

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Dave Marley, Lindsey Falk, Dave Falk, Bill Croell and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include consultation with L. Dean Pohren and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Mitchell County Assessor L. Dean Pohren gave a report of when the Iowa Legislature eliminated the property tax on the Machinery and Equipment in the mid 1990's and the impact that it had on the County. He also stated that if the proposed Senate File 522 is passed by the legislature that there would be a tremendous shift in property taxes and the outcome would not be good. Supervisor Walk urged that public officials and tax payers should contact their legislators and encourage them to vote no on this proposal.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he hadn't received any news regarding a decision on the Zinnia road case. Also, transcripts on the steel wheel case are to be filed by the end of June.

County Engineer Rich Brumm opened bids for this year's rock run. Bids were received from Croell & Subsidiary and Falk Construction, Inc. The County Engineer will review the numbers and the decision on which bid to accept will be based on the hardness of the rock that was bid. Rich stated that Mitchell County has more acres in the Worth/Mitchell County Joint Drainage District #6 & 51 and Mitchell County will have to initiate the repair to the main tile. A meeting is being set for May 24th at 11:30 a.m. in Carpenter with the Worth County BOS to discuss the repair. Roads department is blading roads and patching T-38 south of Osage. The Road Workers Union voted to work five 8 hour days for the summer season.

Penney Morse reported on the REAP/HRDP Grant request for the Courthouse. Penney stated that we should know by the end of June if we are awarded the Grant.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the May 10th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve placing \$2,000.00 in the Land Acquisition and Capitol Improvement Fund to be placed in the Trust Fund toward "Land Acquisition of Rock Creek Wildlife Area" by Mitchell County Ducks Unlimited Donation. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the FMC Empowerment Early Childhood meeting. Effective May 10, 2011, Melissa Mayer, Home Care Aide III, is to receive a salary step increase to \$11.56 per hour. Effective May 16, 2011, Cheryl Huebner, has been hired as a FT-40 R.N. at the Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health. Her starting wage is \$22.00 per hour. Effective May 22, 2011, Lanica Decker, will be classified as a FT-40 employee at the County Care

Facility. Received manure management plan updates from Newburg Pork, Inc., Burnett/Tip 4 and Erickson/Tip 8 Sow Farm owned by Iowa Select farms, L.P. and Jen-Rae Site owned by Karl Theis.

To be noted that the Chair signed a proposal authorizing PlanScape Partners to proceed with work associated with the Valent BioSciences Corporation's project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors