

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present was Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed Iowa Code Section 509A.13 pertaining to continuation of group health insurance for when an employee of the County retires before reaching the age of 65. Existing Medicare laws have been changed such that retired employees no longer qualify for Medicare at age 65. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #806-11 stating that if an employee of Mitchell County retires prior to being eligible to receive Medicare health insurance benefits, he or she shall be allowed to continue coverage for that employee and his or her family until the employee qualifies for Medicare coverage; provided that the former employee pays all costs of the coverage plus immediately, upon retirement, elects to be covered by the County's group insurance plan. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A potential new motel being built outside of Osage was discussed. Supervisor Voaklander stated the owners of the motel are requesting city services and more than likely the City of Osage would be annexing the motel into the city.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the May 24th meeting as corrected. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve a fireworks permit to Flashing Thunder Fireworks/Mitchell County Booster Club for July 3, 2011. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve a fireworks permit to New Haven Booster Club for July 4, 2011. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is grooming roads, hauling rock and getting the mowers ready. An EPA regulation for ditches was discussed.

At 9:12 a.m. a joint conference call was made to the Worth County Board of Supervisors. Present at Worth County were Supervisors Ken Abrams, Dave Haugen, Dennis May, Auditor Kay Clark, Assistant County Engineer Jim Hyde and P&Z Director Jim Rice. The County Engineer's FY 2012 salary was discussed. Motion by Walk, second by Haugen to approve setting the FY 2012 salary of County Engineer Rich Brumm at \$95,000. Roll call vote: all ayes. Both Counties will each pay \$47,500.

Meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m. to allow Supervisor Walk to do a DNR site inspection of a proposed new animal confinement building. Meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Iowa Workforce Development meetings. Effective May 11, 2011, Jean Bensed, Home Care Aide III, changed her status from PT-10 to PT-15. Effective June 1, 2011, Erin Niemeyer, Home Care Aide III, will receive a salary step increase to \$14.35.

A new phone system for the Courthouse was discussed. Present was Deputy Auditor and IT Director Barb Baldwin. The present system is ten years old and is becoming more difficult to get support when repairs are needed. River City Communications and Northeast Iowa Telephone (NEIT) have turned in quotes with NEIT turning in the low quote of \$10,803.00. A new system will provide twelve additional phone lines from the present four lines. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve purchasing the phone system from NEIT. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A quote of \$12,950.00 from Asbestrol, Inc. to remove asbestos from the Courthouse was reviewed. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to proceed with the work. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors