

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Karri Pilgrim, Dean Steffen, Howard Buerckley, Jim Castle, Gretchen Castle, Greta Huebsch, Rose Hinders, Marloe Ellingson, Russ Slight, Greg Beaver, Gerald Beaver, Paul Groth, and Michelle Haacke (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reviewed an overpayment by L.R. Builders to Mitchell County for the Homeward Housing program. The County Attorney recommended that a reimbursement be made. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve a reimbursement of \$41.44 to L.R. Builders. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The road protection ordinance was discussed. County Attorney reported that he is seeing more citations being issued for violations to the ordinance. It is recommended to amend the ordinance to increase the amount of the fine. It is suggested that the first offense be \$250.00, second offense \$500.00 and the third offense \$1,000. A public hearing is being set for August 10th at 8:35 a.m. to consider the amendment.

Sheriff Curt Younker was present to discuss the Jail budget and future funding. The Board stated that in December that they will take a look at funding for the Jail for Fiscal Year 2012. Supervisor Voaklander stated that it's not a personal thing, it's just about dollars and cents. The Sheriff stated that he will still house Mower County prisoners even without a contract and that his budget is good till March of 2011 barring any unforeseen events. It was reported that crime in the county is down from in the past which is attributed to Mitchell County's presence with law enforcement. Supervisor Walk stated that Mitchell County has been subsidizing Mower County by the housing of 6 extra prisoners from the original contract of 12. It was asked if the jail would be used as a holding facility and if there would be liability to transport prisoners to another facility. County Attorney stated that liability was not a factor. The choice of the majority of those in attendance is to not close the jail. Supervisor Walk stated that there are ways to make things work if the people involved want to make it work. Supervisor Marreel stated that part-time people are hard to get, especially quality people and then they would still have to be trained. The BOS will continue to look at this as a budgetary item.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed two quotes that were received for a new tractor for the Secondary Roads department. Quotes were received from Olsen Implement Company and North Country Equipment LLC. Rich will review the quotes and make a recommendation to the Board. Rich reported that the hill south of Halvorson Park has been cut down. Work is being done on ditches and driveways. Paving projects and the Oshkosh snow blower were discussed. Rich

stated that there has received calls from individuals who would like to purchase the snow blower. Rich will place an ad in the newspaper.

Sanitarian Mark Ross reported that the County Care Facility needs an additional 500 feet of leach field for their septic system. The present system has broken tile. Consensus to have Mark proceed with the new leach field.

Directed Mark Ross to notify the Cities of Mitchell and Stacyville to sign up for flood insurance so that they are included in the flood plain system.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the final payment of \$9,261.42 to R&R Excavating for work performed regarding the Carpenter Wastewater Improvement Project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Regular meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The Joint 28E Chickasaw/Mitchell Targeted Case Management Board convened via a conference call. Present at Chickasaw County were Supervisors: John Andersen, Arnie Boge, Rick Holthaus, Sherry Mattke, Virgil Pickar and Auditor Joan Knoll. TCM Supervisor Megan Taets was present in Mitchell County. After brief discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Pickar to approve the renewal and payment of the Fiscal Year 2011 Heartland Insurance Liability Insurance Plan for the Case Management department. Total premium is \$5,907.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. The meeting was declared adjourned.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve a proposal from Skott & Anderson Architects to perform a feasibility study for the Mitchell County Care Facility at a fee not to exceed \$3,000.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report of Fees collected for the quarter ended June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$22,964.38. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the NIVC Full Board and Riceville Community Club meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Blong North owned by Jim Koenigs, Friesen Farms North East and from Larry Bissen. Effective July 22, 2010, Faith Rogers, office staff, received a salary step increase to \$16.15 per hour.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors