

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Dan Zimmerman, Eli Zimmerman, Betty McCarthy, Sue Virnala, Daniel Virnala, Leo Meitner, Tobie Perersheim, Ed Petersheim, Amos Petersheim, Jim Cross (Media) and Jean Simmit (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk procedures for converting a rural granular road to a Class "C" designation. County Attorney stated that signs would have to be put up and the road would have to be gated. Ultimately, the decision is up to the BOS.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 21st meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the 2011 Weed Commissioner's Report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Heartland Insurance property schedule for 2012 was reviewed. After discussion, consensus to increase the coverage of the Courthouse from \$3 million to \$5.5 million.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the Roger Schroeder construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure for a new 1100 head finisher barn utilizing an existing slurry store at an existing facility. Present from the public was Kent Krause. The Chair asked if there were any public comments received prior to the hearing. It was replied that there were no oral or written comments received. After brief discussion the public hearing was closed at 8:46 a.m. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to forward a letter to the DNR stating that the BOS has no negative comments. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is cutting brush. Funding for bridges that have been recently closed was discussed. County Engineer stated that it takes more time to put a bridge in the program since certain qualifications need to be met. This will be studied further.

Mark Patterson, Tim Bruggeman, Lawrence Bruggeman, Don Hofland, and Allen Hofland were present to check on the status of paving Hickory Avenue from the Stateline Road south to Toeterville. Allen Hofland stated that a lot of fertilizer goes to the elevator and 3,500,000 bushels of grain was shipped out from the elevator this past year. Also soybeans from the Lyle elevator are shipped out by rail from Toeterville. Semi trucks use Hickory Avenue, since that is a shorter route, to bring the grain to Toeterville rather than using 465th Street. Supervisor Walk stated that the Board is waiting for more wind towers to be erected before deciding on paving any new roads. This will remain in the future road

program.

David Oberholtzer of Elma was present for his request to operate a steel wheeled tractor one mile north and one mile south of the Produce Auction on Addison Avenue. After discussion, consensus of the BOS is that the Road Protection Ordinance stands as is and the request is denied.

Regular meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. for the Joint 28E Chickasaw/Mitchell Targeted Case Management Board meeting which convened via conference call. Present at Chickasaw County were Supervisors: John Andersen, Jason Byrne, Rick Holthaus, Virgil Pikar, Tim Zoll and Auditor Joan Knoll. Present at Mitchell County was TCM Director Sheila Kobliska.

Sheila reviewed the FY 13 TCM budget. Supervisor Voaklander asked what the Chickasaw Board was proposing for a wage increase for their employees. It was reported that they had agreed to a 2% increase except for their union contracts. Mitchell County is proposing a 3.75% increase. Voaklander suggested following Mitchell County's increase for the Case Management department. After discussion, consensus to review salary proposals earlier next year for the FY 14 budget process. Motion by Walk, second by Pickar to approve the FY 2013 budget. Roll call vote: Chickasaw all ayes and Mitchell two ayes with Voaklander voting nay. Motion carried.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Andersen to re-appoint Colleen Hollatz and Kim Conrad to the Case Management Advisory Board to a three year term. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Andersen, second by Voaklander to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Kathy Showalter of PlanScape Partners reviewed a resolution to declare a necessity and establish a date of hearing on a proposed urban renewal plan amendment for an urban renewal area in Mitchell County, Iowa. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the resolution. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk was excused from the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services, Workforce Development and Economic Development meetings and Marreel reported on the Riceville Community Club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors