

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Dave Hartogh, Melissa Tusler, Adam Shirley, Katy Henry and Steve Thompson (Media). Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the minutes of the December 10th meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the liquidated damage clause to the Kingland contract can't be added due to the fact that it was agreed upon earlier to not have this clause in the contract.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve Resolution #1049-19 adopting the salary recommendations for the Mitchell County elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as recommended by the Mitchell County Compensation Board. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed wage increases for the Mitchell County hourly employees. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve a 3% per hour increase with a minimum of a 60 cent per hour floor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver discussed sharing services with other Sheriff departments.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed doing an onsite evaluation for stop signs versus yield signs at railroad crossings. Also discussed the Weed Commissioner's budget and who should sign for road projects.

Marie Boyd of Healthy Harvest of North Iowa gave an update on the Farm to Fork Dinner Event and made a FY 2021 Budget request for \$3,100. Molly Anderegg of RSVP of North Iowa gave an update and made a FY 2021 Budget request of \$5,000. Milt Owen and Ellen Friedrich of the Mitchell County Soil & Water Conservation District gave an update on the water sampling program for the Rock Creek Watershed Project and for the county. They also made a 2020 proposal in the amount of \$8,200. These requests will be considered during the FY 2021 Budget meetings.

Discussed contributing funds to the Mitchell County Hospital for an additional Physician. Supervisor Walk suggested giving the same amount as what has been given for other Physicians. Supervisor Francis stated that the Hospital has not asked for this and she is not in favor in giving any funds. Supervisor Smolik stated the Hospital has their own funding and he feels there is no reason to give. No action was taken.

Items of note: Francis reported on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting, Walk reported on the 2nd Judicial meeting and Smolik reported on the FMC Landfill and the Valent meetings. Barb presented changes to the 2020 Board appointments. The FY 20/21 Budget meeting schedule was reviewed.

Meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

County Social Services Director Bob Lincoln presented the CSS Annual Report, the FY 2021 MHDS per capita levy and reviewed the 5-year Strategic Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors