating are working on the Lime Kiln Road and the Roads department is hauling rock and blading roads.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the FY 08-09 Rural Library contract. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the FY 07-08 County Care Facility Financial and Inventory report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Treasurer Carol Zerck reviewed a parcel of property for suspension of taxes per a request from the Department of Human Services. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve Suspension #256 in the amount of \$1,058.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. Reviewed County Conservation property's for abatement of taxes. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve Abatements #257, #258 and #259 in the amounts of \$76.00, \$128.00 and \$152.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. Reviewed an abatement of taxes on building lease land on account of the house has been moved. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve Abatement #255 in the amount of \$126.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Present to discuss Urban Renewal Planning for the wind tower project in the northeast portion of the County were NIACOG Director Joe Myhre, Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer, Assessor Dean Pohren and Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. Discussed taxing for the wind towers once they come on line and discussed setting up TIF districts under the Urban Renewal Plan. The Ahler's Law Firm is being consulted regarding TIF procedures. NIACOG will write the Urban Renewal Plan.

At 10:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider the grant of a road construction easement and a utilities easement for the wind tower project. Present were Teran Smith, Bill Prowell and County Conservation Director Milt Owen. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written objections received prior to the hearing. The Auditor and the

BOS replied that none were received. After brief discussion the public hearing was closed at 10:01 a.m. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the sale of the easements. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Brenda Dryer reviewed the 2008 FEMC application. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the application. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed a 28E agreement for the Carpenter Wastewater project. Supervisor Voaklander expressed concerns with some of the language and terms of the agreement. The County Attorney will contact Attorney Rick Gross about redesigning the agreement.

Conservation Director Milt Owen reported that the funding portion of the CAT Grant for the Wapsi Bike Trail has moved on to negotiations. Milt stated that Mitchell County is the fiscal agent for the CAT Grant. A meeting with the CAT Grant commission will be held in the near future.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the County Substance Abuse FY 08 final report and the 4th quarter reimbursement form. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the NIVC full board and EMA meetings and Walk reported on the Conservation and Mental Health meetings. Received a manure management plan update from Friesen Farms North East. Received the FY 08 Ag Extension Education Operating Fund report.

Assessor L. Dean Pohren expressed concerns regarding language to the back of the 2008 tax receipt form. It states that the Assessor sets the valuations and protests should be directed to the Assessor. Dean stated that when his office sends out the new valuations that the public has an opportunity to file a protest with the Board of Review at that time. Dean recommends that this statement be taken off the tax form.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors