

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Penney Morse, Betty McCarthy, Eli Zimmerman and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to include Hospital CEO, cans for conservation and letter to the editor and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Mitchell County Sheriff Curt Younker presented the June Sheriff report of fees collected. Also present was Deputy Sheriff Greg Beaver. To be noted that the daily population of Mitchell County prisoners at the Jail for the month was an average of 1.5 and there were seven days when there were zero prisoners. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the report in the amount of \$3,132.54. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk suggested that the Board consider hiring Carlton Salmons, Attorney for the county's risk pool insurance company, to work on revisions to the Upper Cedar Watershed Management Authority 28E Agreement. Supervisor Voaklander stated that the watershed entity should pay for the revisions. Joel will discuss this with Mr. Salmons and report back at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve a request from the Carpenter Barbeque Bash committee to help defray the cost of advertising and outreach to the surrounding communities. The request is for \$500.00 and will be taken out of the Tourism budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed new confinement feeding operation for the Anderson Finisher Farm. The Chair asked if the Auditor if he had received any oral or written comments prior to the hearing. The Auditor stated that he had not received any. The Chair read a written statement from Penney Morse in which she referenced an article in the July 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Globe Gazette titled "EPA: Iowa failing to monitor livestock". In light of the information in the article she thinks that there should be a hold on all new CAFO permits until the EPA has completed their investigation. Betty McCarthy stated odor control is a concern as well as monitoring drinking water. She also questioned if the spreading of manure is being applied on the land that they say they are to spread it on. The public hearing was closed at 8:51 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the application and forward the negative comments from Penney Morse and Betty McCarthy to the DNR. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed a weight limit issue with the Iowa DOT department concerning some of

Falk Construction's trucks when they are hauling rock. Also present were Lindsey Falk and Brian Beaver. Weight limits, primary and non-primary roads and multiple axels were discussed. County Engineer will continue to investigate the matter. Roads department is continuing with the rock run, mowing, shouldering, blading and doing sign work. Rich reported that effective July 23, 2012, Merlin Hegland would assume the roads maintenance foreman position and Brian Hickie would be classified as a maintenance operator. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the status changes. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Regional Health Center Hospital CEO Kevin Runolfson gave an update for the Hospital.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill meeting and a tour of the Courthouse with reps from the FEH Architecture Firm. Walk reported on the Conservation, T-21 meetings and a meeting regarding a windmill farm. Marreel reported on the FMC Early Childhood and NCRERC meetings. The FY 2012 Mitchell County Agricultural Society financial report was received. Effective July 10, 2012, Marcia Smith, HCA III, is changing from status from PT-10 to PT-15. Supervisor Walk presented a \$1,146.90 check from the Kwik Serve Redemption Center for "Cans for Conservation".

Supervisor Walk stated that in the July 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Press News, there will be a letter to the editor referencing an agenda item that was on the July 10, 2012 BOS agenda. The item listed was a personal check for a historical structural needs assessment. Walk suggested that Chairman Marreel respond to the editorial and point out why the item was deleted from the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors