

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer, Lee Boerjan and Warren Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to amend the agenda to include update from Brenda Dryer, McIntire sewer, TIF and Vet's Affairs and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the October 28th meeting as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed a request from the Riceville Recorder newspaper to publish BOS minutes and legals for 2009. Present was St. Ansgar Enterprise Journal editor Chuck Peterson. Discussed circulation numbers for the two newspapers. Currently the Mitchell County Press News and the Enterprise Journal have the two highest circulation numbers throughout Mitchell County. This will be reviewed with the County Attorney before taking any action.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to appoint Kelvin Palsic of Osage to replace David Randall, Sr. as an alternate on the North Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the amended CAT Grant for the Wapsi Great Western Bike Trail. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer gave an update on the fire that damaged two Riceville businesses. Discussed applying for federal money to assist the businesses. Brenda stated that a plan would have to be written for a USDA loan. Also discussed a retail trade analysis within the county. A grant had been applied for, but was turned down. Discussed helping to fund the trade analysis. Cost would be \$1,200.00. The BOS will meet with the Osage and St. Ansgar Chamber of Commerce's before proceeding.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the Roads department is patching roads, doing ditch clean outs and putting on snow equipment.

Present to discuss the City of Carpenter sewer project were Tim Moreau, Jason Petersburg, Brandon Shaw, Rick Gross, Sandie Adams and Mark Ross. Reviewed a check list of things to be done before bids can be taken for the project. Discussed local financing, publications and a 28E agreement. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign a letter for a statement of effort to utilize small, minority and women owned business sources. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve payments of \$750.00 for permits and \$16,629.00 for engineering services related to the sewer project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the FMC workshop, flu clinic drill and the NIVC Marketing Board meeting. Voaklander reported on a tour with Economic Development members of industrial sites in Osage. Walk reported on the McIntire City Council meeting. Walk also gave an update on the McIntire sewer project.

Discussed a tax increment financing (TIF) radius by the City of McIntire. Mayor Richardson will be asked to attend the November 10th BOS meeting.

Marreel, reported that Rosetta Waychus from the Cerro Gordo County Veteran's Affairs department will not be assisting the Mitchell County Vet's Affairs after the December 2008 monthly meeting. It was noted that Mitchell County could apply for a \$10,000.00 state grant to assist with paying the salary of a part-time person to take Rosetta's place. This will be reviewed with the County Attorney before proceeding.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors