

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Russ Brandau, Jerry Dunlay and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to include artist display and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the Kevin Byrnes burn issue from the spring. Consensus to turn this over to the Conservation Board. County Attorney expressed his frustration over the Magistrate Judge's decision on a steel wheel violation and not agreeing with the County's Ordinance in regards to the \$500 fine. The Magistrate feels the fine is too severe and should follow the State law. This will be reviewed in Magistrate Court on October 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Madden stated that equipment for the wastewater treatment facility is to be changed out. An amendment is being prepared for the odor study at the Valent plant.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the biannual federal bridge inspection contract with WHKS. Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve the contract with an amount not to exceed \$45,500. Roll call vote: all ayes. Roads department is doing concrete road patching and road edging.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the September 22nd meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Voaklander to approve Suspension of taxes #305 to Bernard B & Betty E Anderson for \$505.00 on account of a special street assessment per petition of Department of Human Services. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a Class C Liquor License for the Osage Bowl and Cross Over Restaurant. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Sanitarian Mark Ross gave an update on nitrate testing at the County Care Facility. The new system has been installed and is working well. A new permit and additional testing is being required by the DNR. The testing is to be done daily. After discussion the Board directed Mark to contact the DNR and ask for a waiver to not test on a daily basis.

At 9:30 a.m. a conference call was conducted with the Joint 28E Chickasaw/Mitchell County Targeted Case Management Board. Present at Chickasaw were Supervisors John Andersen, Steve Geerts, Rick Holthaus, Tim Zoll, Auditor Joan Knoll and Sheila Kobliska. Sheila reviewed the FY 15 final Cost Report. Motion by Voaklander, second by Andersen to approve the Cost Report. Roll call vote: all ayes. 28E meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Megan Taets, Mitchell County Community Services Coordinator of Disability Services, reported on burial costs in the county. Costs range from \$500 to \$800. Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to use the \$500 fee submitted by Champion-Bucheit Funeral Home. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Veteran's Affairs Director Larry Klemesrud reviewed the Operation LZ Phoenix shelter home in Waverly. This is a non-profit organization. They are asking if Mitchell County would ever have a veteran and or the veteran's family staying in their house to contribute \$10 a day. Larry will discuss this with his commission and report back to the Board.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services, FMC Landfill and Economic Development meetings. Walk reported on meeting with Supervisor Bartz and a NIACOG meeting and Paulus reported on the silent auction. Noted that \$95,153 is to be transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund and \$300,000 from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve a policy for displaying art work in the courthouse. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Paulus reported on local artists who have expressed interest in displaying their art work in the courthouse. Also discussed a sign for the front of the courthouse, a maintenance garage and the location of the bench being donated by the Louis Halverson family. An ad will be placed for the metal that is left over from the old courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Shannon Paulus – Chair Board of Supervisors