

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Betty McCarthy and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include Sheriff Department update and Howard County culvert project and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Tom Madden gave an update on the Valent Pretreatment Odor Control project. Testing is being done on the scrubbers.

After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Voaklander to approve for FY 17/18 a 3% increase in the hourly wages for employees with a minimum floor of 55 cents per hour. Full time 40 hour employees will receive \$125.00 towards their Flex Benefits Plan. Roll call vote: Paulus and Voaklander voted aye. Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

Discussed the Valent and Pretreatment plant with County Attorney Mark Walk.

Sheriff Greg Beaver gave a department update. Discussed the Farm Bureau request for the County to partner on with the Farm Bureau on designating the month of April as County Government Month. Farm Bureau President Kevin Sprung will be contacted for more information.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported on the Howard County culvert project on Addison Avenue north of Riceville. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the Howard County culvert project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the February 28th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

It was reported that Joe Marzen has resigned as the County Weed Commissioner.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the FY 17/18 County Budget. Present were County Department Heads and Betty McCarthy. Deputy Auditor Barb Baldwin presented a power point explaining the proposed budget. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the hearing. The Board stated that they had not received any. Auditor handed the Chair a sheet of questions from L. Dean Pohren. Questions dealt with a proposed natural gas line being brought into the County from Worth County. Betty McCarthy asked questions regarding the Mental Health department, County Care Facility, Home Health Department and TIF revenues. After further discussion the public hearing was closed at 9:40 a.m.

Motion by Paulus, second Walk to approve the proposed FY 17/18 Mitchell County Budget. Roll call vote: Paulus and Voaklander voted aye and Walk voted nay. Motion carried.

The Hwy 105 paving project was discussed with Dave Falk. It is being considered to pave to 4th Street instead of

stopping at the City limits. County Engineer Brumm stated that more engineering will be required to include ADA sidewalks. City of St. Ansgar will be responsible for the manhole covers. After further discussion, consensus to include plans to include paving from 4th Street to the City limits.

Lacie Litton from the Wellmark Health Insurance Company presented the County's annual renewal plan. Also present were Brad Holtan from ISAC, Tim Johnston, Ryan Bervan and Elizabeth Buckton from Kingston Life & Health. Discussed the plans that ISAC offers. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve offering ISAC Plans 11C and 12C for FY 17/18. Roll call vote: all ayes. Tim Johnston asked if Kingston Life & Health could make a presentation to the Board to become an insurance broker for the County. After the presentation, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to sign a contract with Kingston Life & Health become the County's Insurance Broker subject to the County Attorney's reviewing the contract. The contract is \$21.00 per month per employee who are eligible for health insurance coverage. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Received the February Clerk of Court Report in the amount of \$3,102.60.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors