

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Deb Nicklay (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include discussion on the Courthouse and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported that the agreement for the cement issue on 420th Street has been finalized. County Attorney stated that on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, he is filing a small claims suit in an attempt to recover damages for a fire to the asphalt road surface on Zinnia Avenue.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the February Sheriff's report of fees and expenses collected. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the report in the amount of \$4,729.03. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Housing out of county prisoners was discussed. Present were Worth County Sheriff Jay Langenbau, Mitchell County Deputy Greg Beaver and Osage Police Chief Russ Slight. Sheriff Langenbau stated that he was attending the meeting after hearing about discussion regarding sending Worth County prisoners to Mitchell County. He stated that there has been discussion to this effect but didn't consider it to be a serious one. He would continue to seek help from Mitchell County when there was an overflow at his jail. Supervisor Walk stated that if Mitchell County could pick up some prisoners for \$45 a day, each county could save money. Supervisor Voaklander stated that Mitchell County would consider housing other County's prisoners. Sheriff Younker stated that a jail is an essential county function.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.
Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve a three year agreement with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. to provide professional consulting services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve placing \$55,500.01 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund for acquisition of the Rock Creek Wildlife Area. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the Grant-in-Aid Agreement that will allow the State Historical Society of Iowa to fund Mary Blake's (Mitchell County Historic Preservation Commission member) scholarship to attend the National Main Street Conference in Des Moines in May. Roll call vote: all ayes. Also, Penney Morse gave an update on the Commission's activities.

Assistant County Engineer Jim Hyde stated that the Roads department is starting to blade the gravel roads and doing routine work.

Present to discuss the location for a new shop building at St. Ansgar were Ivan Wold, Dave Falk, Lindsey Falk,

Mike Juhl, Phil Patterson and St. Ansgar Mayor Dave Tollefson. Ivan stated that he had heard that the County was considering another option for the location of the new maintenance shop building on the south edge of St. Ansgar. Supervisor Marreel said that it was the County's intention to go there in the first place. The County has a lot in the Industrial Park and there are concerns that the County won't build on the lot. Mayor Tollefson stated the City of St. Ansgar is receiving a grant for a paved road in the Park and has also put a lot of money into the project. The option for a larger parcel of land became available just recently. Marreel said the second location would allow equipment to get out on a County road instantly, have a larger area for a salt shed and a cold storage building, more room for a larger fuel tank to be possibly shared with the St. Ansgar School and allow more room to maneuver larger equipment. Ivan stated that there are other lots available in the Industrial Park or the present lot could be modified. It was stated that there is water and sewer in place in the Park. Another option would be to do nothing. Phil Patterson stated that he will continue to have a verbal agreement to the sell the acreage south of St. Ansgar to the County. Supervisor Walk said the Board should try to work with the City. The Board made no decision due to the fact that the County Engineer was not in attendance.

Mitchell County Planning & Zoning Director Mark Ross reported that Steve Groth has asked to resign from the Board of Adjustment. A replacement will be sought out. Mark stated that a meeting has been scheduled for March 31st at 2:30 p.m. to review new flood plan maps. Mitchell County Mayors and the BOS are invited. The chlorinator at the Care Facility was discussed. Mark reported that he will have a radon booth at the Mitchell County Home Show on March 26th and 27th. Radon kits can be purchased for \$4.00 at the show. Members of the Mitchell County Cancer Society will man the booth. Mark stated that this Wednesday he will be attending a sewer pump repair training session in Des Moines.

Kelly Lester reviewed the FY 2010 ISAC Wellmark Health Insurance report and an employee incentive strategy plan.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Mental Health and NIACOG meetings and Voaklander reported on the Landfill and Juvenile Detention meetings.

An asbestos abatement for the Courthouse and contacting an Engineer to assess the building was discussed.
Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors