

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer, Betty McCarthy and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include Absolute Energy annual meeting and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the County Substance Abuse amendment #1 form. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Jim Wherry reported that the Roads department is scraping roads and doing general maintenance at the County shops. Discussed an agreement for the Halvorson Bridge project. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the Federal Aid Agreement for County Highway Bridge Program Project #BRS-CO66(50)--60-66. Roll call vote: All ayes. Discussed a request for a sixty foot (60') farm driveway. Present County policy states that the Roads department only maintains forty foot (40') farm driveways. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to continue with this policy and that any farm driveway that is over forty feet (40') will be the responsibility of the landowner to maintain. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the FY 2010 County Budget. Present were Betty McCarthy, Megan Darrow, Marcia Mork, County Department heads and Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. The Chair asked if there were any written comments received prior to the public hearing. The Auditor and BOS replied that none were received. The Chair asked for comments from the public. Discussed increase in valuations, reserved and unreserved funds, Mental Health allowable growth, General Supplemental Fund, Care Facility, Contract Law Enforcement and the bike trail. Also discussed remaining payments for the Law Enforcement Center and the County Services building. Supervisor Walk reported on the tax increment financing (TIF) district and the paving project in the district. It was noted that the Home Health department did not use County funds this past year. After further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 10:12 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 2010 County Budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed an offer from Tim Schulz to purchase real estate for a County maintenance shop building in St. Ansgar. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the

offer to purchase the Schulz property. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed the December Hospital Board of Trustees meeting. The Hospital Board and the Supervisors have scheduled a joint meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Supervisor's room to discuss some issues.

Angie Huffman made a request that the Board approve a letter of support encouraging Mitchell County community leaders to attend a seminar in Minneapolis promoting building relationships and creating positive attitudes. Cost of the seminar is \$1,200 and will be paid by the Cedar River Complex. Angie will draft a letter for the Board to review.

Osage Chamber Secretary Wendy Heuton requested the County to contribute \$900 for the Home Grown Tomatoes music group to perform at the July 4, 2009 Town and Country Barbecue. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to contribute \$750 from Tourism funds for the event. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on a meeting with the Public Safety Committee of the Osage City Council. The Board has contacted an applicant for the Mental Health Board and is waiting to hear whether or not the person will accept. Received a manure management plan update from the Griffiths Finisher Farm. Walk reported that the Board is invited to attend the Absolute Energy annual meeting scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve a Resolution determining the necessity and setting Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors room for a public hearing on a proposed Mitchell County UR-2 Economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan for a proposed Urban Renewal Area in Mitchell County, State of Iowa. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to set March 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board room, to hold a consultation with all affected taxing entities concerning the proposed Urban Renewal Plan. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign all notices for purposes of such consultation and public hearing. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors