

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Casey Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Jessa Ketelsen, Tony Stonecypher, Pat Skuster, Lindsay Uhlenhopp and Rachel Foster. Due to the Corona Virus the meeting was made available to the public by video via "Go to Meeting" Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to include Resolution naming Bank Depositories and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the March 24th meeting. All voted aye.

After discussion, motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the Federally mandated Leave under the Families First Corona Virus Response Act. All voted aye.

Jessa Ketelsen and Laura Huisman gave a Home Health/Public Health Department update regarding the corona virus. There have been 424 cases in Iowa with 6 deaths reported. Social distancing will continue thru April 30th. Testing will be done on Wednesday from 10 to 12 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. The Mitchell County Hospital will not admit anyone who tests positive to the virus. They will be sent to a HUB for treatment. Ten transportation ventilators have been ordered. Jessa said they hope to see the virus peak in the next two to three weeks.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported that his Deputies have been assisting with transporting the Corona Virus test kits to the State Hygienic Lab.

Payroll Clerk Lindsay Uhlenhopp asked for clarification for the FY 20/21 Employee Dental and Vision Plan cost shares. After discussion, motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve paying the cost of the single rate for the Dental and Vision Plan for all FT-30 County employees and to contribute 75% of the cost for their health insurance plan. All voted aye.

Mitchell County Economic Development Director Tony Stonecypher stated that the Economic Development Board approved a request from Lynn Hemann who plans to build a spec house outside of Osage. Tony recommended that the BOS approve the request in the amount of \$30,000. Motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve the request which is part of the Commercial Housing Incentive Program. Walk and Francis voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to consider the proposed FY 20/21 County Budget. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received from the public prior to the hearing. Supervisor Walk shared an email he had received from Al Winters who had some questions regarding the proposed budget. Al asked about revenues from the wind turbines and if they are being used to make the debt payments. Explain the growth of the Administration line in the budget over the past 4 years. And when will the County be reimbursed for the gas line study. Deputy Auditor Rachel Foster reviewed the budget and stated the levy rate stayed the same as for the FY 19/20 County Budget. Rachel also

answered Al's questions the best she could. Being there were no further questions or comments from the public the hearing was closed at 9:10 a.m.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the FY 20/21 County Budget as proposed. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that he has had calls from the public asking if the County was going to be shut down and not allow people to enter the county. It was reported that this is not going to happen. Residents need supplies.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the DOT Budget and Program. Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the DOT Budget and Program. All voted aye. Rich asked for approval of the final payment and acceptance of Project STBG-SWAP-C)66(074)-F6-66. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the request. All voted aye. Rich asked for approval of a Federal Aid Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Project east of Grafton, IA. Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the request. All voted aye. Rich reviewed and requested approval of a Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Bridge Project with Worth County. Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve the request. All voted aye. Discussed resurfacing the Rudd Road.

Items of note: Francis reported on the County Social Services and Heartland Insurance meetings. Received Manure Management Plan updates from Fitzmaurice/Tip 5 Wean Finish, Garden Finisher Farm, Geiger Sow, Heman West Finisher Farm, Jon Krebsbach Finisher and New Haven Site. To be noted that \$1,250,000 is to be transferred from the General Basic Miscellaneous TIF Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to approve Resolution #1057-20 Naming Bank Depositories. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors