

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Don & Marge Risting, Maurice & Lois Maakestad, Greg Salier, Leo Meitner and Dennis Loeckle. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to include discussion on County vehicle usage, hotel/motel tax and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the Iowa Code allows Board's of Supervisors, by resolution, the option to allow ATV's to be driven on county roads. If other restrictions, not covered in the Code, are imposed then the County would be required to adopt an ordinance. Supervisor Marreel stated that this is a State issue. Liability concerns, set of guidelines and options for ATV riders were discussed. No action was taken.

An alley encroachment in the village of Toeterville was reviewed. Discussed whether this is a County matter or a private matter. County Attorney will review this further.

Supervisor Voaklander stated the County's insurance carrier has requested that the County approve a resolution regarding a County vehicle usage policy. The County attorney will review this and report back to the Board.

County Attorney Walk stated that he had not received a response from the Iowa Dept. of Revenue regarding a Hotel/Motel Tax reporting question.

Osage Chamber Secretary Wendy Heuton requested financial support to attend the Iowa Tourism State Conference in October and to rent a booth space at the CITR/IGTA Travel Iowa Marketplace in September. The City of Osage has agreed to pay for one- half of the booth rent. The total request from the County is \$347.50. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the request and to pay the \$347.50 out of Tourism funds. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that he is checking into costs to install a utility light at the intersection of Hwy 9 and 360th Street by New Haven. Rich reported that the County is expected to receive \$105,000 from the I Jobs Program. Rich will review projects where this money can be best used. Ditch work and pipe work is continuing. The Halvorson Park Bridge footings will be completed this week.

To be noted that in the Secondary Roads Annual Report \$685,679.56 is being carried over from FY 2010 to FY 2011.

Penney Morse reviewed the grant proposal for the Mitchell County Historic Preservation Commission. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the FY 2011 State of Iowa Certified Local Government Grant

application. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the August 17th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve abatement of taxes #277 in the amount of \$12.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Northland Securities financial adviser Jeff Heil reviewed a schedule for repayment of the 2009 road construction projects. Also present were Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin and Orchard Mayor Mark McGivern. Projected 2011 paving projects were discussed along with a second phase of wind towers. Mayor McGivern stated that the City of Orchard is considering paving two blocks or doing water and sewer work. Mr. Heil stated that the County is in good financial condition.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Sister City and Economic Development meetings and Walk reported on the Mental Health meeting and the Branstad town meeting. All three Supervisors attended an Economic Development meeting held in Stacyville. Received manure management plan updates from Peter Z. Nolt and the Peter Nolt Site 1.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #782-10 proclaiming September 2010 as Hamlin Garland Month in Mitchell County. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the Mitchell County Substance Abuse Prevention Services FY 2010 final report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors