

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Lindsay Falk and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include Sunny Brae Liquor License and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Tim Moreau of V&K Engineering gave an update on the Carpenter Wastewater Improvement project. Also present was Jason Petersburg. Tim reviewed pay estimate No. 1. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the pay application No. 1 to Ellingson Drainage in the amount of \$107,012.58 for Contract 1 – LPS collection system. Roll call vote: all ayes. Tim reviewed the E-One grinder pumps. Upon reviewing the shop drawings for the pump units two issues have arisen. The first issue involves the grinder unit in the pump. The shredder ring and cutter bar which make up the grinder were to be constructed of stainless steel but instead are made of white cast iron. After discussions with E-One representatives the company is proposing to provide a 5 year warranty in addition to a 3 year maintenance bond already in place. This will provide an 8 year warranty with respect to corrosion. V&K recommends that the County and City accept the pumping units as proposed. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to go ahead with the E-One grinder pumps with the extended 5 year warranty. Roll call vote: all ayes. The second is a minor issue regarding the shut off valve. A PVC ball valve was specified to facilitate removal of the pump. E-One has proposed a PVC slide valve assembly. V&K has requested that one of the assemblies be forwarded to their office. As of yet, one hasn't been received. Consensus to allow V&K to use their own judgment regarding the slider valve.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the interim financing loan agreement at the C US Bank for expenses associated with Carpenter Wastewater project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the Sheriff's report for April. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the Sheriff's report in the amount of \$29,410.10. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve appointing Kevin D. Knebel as a PT-10 Dispatcher at the Mitchell County Communications Center. His date of hire was April 28, 2009 and his rate of pay is \$15.03 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the deck has been poured for the St. Ansgar Mill Dam Bridge. Painting of the bridge is scheduled to begin this week. Rock letting will be in two weeks and asphalt letting is June 15th. Roads department is blading roads and working on frost boils.

P & Z Director Mark Ross reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment have met and recommended approving a request to open a new rock quarry to LR Falk Construction. The quarry will be located on 410th Street, just north of Halvorson Park and the Cedar River. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the Falk-Kittleson Quarry request. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed appropriating \$3,000 from the Medical Examiner Fee Department to the Non-Departmental Department. Present was EMA Director Ray Huftalin. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve Appropriations Resolution #752-09. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the May 5th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Discussed a touch screen monitor for the Top of Iowa Welcome Center. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve purchasing a regular monitor and to note, monitor is Mitchell County property. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conducted two interviews to fill a vacancy on the North Iowa Mental Health Board as a non-elected representative from Mitchell County. Those interviewed were John Machin and Terri Tesch. The BOS can make a recommendation to the Mental Health Board. The Board decided to recommend Terri Tesch to the North Iowa Mental Health Board.

Discussed a request from the Mitchell County Extension for Mitchell County to pay off the remaining balance of their building loan. Consensus to take no action.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Landfill and Sister City meetings. Walk reported on a Tourism meeting and the NIACOG meeting. Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment meeting. Received manure management plan updates from Darwin Ruehlow and from Ruehlow III, LLC. Received the April Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$1,427.74.

Discussed the geothermal energy report. Consensus to move forward on geothermal energy for County buildings. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Sunny Brae Golf and Country Club. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors