

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Betty McCarthy, Blake Ruehlow, Dean Pohren, Jerry Dunlay, Milt Owen and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported he had received a letter from Deb Freeman's attorney claiming that Deb was dismissed from her job due to age discrimination and that there was a violation of the Iowa open meetings law at a previous Board of Health meeting. County Attorney stated that Deb was terminated from her position due to poor job performance. It was reported that the letter has been turned over to the County's insurance carrier and will be referred to their attorney.

A notice of intent to issue a permit for the Ruehlow Livestock Site, ID #65809 was discussed. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve waiving its rights to appeal the construction permit and ask the DNR to issue the final permit to the Ruehlow Livestock Site immediately. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the July 5th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the claims including a hand written warrant. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed a bid from Heartland Asphalt, Inc. to pave Broad Street in the City of Stacyville. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the bid of \$158,640.76 from Heartland Asphalt, Inc. for Divisions 1 & 2 of the paving project in Stacyville. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A road issue on Primrose Avenue south of Little Cedar was discussed with the County Engineer. An area of the cement roadway has broken up. The roads department has since patched the road and is monitoring the situation. Rich will contact the contractor for the project and inform them of the problem. Roads department is mowing ditches and blading roads.

Osage Public Works Director Jerry Dunlay made a request for the City to open cut two spots of March Avenue on the east side of Osage for infrastructure work. Consensus by the Board to allow this work to be done.

Mitchell County Economic Development Commission Director Brenda Dryer gave a mid-year report on FY 2011 accomplishments. It was reported that two new businesses were attracted to the county along with an expansion to A to Z Drying. Fifteen Mitchell County housing grants were awarded. The commission finished the fiscal year under budget. Brenda reviewed the FY 2012 goals and action plans.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the Auditor's quarterly report of revenue in the amount of \$406.75.
Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on a meeting with NIACOG Director Joe Myhre. Received the June, Clerk of Court report of fees collected in the amount of \$2,712.52.

On June 23, 2011, LaVonne Wolf, accepted a wage of \$26.56 per hour as Administrator position for the Mitchell County Home Health/Public Health. This wage was effective July 1, 2011. Effective July 1, 2011, Dana Thompson, HCA III, changed employment status to PT-15. Effective July 6, 2011, Melissa Mayer, HCA III changed employment status to PT-15. Effective July 15, 2011, Jule Larson, R.N., will begin employment for the case management nurse position. Her status is PT-20 and her wage will be \$22.00 per hour. Effective July 23, 2011, Paula Klein, office staff, is to receive a salary step increase to \$17.06 per hour.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to reappoint Mel Schroeder to a second 5-year term on the Conservation Board. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A grant for repairs to the Courthouse was discussed. Present was Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. Supervisor Voaklander stated Stan Stallsmith, who is a structural engineer for WHKS, has done a preliminary walk-thru of the Courthouse and will be asked to attend an upcoming Board meeting to determine a plan of action. His fee would be \$79,000. Supervisor Voaklander is getting a quote to repair the cement curbs along the front sidewalk and the back parking lot of the Courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors