

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were County Department Heads, Dan Zimmerman, Eli Zimmerman, Betty McCarthy and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include discussion on Cedar River Watershed and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Supervisor Walk encouraged County Department heads to contact Iowa Legislature members regarding upcoming tax proposals that could have a severe effect on how counties and cities conduct future business.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that his office, the Sheriff and the BOS have been receiving negative letters from a Cerro Gordo County citizen. After discussion, the County Attorney stated that he would send the citizen a letter requesting him to stop sending any more letters.

Health insurance for Mitchell County employees after they retire and for their spouses was discussed. This will be reviewed again at a later date.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the Osage River City Egg's construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation to replace and enlarge an existing poultry layer barn. Present from the public were John Schmitz and Mark Zorzi. The Chair asked if there were any public comments received prior to the hearing. The Auditor presented a letter of support from Edward J. Kleinwort, President of the St. Ansgar Mills, Inc. After brief discussion the public hearing was closed. Consensus to send a letter to the DNR stating that the BOS has no negative comments and to forward the letter of approval from St. Ansgar Mills.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is cutting brush and doing routine work. The Engineer will be attending the State Paving Association meeting. Rich stated he is working on plans for the new St. Ansgar secondary road shop.

Planning & Zoning Director Mark Ross gave an update on a junkyard issue located at the corner of Highway 9 and 218. The DNR and the County Attorney are also looking into the issue.

Floyd County Supervisor Mark Kuhn gave an update on the Upper Cedar River Watershed. Mark stated that Floyd County is the lead county and will be hosting a meeting on February 24th at 1:30 p.m. at the Charles City Public Library. There are seven counties involved.

Jan Libby talked to the Board about the Healthy Harvest of North Iowa program. She explained that Healthy Harvest works with local food producers and help with small farm business planning. Jan stated that she would keep the BOS up to date on further developments.

Regular meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. for the Assessor's FY 2013 budget meeting.

Regular meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the January 24th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Heartland Insurance meetings, Walk reported on the meetings with the Howard County and Worth County Boards of Supervisors and Marreel reported on the Emergency Management preparedness workshop and a NIVC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors