

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with Paulus and Voaklander present. Walk was absent. Also present were Stanley Ask, Treasurer Pam Meyer, Recorder Pat Skuster and Deb Nicklay (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Tom Madden discussed a piece of equipment, called a belt thickener, at the County's pretreatment plant. The equipment is not being used and it is being proposed to sell it. Tom will contact the County Attorney regarding taking bids to sell the belt thickener. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to proceed with the sale of the equipment pending approval by the County Attorney. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom presented a letter from SEH Yaggy regarding fees to engineer the design for repairs to Mitchell County Drainage District #7. The value of the project is so low and their fees will double the cost of the project. It was determined that this is an improvement project and not a maintenance issue. Tabled taking any action on hiring an engineer.

Sheriff Greg Beaver discussed situations when defense attorneys come to the jail to meet with their clients. According to Iowa Code Section 804.20 all 99 County Sheriffs with jails are to provide a private room for them to meet. Greg stated he is concerned with keeping the attorney safe. Greg is getting an opinion from County Attorney Walk.

County Engineer Brumm reported that the Thrush Avenue box culvert is to open this week and work is progressing on the Lime Kiln project. Secondary Roads Union has voted to work four ten hour days during the spring and summer season. Because the contract calls for a ten day notice to the BOS this will begin on May 11th not on May 4th as the Union had planned. Rich reviewed the WHKS Professional Services Agreement for the Mitchell Cedar Bridge. Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the Agreement. The agreement is described as West Main Street/Hickory Avenue over the Cedar River south west of Mitchell and be in two phases. #1 is a Feasibility Study and #2 is to prepare a plan set for bridge repairs. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Conservation Director Adam Shirley gave a department update. Conservation Board has an option on ten acres of land along Spring Creek near Orchard. The land is priced at \$40,000 and maybe would be used as a fish habitat. Adam is working on a contract with the City of McIntire to sweep the trail thru McIntire. His department is doing field work and planting trees. Parks will be opening soon.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the April 21st meeting with a deletion. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services and Economic Development meetings and Paulus on the FMC DECAT, Historical Preservation and School Factory meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Lipson/Tip 3 Finisher farm and Osage River City Egg Inc.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Paulus to approve reappointing Jean Brumm to a six year term on the Judicial Magistrate Commission. Roll call vote: all ayes.

To be noted that \$281,630 is to be transferred from the Rural Basic to the Secondary Roads fund and \$30,000 is to be transferred from the General Basic to the Land Acquisition Fund.

Georgia Knudsen presented a quote for window treatments at the new courthouse. No action was taken. Also discussed open house plans and a donation of a painting from a local veteran.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors