

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Dan Zimmerman, Eli Zimmerman, Jim Cross (Media) and Jean Simmit (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed with the Board an easement agreement for a proposed St. Ansgar bike trail. Present were Carolyn Sherman of the bike trail committee and Doug Havig who owns land along the trail. Mr. Havig expressed concerns with a gate near the entrance of the trail in St. Ansgar. Ownership of the easement and insurance coverage for the trail was discussed. Mrs. Sherman will discuss the ownership of the easement with her committee and also contact the City of St. Ansgar regarding the easement.

Road settlements for 420th Street and 370th Street were discussed. Letters are being sent to the parties involved.

Dee Shoars stated that she would like to request a zoning variance for her property at 3190 March Avenue in order to sell used pick-up trucks. Planning & Zoning Director Mark Ross stated that her property is currently not zoned for this purpose. After further discussion, this was referred to the P&Z Commission and the Board of Adjustment for consideration.

County Engineer Rich Brumm requested permission to not plow four Level "B" roads this winter. Rich stated that he has contacted the schools and they are ok with this. The roads are Indigo Avenue between the State Line Road and 500th St., Timber Ave. between the State Line Road and 500th St., 390th St. between Hwy. 9 and Valley Ave., and Valley Ave. between 360th St. and 380th St. Consensus to allow the Secondary Roads department to put up signs stating that these roads will not be plowed this winter. Roads department is cutting brush and maintaining the roads.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the November 30th meeting with a change. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to waive the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) in the amount of \$894.69 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 for the North Iowa Regional Housing Authority. The property involved is the Park Plaza Apartments in Osage which provides affordable housing for lower income families in Mitchell County. By waiving the PILOT, NIRHA is able to invest the \$894.69 back into the property and continue to improve housing conditions. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve a fireworks permit to Flashing Thunder Fireworks. The fire works will be displayed at the Mitchell County Conservation on December 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Board proceeded to take action on procedures for the \$6,450,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010. Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve Resolution #794-10 Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

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

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #795-10 authorizing the issuance. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool meeting that was also attended by Marreel. Marreel reported on the County Care Facility Christmas party and Walk reported on the District 2 Supervisors annual meeting which was also attended by Voaklander and Marreel. Received a manure management plan update from Merten Farms. Received the November Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$2,203.19. Effective January 1, 2011, Bryan Hickle will become the Road Supervisor at the Mitchell County Highway Department and his salary will be \$47,008.00 per year.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the 2011 Courthouse Holiday schedule as presented. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney Morse reported that the Mitchell County Historical Preservation Commission received notice that Mitchell County will receive an \$8,424.00 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant for a Planning for Preservation Project.

To be noted that \$300,000 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Dave Hartogh gave an update on the heating system at the County Care Facility. Dave suggested adding insulation to the crawl space. He will get figures for what this will cost. Dave reported that an energy audit was performed at the jail. Results of the audit will be sent in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors