

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Karri Pilgrim, Greta Huebsch, Paul Groth, Gerald Beaver, Howard Buerckley, Wendy Heuton, Deb Nicklay (Media) and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to include fireworks permit and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed allowing golf carts to be operated on the Golf Course Road. Mark has reviewed the ordinance that Osage just passed. Mark stated that the County could allow this by passing a resolution. County Attorney and Supervisor Voaklander will come up with language for the resolution.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve issuing fireworks permits to Kenneth Jorgensen, Rick Markham, Brian Wagner and William Schmidt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the June 22nd meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #774-10 authorizing a reimbursement to the County Care Facility Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to cover expenses until such time that the Mental Health Fund reimbursement is received. The reimbursement shall be paid in full by the Mental Health Fund by the close of FY 2012. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde and Assistant Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the bids for the sale of used equipment had been reviewed. It was recommended to accept the high bids for each of the equipment except the \$553.00 bid for the 1959 Oshkosh snow blower. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to sell everything except the Oshkosh. The snow blower will be scrapped out. Roll call vote: all ayes. County Engineer stated that the Roads department is hauling rock.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve a request from the Osage Chamber of Commerce to allow a detour on County roads for the annual Osage Independence Day Parade on Monday, July 5, 2010. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Salaries Resolution #775-10 for FY 11. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve an hourly wage rate of 1.6% or a minimum of \$.25 per hour for the hourly County employees effective July 1, 2010. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk recommended that the Board approve only 90% of the FY 2011 appropriations for the different

officers and departments. The Auditor stated that this can create problems when paying contributions and other claims that become due early in the new fiscal year. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 2011 Appropriations Resolution #776-10. Roll call vote: Marreel and Voaklander voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the Mitchell County Public Health Bio-Emergency, Public Health Emergency Response Plan. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Mitchell County Sheriff Curt Younker appeared before the Board to discuss jail operations and the housing of Mitchell County prisoners. Supervisor Walk stated that the County could save \$130,000 - \$140,000 per year by housing County prisoners at the Floyd County jail. Walk passed around an expense summary of jail operating expenses vs. housing prisoners in Floyd County. Walk stated that county tax payers want value for their tax dollars. Sheriff Younker stated that he would have to cut two full-time shifts of jailers after August 2nd when the Mower County contract ends. Discussed unemployment costs, readjustment to the heating and cooling of the building, what other Mitchell County cities would do with their prisoners and do the tax payers want the jail closed. St. Ansgar Councilman Paul Groth commented that there needs to be a middle ground between the Sheriff and the Supervisors to keep the jail open and Councilman Gerald Beaver suggested to downsize but not eliminate the operation of the jail. Supervisor Voaklander would like to see ways to cut costs but not to close the jail. The Board directed the Sheriff to reconsider ways to cut costs and to report back at the July 13th meeting.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Brenda Dryer reviewed a request to combine two Osage enterprise zones and to add an additional 1.31 acres. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #777-10 Osage EZ 9&13 – addition of 1.31 acres. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sanitarian Mark Ross gave an update on the Carpenter sewer system. Mark reported that the amount of overtime calls should be less now. Consensus to give Mark overtime if needed. Mark will talk to the Carpenter City Council about reimbursement for his overtime.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services, Heartland Insurance and North Iowa Juvenile Detention meetings. Marreel reported on the Board of Health, FMC DECAT and Riceville Community Club meetings. Walk reported on the Enterprise Zone meeting.

To be noted that \$30,000 is to be transferred from the Conservation Fund to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Effective June 20, 2010, Lanica Decker and Chelsie Bode completed their Nurse's Aide classes and received a salary step increase to \$10.25 per hour. Effective June 20, 2010, Linda Owen, HCA III is changing employment status

from PT-25 to PT-15. Effective June 24, 2010, Leanna Troge, HCA III, received a salary step increase to \$14.10 per hour. Effective June 26, 2010, Marcia Smith, HCA III, received a salary step increase to \$12.07 per hour.

Received manure management plan updates from Baarsch Farms-Junction North, Mark Patterson, Pro-Net Farms, Inc. and Sun Prairie Farms, Inc. owned by Daniel Swann.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #778-10 entering into a "24 Hour On-Call Management Emergency Coverage Agreement" with the counties of Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Fayette, Grundy, Howard, Jones and Tama. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors