

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Jackie Reams, Blake Ruehlow and Deb Nicklay (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed a letter to the BOS requesting if the County carries uninsured motorist insurance coverage. It was stated that the County does not.

Supervisor Walk discussed the possibility of hiring a lobbyist to approach the Iowa Legislature on a natural gas line replacement tax. Supervisor Lobbyist Bill Heckroth is contacting other County Supervisors about partnering with hiring a lobbyist for this purpose. Consensus of Board to pursue.

Tom Madden reviewed the September schedule for the Valent project. The project is coming together. Approval of Henkel Construction change order #11 was tabled for one week.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the August 26th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Assessor Amy Folkerts reviewed applications for Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credits. Seventeen applications were received with thirteen allowed and four disallowed. Those allowed are: Steven G. Ashbach, Alan Dean Belz, Shirley Brock, Anna K. Cullen, Eugene W. Enzenauer, Kenneth Allen Grimm, Robert Hollatz, Harry May, Verlyn Mullenbach, Sandra Offen, Karl Schaffner, Marjorie Showalter and Delone R. Whitesides. The property taxes for these property owners are reduced by 100% for the portion of value that qualifies. This credit will be funded by the State of Iowa. Those disallowed are: Carroll S. Bishop and Scott Williams both due to being received after the deadline of July 1, 2014; Arnold Lynn Nation and Lawrence D. Sweeney both due to not qualifying as 100% credit. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the thirteen applications that were recommended by Assessor Folkerts. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Voaklander reviewed a consideration of change order #1 received from Henkel Construction for the Courthouse project. After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the change order which included four items amounting to a deduction of \$38,100.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. The change order request will not delay the completion date.

Supervisor Voaklander stated that the Wild Horse Salvage in Kensett is interested in salvaging the old LP tank at the County Care Facility. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to allow the Chair to contact Wild Horse Salvage about removing the LP tank. This was requested by CCF Director Hanson to remove the tank. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services meetings. Received manure management plan

update from Kuper Hog Site #1 and a new DNR construction permit application from Karl Theis for the Old Gestation Site in section 29 of Douglas Township.

Blake Ruehlow inquired about the status of the bridge project on 370th Street.

Meeting recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported on the Timber Avenue Bridge plans, rock run, interviews for a new employee and financing for motor graders. Discussed future personnel needs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors