

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Marreel and Voaklander present. Walk was driving school bus. Also present were Dan Zimmerman, Eli Zimmerman, Elaine Govern, Penney Morse and Janeal Dunn. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk was asked when a document or letter is received by a county official is it considered a public record. County Attorney referred to Iowa Code Chapter 22 which allows for examination by the public of a public record.

Penney Morse reported that the Historical Preservation Commission committee had reviewed six proposals for the Courthouse grant. They have been reviewing timelines, budgets, prior experience with older historic buildings and references. The committee has selected Keffer/Overland Associates Inc. from West Des Moines, Iowa. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve a scope of work with Keffer/Overton. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conservation Director Milt Owen gave an update on the Wapsi Great Western Trail and requested an extension of the CAT Grant with Vision Iowa/CAT Program Manager. Mitchell and Howard Counties entered into the grant agreement September of 2008 and the grant will expire in September of 2012. Milt stated that both counties would request a contract amendment in the form of a time extension of a period of up to four years. Milt reported that 16.3 miles of the trail has been completed and that 9.2 miles are left to be finished. More than 1/2 of the grant funds has been expended. Howard County has already signed the letter. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of request. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that the roads department is blading roads. Rich stated that to switch the two-way radio system over to a required analog narrow band-width will cost approximately \$22,000.00. Rich will check on what it would cost to convert to digital before proceeding. Rich is getting quotes for rail cars to repair a bridge on Windfall Avenue near McIntire. Howard County plans on re-doing a bridge on Addison Avenue north of Riceville in the near future. Mitchell County's share of the cost will be \$50,000.00.

A request from a Toeterville resident for a reduced speed limit or a speed bump for Hickory Avenue inside of Toeterville was discussed. County Engineer will do research and report back to the Board.

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

Meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. BOS attended the Rural Brain Gain meeting at the Cedar River Complex. BOS meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m. with Supervisor Walk in attendance.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the March 13th meeting. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Marreel voted aye. Walk abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to waive the Boards right to attend the consultation meeting for a voluntary annexation of property into the City of St. Ansgar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Consensus to waive the Boards right for a hearing in regards to Roger Schroeder constructing a confinement feeding operation structure in Mitchell County.

Items of note: Walk reported on the County Conservation meeting, Voaklander reported on the Courthouse consultation meeting and Marreel reported on the Board of Health Advisory and full-board meetings. A manure management plan update was received from the Wilt Finisher Farm owned by Jim Koenigs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors