

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

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 Marreel, second by Voaklander to delete County Attorney general discussion and include health insurance and old railroad right of way property and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Chickasaw/Mitchell Case Management Administrator Sheila Kobliska discussed a 24/7 on call program with the Iowa Concerns Hotline. Sheila stated that ten counties are interested in participating. Those participating would be on call a week at a time and only during the evening hours and weekends. There will be no added cost to the Chickasaw/Mitchell TCM department. After further discussion, consensus to have Sheila move forward with the program. Sheila will attend a meeting with ISAC officials to work out the details.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the February 16th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Discussed a financial request from the St. Ansgar Museum Committee for repairs to their building. No action was taken at this time. This will be reviewed at the March 2nd meeting.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed the Stillwater Bridge on 320th Street. The bridge has been reduced to one lane traffic but is still open for legal axle trucks. Also discussed a request for a utility light at the intersection of Hwy 9 and 360th Street. The Engineer's office will check into this further. The roads department is working on equipment.

Discussed using Tourism funds to assist county town celebrations for this year. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to contribute \$500 for 2010 town celebrations with a bona fide written request, providing they are hometown county-wide celebrations. Roll call vote: all ayes.

USDA Area Specialist Brandon Shaw and Carpenter City Council member Tom DeBower were present for the pre-closing on the Carpenter Wastewater Improvement Project. Reviewed left-over funds for fencing around the borrow pit and future maintenance costs. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the \$390,000 Loan Resolution for the Carpenter wastewater collection and treatment facility. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Sister City and Economic Development meetings. Marreel reported on the Board of Health, DECAT Governance and Riceville Community Club meetings. Walk reported on the Conservation

meeting. Walk stated that the Conservation Board is considering selling old railroad right of way property in Section 27 of Wayne Township north of McIntire. To be noted that \$300,000 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. It was reported that Tim Halvorson has resigned his position on the Assessor's Examining Board. Tim was originally appointed by the BOS. The Board is considering a replacement. No action was taken at this time.

Matt Eldridge and Kelly Lester of Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield reviewed the Iowa State Association of Counties group health program FY 2009 report for Mitchell County. Also did a comparison of the income and expense report. It was stated that there are 26 counties under the ISAC plan. Supervisor Walk strongly suggested that Matt convey Stan's displeasure concerning the \$2 1/2 million salary plus benefits that the CEO of Wellmark is getting. Matt stated that he would pass that on.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that he is checking into health insurance plans from other insurance providers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors