

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA**

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Sandra Heckstein, Leo Meitner, Lorraine Meitner, Karri Pilgrim, Nick Pilgrim, Greta Huebsch, Deb Nicklay (Media) and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include discussion on tax sale, Osage 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Weed Commissioner and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Jim Joebgen and Dixie Joebgen expressed concerns with how the June 21<sup>st</sup> Mitchell County tax sale was conducted and why was Mark Walk present as one of the bidders. Treasurer Carol Zerck gave an explanation of how the annual tax sale is conducted. Mark stated that he was in attendance as a private citizen. Carol stated that she has conducted the tax sale the same way for as long as she has been the elected County Treasurer. County Attorney stated that the sale is conducted under Iowa law. Supervisor Walk told the Joeben's that the BOS has no jurisdiction in this matter and can't do anything in regards to their concerns. He advised them that if they wanted to pursue this that they would need to seek their own legal counsel.

Osage Chamber Wendy Heuton presented a request to use County roads as a detour for the annual Osage July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. County Attorney advised the Board that since this is an action item and that since it isn't on the posted agenda that they should delay taking any action until the next scheduled BOS meeting.

Mitchell County Jailer Kari Pilgrim presented to the Board, a petition with 250 signatures, requesting the BOS to not send Mitchell County prisoners to other county jails. Members of the public that was present stated that they were concerned with what is going to happen in the future with the jail. Former County Auditor Sandra Heckstein stated that the jail was built during her tenure in office and that costs have gone up since that time and how can the cost to transport prisoners and to house them elsewhere be justified. Supervisor Walk stated that the County has to be more efficient in running the jail.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the Roads department is hauling rock and blading roads. Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm opened the bids for the sale of used equipment. Rich will recheck the bids and report back to the Board. This will be placed on the next agenda for possible action.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Joint Mitchell/Worth BOS meeting held June 15<sup>th</sup> in Carpenter. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve issuing fireworks permits to Ken Hackenmiller, Jeremy

Klobassa and Keith Pitzen. Roll call vote: all ayes.

An application for a military property tax exemption was reviewed. The application was disallowed due to the fact that the individual does not qualify.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the FY 2011 Library Contract. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the Mitchell County General Assistance Benefit Schedule. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Sister City meeting, Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment meeting and Walk reported on the Second Judicial meeting. Received manure management plan update from Blong South owned by Jim Koenigs.

Supervisor Walk reported that Mitchell County Weed Commissioner Nick Varga is doing a good job spraying the noxious weeds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors