

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include NIACOG audit report and delete meeting at County Care Facility and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that he has completed a final draft of an agreement between Mitchell County and Dean Snyder Construction for possible damage to 420<sup>th</sup> Street. This will be placed on the February 22<sup>nd</sup> BOS agenda for possible action.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the January Sheriff's report of fees and expenses collected. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the report in the amount of \$5,143.02. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the February 8th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 2012 salary recommendations of the Mitchell County Compensation Board and to approve a 2% increase or a floor of 25 cents per hour, whichever is greater, for the hourly employees. Roll call vote: Marreel and Voaklander voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve abatement of taxes #279 for \$382.00 and #280 for \$216.00 on account of Mitchell County owned property for the Wapsi Trail. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Courthouse Maintenance man Dave Hartogh stated that he had contacted the firm that had inspected the old jail regarding the removal of asbestos. After discussion, consensus to have Dave seek bids for the removing of asbestos at the Courthouse.

Myron Friesen was present to discuss the schedule for plowing snow on a Level B road. The road is 410<sup>th</sup> Street between Lancer and March Avenues. Myron stated he has a confinement building on this road and needs access to the building earlier in the day. County Engineer Brumm stated that the road does get plowed but is at the end of the plowing route. County Engineer stated that he could evaluate the sequence of the plow route.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed a DOT Agreement for a primary road detour. The project is to reconstruct the intersection of US 18/US 218/T-44 in Floyd County. T-38 (Lancer Ave.) will be used as the detour route. The project is to take place sometime this year. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer reviewed plans for a new maintenance shop at St. Ansgar. Supervisor Marreel reported on another property option for the shop. The parcel is located south of St. Ansgar on T-26 and has four acres. The parcel

would have more room for a salt shed and would also be on a County route. This will be discussed more at a later date. County Engineer discussed the 2013 sign reflectivity program. The program will keep track of inventory electronically and have GPS capabilities. Cost of the program is \$1,500.00. Consensus for Secondary Roads to purchase the program. Roads department is doing equipment maintenance and patching roads.

Conservation Director Milt Owen made a request for authorization to borrow funds for a land acquisition project. The Conservation department has made an offer to purchase 160 acres of land on the lower part of Rock Creek for a wildlife area. The land is located 1½ miles west of T-38 on the Mitchell Line Street. 80 acres are in Mitchell County and the other 80 acres are in Floyd County. The agreed upon price is \$460,000. Milt stated that \$426,750 is available thru a group of funding partners, but \$33,750 is still needed. Milt is seeking authorization to borrow up to \$400,000. The seller wants to put the money in escrow with a possible closing date sixteen months from now. A public hearing will need to be held prior to borrowing any funds. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to set a public hearing for March 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Penney Morse reviewed the Planning for Preservation Grant Contract. No action was taken at this time. Penney reported that the sign for the community of David has been shipped.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation, Mental Health, NIACOG and the State Supervisor meetings. Marreel also attended the State Supervisor meeting. Voaklander reported on the Economic Development meeting. The NIACOG audit report for the year ending June 30, 2010 was received. Received a manure management plan update from the Griffiths Finisher Farm owned by Gold Standard Farms, LC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

The Joint 28E Chickasaw-Mitchell Targeted Case Management Board convened at 1:00 p.m. at the Teluwut Restaurant in Osage. Present were Chickasaw County Supervisors John Andersen, Jason Byrne, Rick Holthaus, Virgil Pickar, Tim Zoll, Auditor Joan Knoll, Mitchell County Supervisors Bob Marreel, Joel Voaklander, Stan Walk, Auditor Lowell Tesch. Also present was Case Management Director Sheila Kobliska.

Sheila reviewed the January 2011 financial report and gave an update on the staff. Sheila stated that case loads remain about the same. Salaries for FY 12 were discussed. Pickar stated that Chickasaw County was recommending a 2% wage increase. Voaklander recommended that the Case Management employees receive a 3% increase since their wages were frozen for FY 11. After discussion, motion by Pickar, second by Byrne to approve a 2% wage increase for all of the Case Management staff. Roll call vote: all ayes for both counties.

The FY 2012 Case Management budget was reviewed. Motion by Walk, second by Andersen to approve the FY 2012 Case Management proposed budget. Roll call vote: all yes for both counties.

The Case Management Director's annual evaluation was discussed. Voaklander suggested that next year all of the employees be given the opportunity to evaluate the Director. In the past only two employees and the Board Chairs were given the evaluation forms. After further discussion, consensus that next year all of the employees and the full Board be given the evaluation forms to complete.

Motion by Andersen, second by Walk to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m. All voted aye.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors