

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Casey Ketelsen, Mark Ross, Jennifer Crall, Carl Ott, Betty McCarthy, Tony Stonecypher and Mike Mayer. Media present was Steve Thompson. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting and the claims. All voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the Russ Kephart property in New Haven. It has been reported that Russ has been placing items back on his property. Discussed whether the property is a mess or is it a nuisance. No action was taken.

It was reported that the Turtle Creek Wind Tower Company has agreed to the estimated cost of \$746,150 for road damages during the period when the towers were constructed. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to accept their payment of \$746,150. All voted aye.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated the Roads department is blading the gravel roads. Rich reported on an accident that happened a week ago involving a tree limb falling on an employee.

Reviewed a construction permit application for the DAF Farms, LLC. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the application and to forward to the DNR with no negative comments. All voted aye.

After discussion, motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve refinancing a property loan at the Home Trust and Savings Bank for the Conservation Department. The new interest rate will be 2.7%. The current rate is 4.45%. All voted aye.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve Resolution #1055-20 authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement authorizing call of outstanding debts for early redemption. And providing for the issuance of \$7,865,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Series 2020A and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Tony Stonecypher reviewed two Construction Incentive Program applications. One is for Tim Schultz to construct two four plex rental units in St. Ansgar and the other is for Tyler DeMaris for a downtown business and apartments in St. Ansgar. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the Schultz request. Walk and Francis voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the DeMaris request. Walk and Francis voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried.

Items of note: Francis reported on the Substance Abuse and Economic Development meetings. Smolik reported on

FMC DECAT conference calls. Walk reported on the Upper Cedar Watershed, NIACOG and Progressive Group meetings. Received manure management plan updates for the Hufco Evanson Site, Kuper Hog Site 2 LLC, Kuper Cattle and Underwood Finisher Farm.

The BOS declared themselves as a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvas the votes of the NIACC Public Measure "A" Special Election. Results were 327 Yes votes and 82 No votes. Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to accept the Canvas and to sign the abstract of votes. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors