

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

Tuesday, July 26, 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 Substance Abuse Prevention Services FY 11 report and rural housing grant and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the claims with the exception of claim #14916 pending more review. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk gave updates on the Deb Freeman age discrimination case and the steel wheel case. A special investigator for the County Attorney's office was discussed. The Board will consider this at a later date. The pros and cons of joint law enforcement in Mitchell County were discussed. County Attorney stated that a request from the cities should come first before proceeding.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the July 19th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the Recorder's quarterly report of fees collected in the amount of \$17,043.10. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is doing asphalt patching, mowing and blading roads. Rich reviewed bids for pavement line markings. Four bids were received. Rich explained that a completion date of September 1, 2011 was requested when the request for bids was sent out. Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. had turned in the low bid of \$14.95 per gallon of paint but requested that the completion date be extended to the end of October. KAM Line Highway Markings turned in next lowest bid of \$15.10 and will be able to finish the project by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Consensus to have KAM Line Highway Markings do the line painting.

Mowing at the Carpenter wastewater treatment lagoon was discussed with Carpenter Mayor David Bublitz, Council member Deb Bublitz, Mitchell County Sanitarian Mark Ross and Conservation Director Milt Owen. According to the 28E Agreement it is a duty of Mitchell County to take care of the mowing at the lagoon site. Mark Ross stated that he would do the mowing at the site. Milt Owen discussed the possibility of the Conservation Department establishing native prairie grass at the site. Milt and Mark will work together on this.

Supervisor Voaklander reviewed a quote to replace the cement curbs for the south parking lot and along the north side of the Courthouse and for sidewalk replacement. Using fiber mesh versus rebar for the sidewalk was discussed. The fiber mesh quote was \$29,939 and rebar quote was \$32,459. Joel will look into this further and report back to the Board.

Supervisor Walk reported on a Rural Housing Grant which is intended to assist low income residents of towns and

villages to acquire affordable housing. Stan stated that he will look into this further.

WHKS Structural Engineer Stan Stallsmith gave an update on the present condition of the Courthouse. Also present was Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin. A few months ago Mr. Stallsmith, Supervisor Voaklander, Courthouse Maintenance person Dave Hartogh and County Historical Preservation Commission member Penney Morse did a walk thru of the building. Mr. Stallsmith presented a report outlining a proposed structural evaluation project that WHKS would perform for the Courthouse. Total cost for the project is \$79,040. After further discussion, the Board stated that they wanted to wait and see if the County is approved for a grant to help defray the cost of the project before deciding whether or not to enter into a contract with WHKS.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the Board of Health and the Riceville Community Club meetings. Voaklander reported on the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, Prairie Ridge and the Economic Development Commission meetings. Effective July 18, 2011, Elizabeth Weaverling went from PT-10 to PT-20 status at the County Care Facility. Received manure management plan updates from Blong North and Blong south owned by Jim Koenigs, Johanns Farms, L.T.D. owned by Keith Johanns, Pro-Net Farms, Inc. and Emery Unruh. Received the Mitchell County Agricultural Society FY 2011 financial report.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to appoint Pete Thome to the remaining term on the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment which was vacant due to the resignation of Steve Groth. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the FY 2011 County Substance Abuse Prevention Services final report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors