

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:35 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include weed commissioner and recycling center and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk gave an update on building inspections for new housing construction and remodeling projects. Mark recommended that the County adopt an ordinance to cover building inspections. The Board directed the County Attorney to begin drafting an ordinance. The hiring of a local building inspector was also discussed.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the May 11th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation and Mental Health meetings. Effective May 11, 2010, Susan Miller, Home Care Aide, received a salary step increase to \$13.31 per hour. A manure management plan update from Newburg Pork Inc was received.

County Engineer Jim Hyde opened bids for lowering the hill south of the Halvorson Park Bridge. Six bids were received. Meek Excavating of Stacyville turned in the low bid of \$23,602.75. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve awarding the contract to Meek Excavating. Roll call vote: all ayes. Assistant County Engineer Rich Brumm gave an update on the Stillwater Bridge. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to authorize the commencement of repairs to the Stillwater Bridge. Roll call vote: all ayes. Reviewed a map of the Level Service "B" roads in the county. Discussed what steps would need to be taken if the Board decided to consider closing some of these roads. Rich stated that he is getting quotes for a tractor to pull the road groomer. Roads department is working on frost boils.

Nick Varga will be contacted about performing the Weed Commissioner duties for the upcoming weed season.

Supervisor Marreel discussed the acceptance of discarded computer monitors at the Recycling Center.

The Chair declared the meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Present to discuss tax increment financing (TIF) were Mark Cory and Patricia Martin (Bond Counsel from the Ahlers Law Firm), County Attorney Mark Walk, Treasurer Carol Zerck, Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin, Assessor L. Dean Pohren, Conservation Director Milt Owen, County Engineer Jim Hyde, Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm, Economic Development Director Brenda Dyer, NIACOG Director Joe Myhre, Northland Securities Vice President of Public Finance Jeff Heil and Howard Buerckley. After introductions, Mark Cory explained urban renewal and the use of tax increment financing. Mark emphasized that the newly created values that are captured in the urban renewal area have to be

Economic Development oriented and used in that area only. Future road projects and an expansion to the Mitchell County Conservation Nature Center were discussed. A “pay as you go approach” and short term borrowing was also discussed. Mr. Cory stated that multiple amendments can be made to the same urban renewal area.

The resurfacing of 420th Street, west of St. Ansgar, to the Worth County line was discussed. County Engineer stated that Worth County is resurfacing this same road from Bolan to the Mitchell County line. Jeff Heil explained that an authorization of funds needs to be in place for the project. It was stated that the Secondary Roads FY 11 budget would need to be amended and a reimbursement resolution would have to be approved. After further discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to allow Secondary Roads to amend their budget for the 420th Street project and to direct County Engineer to get bids for the project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors