

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Waylon Brown, LaVonne Wolf and Deb Nicklay (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Home Health/Public Health Director LaVonne Wolf accepted a years of service award for R.N. Deb Farkas. Deb has been employed for the department 25 years.

EMA Director Ray Huftalin asked about his role with security for the new courthouse. Directed Ray to consult with the architects from FEH.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that a tax certificate for a parcel of property in Mona, which is in Mitchell County's name, is now expiring. The County has an option to obtain a tax certificate to retain the property. Approximate cost is \$500.00. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to proceed with the tax certificate. Roll call vote: all ayes. Also discussed the Duane Tesch property in Toeterville.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the County Social Services Resolution #940-15 for Mitchell County to provide staff and office space to CSS. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated that the pre-con for the Timber Bridge was last week and motor grader training will be held soon. Rich is considering purchasing a disk for granular roads. Approximate cost is \$6,200. Discussed ditch cleaning and farm-to-market roads.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley reported on wetland repair work, burning season, CRP plantings, rock replacement, trail work, park's study, tree planting and a suspension bridge over Rock Creek. Brian Huffman has been hired as a FT-40 parks supervisor. His start date is April 1, 2015 and his starting wage is \$21.42 per hour.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the March 17th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A committee will be appointed to make plans for a grand opening for the new courthouse once it is completed and operational.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Absolute Energy annual meeting and the Legislative Forum, Paulus on the Sister City and DECAT meetings and Voaklander on the Economic Development, Heartland Insurance and Prairie Ridge meetings. Received the Prairie Ridge Addiction Treatment Services Annual Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2014. Received manure management plan updates from Hemann West, Finisher Farm, Fitzmaurice/Tip 5, Finisher Farm, Halvorson Finisher Farm, Geiger Sow Farm, Sow/litter, Benson Site, Sunner, Wilt, Buck, Garden and an original plan for Spring Creek Finishing. Discussed making a board appointment to the Conservation Board to replace Brian Huffman.

Meeting recessed at 10:07 a.m. Reconvened at 10:54 a.m. at the County Care Facility. Present were Director Peggy Hanson, Donna Anhorn and Pat Clark. Pat reviewed the MCCF report with the Board. Policies that are required for Habilitation Funding have been addressed. The IME/Waiver services have been running smoothly. Reviewed the HCBS rate change. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the daily rate change to \$89.71. Old rate was \$87.86. Roll call vote: all ayes. Also reviewed the Protocol for medical appointments and med orders. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the Protocol policy. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors