

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

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Tony Stonecypher, Casey Ketelsen, Russ Brandau, Cal Nicklay, Dean Pohren, Al Winters, Steve Eastman, Russ Kephart, Norm Johnson, Adam Shirley, Ken Pitzen, Matt Pitzen. Mary Pieper and Chrystal Berche from the Media. Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the County Personnel Policy Manual.

Sheriff Greg Beaver presented his monthly report of fees collected. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the May Report in the amount of \$2,790.11. Roll call vote: all voted aye. Discussed the Jail roof and the possibility of purchasing tasers for use by his Deputy's. This will be put on the June 25<sup>th</sup> agenda for possible action.

Treasurer Shannon Paulus recommended the BOS to approve her hiring Cassandra Seter as a full-time clerk in her office. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve hiring Cassandra at a wage of \$14.50 per hour effective June 25, 2019. She will receive a fifty cent per hour increase upon her certification to issue driver's licenses. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Items of note: Francis reported on the ISAC Legislative meeting. Walk reported on the county-wide Progressive Group meeting. Smolik reported on the E911, FMC DECAT Governance and the FMC Landfill meetings.

County Engineer Rich Brumm gave an update on the T38 paving project. Driveways and line painting are almost completed. The rock run is progressing.

At 9:15 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area. Northland Securities Financial Advisor Jeff Heil reviewed the County's financial status and future debt payments. Jeff explained that the amendment is for new projects. The Turtle Creek Wind Tower project added 56 wind turbines. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the public hearing. Supervisor Walk stated that he had receive positive comments from a few residents. Supervisors Francis and Smolik had received both positive and negative comments. The Auditor stated that he had not received any comments. The Chair informed the public that they could address the Board once and speak for three minutes. Dean Pohren asked about the new values from the Turtle Creed Wind Farm. Russ Kephart asked what happens when the wind towers shut down. It was explained that the value from the wind towers will be used to do projects now and the projects will be paid off when the useful life of the towers is complete. Matt Pitzen feels using TIF for building projects is a good thing to do. Ken Pitzen feels this is a good investment for the County. Tony Stonecypher stated that TIF is a valuable asset to use for these projects. Al Winters

spoke against the proposal. He feels that borrowing for the proposed projects affects all county taxpayers and that Mitchell County is the highest in the State for value of property committed to debt. Supervisor Francis feels that Jeff Heil is being conservative and not recommending the County to spend all the amount of TIF money that is available. Chrystal Berche stated that if the County wasn't using TIF funds to pay for the proposed projects then the projects would be paid for from property taxes. Russ Brandau said that the BOS will make the decision that they feel is right. The public hearing was closed at 9:59 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve Resolution #1036-19 declaring a necessity and establishing an Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and approving an Urban Renewal Amendment for the Mitchell County Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Francis, second by Walk to approve Resolution #1037-19 setting July 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing on proposals to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and to borrow money thereunder. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Renee Von Bokern of Von Bokern Associates reviewed changes to the County Employee Personnel Policy Book and made a proposal to assist the County Department Heads with Human Resource issues or questions. The annual fee for this service is \$4,500.00. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve hiring Renee Von Bokern to perform this service on a yearly basis. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Steve Smolik – Chair Board of Supervisors