

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include Sheriff Younker, discuss Ear Marks, delete the County Engineer update and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Sheriff Curt Younker reported that the squad room at the Sheriff's office is in the process of being remodeled. Curt asked permission to sell four used metal desks. Consensus to place an ad in the newspaper. Asking price for each desk is \$40.00 or best offer.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the March 17th and 19th meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the matter of the County Social Services Mental Health and Development Disability Management Plan and the Related Strategic Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 through 2012. Present were CPC Director Bob Lincoln, Megan Darrow and Terri Tesch. The Chair asked if there were any comments received prior to the hearing. The Auditor and the BOS replied that none were received. Mr. Lincoln gave an explanation regarding the MH and the Action plans. After brief discussion the public hearing was closed at 8:53 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the MHD Management Plan and 3 yr. Strategic Action Plan. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Stacyville Mayor Harold Isaac reported on a proposed road to be built in the Stacyville Industrial Park. The City has a RISE Grant of \$250,000 to use toward the road project. Low bid received is 11% over the original estimate. Due to the over run, the City of Stacyville is requesting up to \$80,000 of financial assistance from the County. The BOS will discuss this with the County Engineer before taking any action.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed Mitchell County UR-2 Economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan. Present were P&Z Director Mark Ross and Assessor Dean Pohren. The Chair asked the Designated Representative for a report on the consultation that was held with the taxing entities to discuss the proposed Plan. Supervisor Walk stated that the consultation was held and that no written recommendations were received. The Board was also informed that the proposed Plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as being in conformity with the general plan for development of the County as a whole. The Chair asked the County Auditor if there were any written objections filed with respect to the proposed Plan. The Auditor replied that no written objections had

been filed. The Assessor stated that he had received a call from the Department of Revenue requesting information regarding the wind farm. After other discussion the public hearing was closed at 9:36 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #747-09, a Resolution determining an area of the County to be an Economic Development Area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the County; designating such area as appropriate for an Urban Renewal project; and adopting the Mitchell County UR-2 Economic Development District Urban Renewal Plan.

At 10:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider an ordinance to protect Mitchell County roads from damage caused by a tractor, vehicle or implement equipped with steel or metal wheels. Present were Daniel Zimmerman, Leroy Zimmerman, Leo Meitner, Lloyd Nolt, Rodney Koch, Keith Meitner, Edwin Leid, Peter Nolt, Jonas Leid, Tom Martin, Howard Buerckley, Noah Weaver, Bill Koeff, John Nolt and County Attorney Mark Walk. The Chair asked the Auditor if there were any comments received prior to the hearing. The Auditor replied that none were received. Supervisor Walk gave an explanation of why the ordinance was proposed. He stated that this was above and beyond the normal wear and tear of all County roads. Discussed the quality of rock on gravel roads, weight issues with large manure spreaders, tractors, honey wagons and semi trucks. It was explained that the purpose of the proposed ordinance would be to help recover damages if they occur. A question was asked if the County has seen any problems or damage being done to the roads. The County Attorney reported that the County Engineer has stated there is a problem. County Attorney also stated that the County is not going to prohibit metal or steel wheeled equipment traveling on the County roads but are going after the persons who don't use common sense. The County is looking for a reasonable compromise. Farmer's in attendance stated that they are willing to work with the County, but they still wanted to know if there is really a problem. It was suggested to redraft the ordinance and to put a minimum dollar amount in the ordinance for damages done to a road. The public hearing was closed at 10:41 a.m.

Julie Devine presented a program about identity theft and pre-paid legal services. Julie represents a company that sells plans for this type of coverage. Consensus to allow Julie to present this to County employees at the annual insurance meetings.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the certification of cost allocation plan for Cost Advisory Services, Inc. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve appointing Bob Joens to the Mitchell County Veteran Affairs Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Larry Klemesrud. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk discussed the meeting with the Hospital Board of Trustees. Voaklander reported on the

Mitchell County Economic Development, Heartland Insurance and Prairie Ridge meetings. Marreel reported on the Riceville Community Club meeting. Effective March 1, 2009, Pat Clark, Social worker at the Care Facility, received a 35 cent per hour salary step increase to \$16.65 per hour. Received a manure management plan update from Knapp Finishers, LLC for the Benson Site. Walk reported that Congressman Latham's office had contacted him in regards to Mitchell County needing any type of Ear Marks funding for road projects. Discussed paving State Line Street between the ethanol plant and Beech Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors