

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Warren Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include discussion on weed commissioner and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska reviewed the July financial report and gave an update for the department. There were seven new referrals for the month.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the August 19th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed purchasing a new car for the Sheriff's department to replace the one that had been damaged in an accident. A quote of \$22,393.00 had been received. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to purchase the car. The car will be paid from the Sheriff's department FY 09 budget with no budget amendment necessary and no vehicle to be purchased in FY 2010. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider a proposal to borrow funds from Homeward, Inc., an Iowa Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Present were Tracey Achenbach and Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. 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. Tracey explained that this program is for new speculative homes and contractors could borrow up to \$50,000 per home with the homes to be sold within 12 months. If the homes are not sold within that time another 12 months could be requested. Mitchell County will act as a pass thru for the loans. After more discussion the hearing was closed at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to participate in the program with Homeward, Inc. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde discussed a request to pay Roads employees \$30.00 to be on call for a weekend when the Roads Forman is out of town. This would occur maybe six times a year. Consensus to grant this request. Discussed seal coating some roads for next year. This will be reviewed more in January.

Doug Havig was present to discuss the weed commissioner program for this past weed season. Reviewed roadside vegetation and different types of noxious weeds.

Dan Schroeder of NIACOG presented a pre-disaster mitigation plan for Mitchell County. The plan will be on file in the Auditor's office for thirty days.

Assessor L. Dean Pohren and Treasurer Carol Zerck discussed the Mitchell County tax receipt forms. Dean

explained that in 2003 that the Iowa Assessor's association had requested that the Iowa Treasurer's association to remove a statement on the back of the tax form that states that the Assessor sets the valuation and that if a tax payer doesn't agree with the valuation they should protest this to the Assessor. Dean stated that he gets blamed for setting the tax rate. The taxing authorities are the ones who set the tax rate not the Assessor. The Board discussed for next year to write an article in the newspaper explaining the tax statement.

Discussed with the Treasurer a suspension of taxes for County owned property at 816 Pleasant Street in Osage and also the street paving assessment for the property. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to abate the back taxes of \$1,330.00 and to pay the paving assessment of \$1,419.00 prior to the sale of the property. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Auditor Lowell Tesch discussed custodial services for the Courthouse. Also present were Jennifer Schweiger and Terri Tesch. This will be discussed further with the County Attorney.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the Renner & Birchem letter of engagement for Auditing work. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Rural Affairs with ISAC Legislative people and a CAT Grant meeting with Howard County and Elaine Govern. Marreel reported on the County Care picnic and a DECAT meeting. Voaklander reported on the North Iowa Alliance, Sister City, Economic Development and North Iowa Juvenile Detention meetings. Received manure management plan updates from D&J Farms, Larry Bissen, Groth Farms, Schrad Farms, LLC, Wheeler Finsiher Farm and Tooker/Tip 12 Finisher Farm.

Reviewed a quote from Wayland Brown for shingles on the Annex roof and for sidewalks on County property. Shingle quotes were \$22,736.66 for asphalt, \$24,684.10 for steel and \$27,326.31 for deca-steel. Cement sidewalk quote was \$10,226.50. Action on the quotes was delayed to the Sept. 2nd meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors