

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer and Penney Morse. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the public hearing for the proposed Ordinance #46 to re-adopt the existing county code will be held at 8:45 a.m. on October 18th.

Michael Hulshizer was present to make a request to obtain a county held tax certificate for property in Otranto owned by Margaret Edwards. Mitchell County Treasurer Pam Meyer stated that the County had obtained the certificate during the 2011 tax sale. Pam reviewed what would need to be done for Michael to obtain the certificate. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to assign the tax certificate to Michael Hulshizer upon payment of back due taxes and the assignment fee. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk reported on the watershed management authority meeting held in Floyd County. Walk reported that Floyd County and the City of Charles City are planning on applying for a watershed grant. They have asked Mitchell County to consider entering into a watershed agreement with them. Supervisor Walk stated that Worth County is also interested in becoming involved. Mitchell County Conservation Director Milt Owen stated that a watershed study would help to look at ways to control flooding and to check water quality. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to let Floyd County know that Mitchell County is interested in pursuing a watershed management authority with other counties and to be a part of a possible 28E agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conservation Director Milt Owen discussed with the County Engineer and the BOS the possibility of relocating the previous planned route for the Wapsi Bike Trail. Milt stated that he wasn't able to come to terms with a property owner for obtaining an easement to build the trail on their property. An option to go east of Bailey on 485th Street and turn north on Walnut Avenue was discussed. The route would be about 2 ½ miles. The roadway would be 22 ft. wide and have 5 ft. shoulders. Paving costs, traffic counts and timelines were discussed. Different routes were also discussed. Milt stated that he would discuss with Minnesota DNR on where it would work best to connect with the Shooting Star Trail. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to pursue this with Minnesota. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the roads department had rented a joint sealer for a week and had sealed a few cracks on some of the concrete roads. The paving contractor is doing hand work on 320th Street. There is still some paving work to be completed. The contractor is still within his allotted working days.

Penney Morse gave an update for the Mitchell County Historical Commission. The Julia Addington event will be

held in Stacyville on November 6th at 3:00 p.m. A public tour of the Courthouse is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 27th. Paula Mohr and Jack Porter will be in attendance.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report of Revenue in the amount of \$388.75. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve a funding request from the Osage Chamber of Commerce Director Wendy Heuton to attend the State Tourism Conference October 19 – 21 in Okoboji and to approve splitting the cost with the Chamber. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the NIACOG meeting and Marreel reported on the Wellness committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors