

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Penney Morse, Janeal Dunn, Mary Dunea, Sue Virnala, Jason Schmidt, Lanny & Pat Hepner, Leo Meitner and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the language for the Upper Cedar Watershed Authority agreement looked fine. The road preservation ordinance was discussed. County Attorney reported that he has been in contact with the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding any new tickets that are written under the Iowa Code. He stated that the DOT will challenge any offenders.

Tom Madden from Yaggy Colby Associates gave an update on grading plans for the wastewater treatment plant site. He stated that the site is 2 ½ foot low for where the tanks are to be placed. One option is to go out for bids and the other is to have Popp Excavating do the grading. Popp's are presently on site doing other grading work. Estimated cost is not to exceed \$45,000. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to have Popp Excavating bring the site up to grade. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Huftalin presented the April Sheriff report of fees collected. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$2,759.70. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the May 8th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the Upper Cedar Watershed agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported on a paving issue on Primrose Avenue. He stated there appears to be moisture underneath the road surface. The Paving Association is coming to inspect the problem. The Union voted to take July 5th as their floating holiday. Rich is getting quotes for highway line painting. A utility light has been installed at the intersection of Hwy 9 and Foothill Avenue for the parking area. Roads department is doing routine road maintenance.

Supervisor Walk stated that Kathy Showalter of PlanScape Partners is including lot 3 in the St. Ansgar Industrial Park 2nd Addition in the Urban Renewal Plan. The lot is being considered as a potential site for a new shop building.

Penney Morse gave an update on mental health reform. She stated that the State is proposing that all counties levy the same amount. The levy amount would be \$47.28 per person based on population. If counties levy less than that, the State is to backfill to the higher amount.

Penny also gave an update for the Mitchell County Historic Preservation Commission. There are three dates left in May for the tour of historic sites in the county. Penney asked if the Board would still consider applying for the State

Planning Grant for the Courthouse with either K&O or Bergland & Cram Architects. She felt this would quell any discontent that some of the public has towards the building. Since there was no motion to move forward with the request, Penney recommended that the Board send a letter to the State Preservation Commission to withdraw the request for the grant. No official action was taken.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Conservation and NIACOG meetings. Voaklander reported on a meeting with Judge Drew, Court Administrator Scott Hand, and Clerk of Court Karen Purcell and with an architect. Manure management plan updates were received from Blong South owned by Jim Koenigs, Erickson/Tip 8 Sow Farm Sow/litter and Burnett/Tip 4 Nursing Unit both owned by Iowa Select Farms, L.P.

Supervisor Walk stated that the memorandum of understanding for a proposed gas line is being reviewed by the County Attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors