

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Judy Funk, Consultant to the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, presented the annual insurance renewal of premiums for 2009/2010. Reviewed coverage's, workers' compensation and schedules. Judy informed the BOS that the Heartland Board approved a \$90,300 premium credit for Mitchell County which will be applied to the premium due for the 2009/2010 renewal. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the client confirmation of schedules and exposures and the client authorization to bind coverage. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reviewed bids for the FEMA ditch cleaning project. Six bids were received. Hanke Excavating turned in the low bid of \$63,561.84. County Engineer recommended accepting the Hanke bid. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the bid from Hanke Excavating for the FEMA ditch cleaning project. Roll call vote: all ayes. Jim reported that the St. Ansgar Mill Bridge would be opening this week. Roads department is installing a box culvert on March Avenue near the County Care Facility.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the May 26th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve V&K invoices 2 and 12 in the amount of \$6,162.25 for Engineering services pertaining to the Carpenter Wastewater Collection and Treatment Improvement Project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Osage Mayor Steve Cooper commented about an article written by District 2 Supervisor Walk in a recent Courthouse Happenings column regarding Osage Police patrolling the parking lot of the Cedar River Complex during a wedding reception. Also present was Osage Police Chief Russell Slight. It was stated that the Police were not patrolling at the facility. Mayor Cooper suggested that Supervisor Walk should have contacted the Mayor's office first before writing an article in the newspaper.

Items of note: Walk reported on the RC&D meeting and Marreel reported on the Emergency Management Agency and Board of Health meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Mark Patterson, Sun Prairie Farms, Inc. owned by Daniel Swann and from Karl F. Theis, Happy Pork, Inc. Effective June 1, 2009, Erin Niemeyer, HCA III is to receive a salary step increase to \$12.81 per hour. Also, on June 8, 2009, Erin's employment status will change to PT-15.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk a complaint about old combines being stored on a farm site and not

being behind an enclosed fence. County Attorney asked if the combines are still being used as farm equipment or for scrap metal and or parts. No action was taken. Also discussed cigarette receptacles for outside the entrances of the Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center. County Attorney stated that it's against Iowa law to have them on County property. Discussed All Terrain Vehicles (ATV'S) traveling on County roads and a new State law regarding ATV'S.
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors