

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer, Tom Martin, Jackie Reams, Penney Morse, Jerry Fisk, Dave May, Treasurer Pam Meyer, E911 Director Ginger Thompson and Jim Cross (Press News). Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to include building values and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Tom Madden of Yaggy Colby Associates reviewed a pay request from Henkel Construction for the VBC project. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve pay request #4 in the amount of \$894,141.75 to Henkel Construction. Roll call vote: all ayes. Progress meetings will be held on the 18th.

Kathy Showalter of Enerjyn reviewed the special assessment process for the Valent BioScience Company project. Papers will be signed at a later date.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk potential changes to the health insurance and Medicare requirements and Iowa Code Section 598.13. Mark stated that a motion for summary has been filed on the Mark Evans versus Mitchell County law suit. After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to rescind the state of emergency that was filed on May 21, 2013 during the flooding period. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the demolition and deconstruction of the Courthouse. The Chair asked if any comments had been received prior to the hearing. Supervisor Paulus stated that she had placed a survey on line regarding the cupola. Auditor Tesch passed around copies of an email from Kurt Meyer, President of the Mitchell County Historical Society requesting certain items from the courthouse building. Dave May, public member in attendance, asked about tax increment financing (TIF) being used in financing a new courthouse. He stated that he is in opposition to the use of TIF for financing the project and that this would hurt the Riceville and St. Ansgar school districts. He feels each county taxpayer should pay equally. He would be in favor of the County doing a lease purchase and build an office style building. Being there was no other comments the public hearing was closed at 9:11 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve awarding the low base bid of \$231,900 from Dore & Associates Contracting and rejecting the alternate bid for removing the cupola. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Walk aye. Paulus nay. Motion carried.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reviewed the November Sheriff Report of fees collected. Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to accept the report in the amount of \$4,184.11. Roll call vote: all ayes. Discussed burglaries that have taken place in the County in recent weeks. Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to offer a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of who committed the burglaries. Roll call vote: all ayes. The reward would be paid thru the Walk & Murphy trust account.

E911 Director Ginger Thompson gave an update on the 911 voice recorder system. The present system is 6 years old. A new system can be purchased for \$23,990 with no maintenance. A 5 year system with maintenance would cost \$35,990. Ginger can apply for a grant that would pay for half of the system (\$11,995). After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to direct Ginger to apply for the grant and to purchase the \$23,990 system. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Beaver stated that a software program he is using will run out the end of June. He is looking into replacing it.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that roads department is checking intersections. Discussed ER flood projects, 370th Street Bridge, Lime Kiln Road and FEMA. Rich is waiting on survey results for the Reams hillside. He is hoping to be able to remove the rock this winter.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the December 10th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Krista Wineinger, Program Coordinator with the Mitchell County Bridges Mentoring Program, made a budget request of \$3,000 for funding support for their mentoring services. The Board will take this into consideration during budget meetings in January.

Motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve placing \$16,341.29 in the Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement Fund. \$2,210 from sale of van, \$225 from Prairie burn fee, \$10,000 from Mitchell Dam loan for repairs and \$3,906.29 from extra CRP incentive. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin reported that the County's property valuations have increased for 2013.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Heartland Insurance meetings, Paulus reported on the Farm Bureau meeting and Walk reported on the Conservation, 2nd Judicial Legislative Forum and a conference call with Black Hills Energy.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors