

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Algie Slindee, Penney Morse, Janeal Dunn, Betty McCarthy, Mary Dunea, Pat Hepner, Jerry Fisk and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include moving update, ATV's and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby Associates reported that the Valent project is progressing. A workshop meeting will be set to go over projects.

Sheriff Curt Younker reviewed the annual asset and forfeiture report. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to authorize the Chair to sign the Sheriff's annual asset and forfeiture report. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed a bill that the County received for repair work to a curb stop on Laurel Avenue. It was reported that the County didn't cause the damage and the bill is being returned to Osage Municipal Utilities.

The County Attorney stated that he had reviewed the building lease with Fox River Mills for the Mitchell County Court offices. He recommended that some changes be made. After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to authorize the Chair to sign the lease pending the changes being made. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed whether to enter into a contract with FEH Associates for the Courthouse. It was stated that regardless of the outcome of the vote at the General Election that to do nothing is not an option. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to proceed with doing a structural study and whatever else is needed. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 8:48 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the public sale of property in St. Ansgar. The Chair asked if there had been any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. The BOS and the Auditor replied that none were received. The Chair asked if any of the public had any comments and none were received. The public hearing was closed at 8:50 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to sell the lot in St. Ansgar Industrial Park to Tim and Jodie Schulz for the agreed upon price of \$20,000.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to set November 20, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to transfer Conservation property from Floyd County to Mitchell County. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that road salt has been ordered, snow equipment is being checked over for winter and signs are being straightened. Work on the Riceville shop roof will be started after Thanksgiving. Bids for a

tractor and a mower were opened. North Country Equipment's bid for a tractor was \$74,094.64 and Mid Country Machinery's bid for a tractor was \$69,500 and \$17,795.05 for a Tiger mower. County Engineer will review the bids and action will be taken at the November 13th BOS meeting. Rich stated that he is still recommending hiring Darwin Neuman as a full-time employee at the Secondary Roads department. There was a motion by Walk to hire Darwin. The motion died for a lack of a second. Discussion followed regarding a 6 month probation period and Veteran's preference. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to hire Darwin Neuman for the position with a 6 month probation period. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the October 30th and 31st meetings. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The North Iowa Regional Housing Authority (NIRHA) Pilot request was tabled for one week.

P&Z Director Mark Ross reported that a certified letter had been sent regarding a junk issue at Mona. The letter had been returned by the Post Office and was not signed for by the property owner. Mark will check with the County Attorney about sending a notice of abatement.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on a meeting to review employment applications for the FMC Landfill. Marreel reported on the NIVC Audit Report for FY 2011. A manure management plan update was received from the Knapp Finisher owned by Gold Standard Farms, L.C. Supervisor Marreel reported that Medicaid Surveyors had met with the County Care and recommended that the Director and the Waiver Coordinator meet with BOS on a monthly basis. Supervisor Voaklander stated that an unused trailer from the Landfill is now being used for extra storage of Courthouse items which are not needed on a regular basis. Signs are to be ordered for the Clerk of Court and Courthouse offices. The Plaza offices are to be ready within the next week.

Supervisor Walk reported that there were no issues with the operating of ATV's this past year. Plans for 2013 will be discussed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Bob Marreel – Chair Board of Supervisors