

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Penney Morse, Betty McCarthy, Mary Dunea, Jerry Philipp, Josiah Meier, Larry Klemesrud and Sheriff Greg Beaver. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to include cyber insurance, Carl Salmon letter, Ordinance #15 and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby Associates gave an update on the Valent wastewater plant project. Bid opening is scheduled for April 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Osage City Hall.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #856-13 ordering bids, notice to bidders, fixing amount of bid security, and ordering Auditor to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the construction of the "wastewater treatment facility improvements" for Mitchell County, Iowa. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the minutes of the February 26th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander reviewed two proposed rate increases for the Mitchell County Care Facility. The service and maintenance rate is to be increased to \$131.30 from the old rate of \$108.71 and the service only rate is to be increased to \$102.00 from the old rate of \$79.41. Joel stated that these new rates were approved by the County Social Services Board at their last monthly meeting. Motion by Voaklander, second by Marreel to approve the rate increases which are effective retro back to February 1, 2013. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Insurance values on the courthouse building was discussed. This will be reviewed in the next couple of weeks. Items of note: Marreel attended the NIVC fund raiser and Voaklander reported on the County Social Services meeting. A manure management plan update was received from Griffiths Finisher Farm.

A letter from Carl Salmon, legal counsel for the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool regarding auto crashes on county roads was discussed. The Secondary Roads department will now be contacted by the Sheriff's department to come to the crash site and take pictures of the road condition and nearby signage.

Mitchell County Ordinance #15 section 5 establishing policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of the county's secondary roads during the winter months was discussed with County Attorney Walk. Discussed adding a paragraph to section 5 addressing vehicles that are abandoned on a county road during an ice or snow storm. During this time the Board of Supervisors may declare an emergency situation. The County Attorney will

review this and report back to the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2014 Mitchell County Budget. Present were Department Heads, Deputy Auditor/ Budget Director Barb Baldwin and members of the public (listed above). The Chair asked if the Board, Auditor and Department Heads had received any oral or written comments prior to the hearing. All replied that no comments had been received. Barb gave an overview of the proposed budget. Betty McCarthy asked questions regarding the debt service levy and if tax increment financing (TIF) revenues can make the bond payments. Barb explained that since that the Valent plant has no value at this time that the Capital fund is being used to make part of the payment. Once TIF revenues get caught up the Capital fund will be paid back. Betty also asked if TIF funds were going to be used for the Courthouse project. The Board stated that the local option fund is an option. The public hearing was closed at 9:25 a.m.

Motion by Marreel, second by Voaklander to approve the FY 2014 Mitchell County budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mitchell County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that he had conducted a six month employment review with Merlyn Hegland. Rich is working on plans for the St. Ansgar shop and the Primrose Avenue Bridge. Roads department is plowing snow.

Supervisor Voaklander reported that the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool has asked for a quote for cyber insurance for each member county. After discussion, consensus of the Board that this would be a good thing to look into. Voaklander will share this with the Heartland group.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors