

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Janeal Dunn, Penney Morse, Betty McCarthy, Leo Meitner, Pam Meyer, Jean Simmet (Agri News) and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to delete County Engineer update and include discussion on the Upper Cedar Watershed and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk and County Treasurer Pam Meyer a piece of property owned by Shanan Hackensmith-Habitat for Humanity of Mitchell County. The Treasurer stated that there are property taxes and an assessment still owed from 2009-2010. The total due is \$1,147.50. The Board will consider abating these taxes at the September 4th meeting.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve suspension of taxes #283 in the amount of \$274.00 and #284 in the amount of \$1,060.00 per petition's from the Department of Human Services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Walk stated that Susan Junkins of the Upper Cedar Watershed Management Authority will meet with the BOS on Tuesday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m.

County Attorney Walk stated that he is reviewing the contract with FEH Associates Inc. for work associated with the courthouse. Details of the contract were discussed. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the format of the contract. Roll call vote: all ayes. Supervisor Voaklander reported that he had met with representatives of FEH and stated that FEH is willing to come in September to conduct public meetings. Consensus of the Board to have FEH conduct the meetings.

The second reading of the proposed Mitchell County steel or metal wheel was discussed. The Auditor reported that Dan Zimmerman had contacted him stating that he was against the ordinance. It was reported by Supervisor Voaklander that he had witnessed steel wheel tractors driving on Addison Avenue near the produce auction. After more discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the second reading of Mitchell County Steel or Metal Wheel Ordinance #46. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A proposal to abandon the original language for the November 6th General Election ballot to issue bonds for the courthouse project was discussed. Bond Counsel John Danos of the Dorsey Whitney Law Firm who prepared the ballot language was contacted and was placed on speaker phone. A proposal to change the wording of "demolish the courthouse" to "provide a safe, state of the art, secure building" was considered. Also discussed an Attorney General opinion regarding spending public money for a public purpose. Ultimately, no action was taken.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign change order #1 for Phase II (tanks) for the Valent pre-treatment project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

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

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Economic Development meetings and Marreel reported on the DECAT Governance and the Riceville Community Club meetings. Manure Management Plan updates were received from Maple Lawn Pork, LLC and TC Pork II owned by Terry and Chris Patterson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors