

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Barb Francis, L. Dean Pohren, Amy Folkerts, Ron Mueller and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Smolik, second by Voaklander to deleted Sheriff Department update and approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the December 11th meeting. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk consensus votes that the BOS sometimes uses instead of doing a roll call vote. This type of vote is not individually recorded like a roll call vote.

Consideration of the Compensation Board FY 20 salary recommendations was tabled till the December 21st meeting.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed the evaluation process for county bridges that have been posted for deficiencies.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider paving six granular surfaced roads in the County. Public present were: Geris Mellmann, Betty McCarthy, Rick Bodensteiner, Nancy Norby, Vince Morische, Mark Jellum, Russ Brandau, Fred Hardy, Chris Jellum, John Morische, Suzanne Sletten, Brian Retterath, Lee Row, Josh Neuman, Barney Retterath, Ty Kukhen, Laura Kukhen and Shannon Paulus. The Chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. Letters in support of paving Quail Avenue were received from Larry Blake, Charles Levan and Ed & Brenda Theobald. Voaklander stated he had received comments in support of paving the Mitchell Line Street and T34. Engineer Brumm explained that the proposed roads don't meet the paving points set out by the DOT. Thus the reason for the public hearing. Supervisor Walk gave a background for using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to fund the paving of the roads. Public comments were received by Brian Retterath, John Morische, Betty McCarthy, Dean Pohren Fred Hardy and Lee Row. Discussed criteria for concrete vs asphalt, traffic counts, dust control and businesses located on the proposed paving routes. After further discussion the public hearing was closed at 9:55 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve putting the proposed paving plans in the Engineer's 5 year program. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Walk voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried.

Karen Crilly presented a FY 19/20 budget request for the St. Ansgar Heritage Museum. The request is for \$4,000. This will be considered during budget meetings in January.

Milt Owen and Cory Brinck presented a FY 19/20 budget request for water sampling by the Mitchell County Soil & Water District Commission. The request is for \$8,288. 18 sites are now being tested in the County. Plans are to add 5

sites. The request will be considered during budget meetings in January.

Supervisor Voaklander recommended that the Board should consider a proposal from Renee VonBokern to update the County Employee Policy Manual. Supervisor Walk stated that the Board should table this until budget talks in January.

Voaklander reported that the FMC Landfill is interested in purchasing the generator from the County Care Facility. A figure is being worked on for the generator.

Shannon Paulus reviewed the annual ISAC Wellness Agreement. Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the FMC Landfill and Valent meetings. Smolik reported on the Conservation meeting and Walk reported on the 2nd Judicial Board meeting.

After discussion, motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the 2019 Courthouse Holiday Schedule. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Smolik voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Consensus to send out the proposed FY 20 budget meeting schedule.

Betty McCarthy recommended that the BOS appoint Joel Voaklander to the FMC Landfill Board. This will be determined at the January 2nd organizational meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors