

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Judy Voaklander, Al Winters, Jerry Dunlay, Randy Conrad, Russ Brandau, Betty Mc Carthy, Rita Dvorak, Amanda Adams, Jennifer Andrade, Tyler Schwarck, Paul Groth, Chaley Schulz, Tim Schulz, Lynn Hemann, Troy Havel, Clarence Kruse, Lindsey Falk, Shelly Russell, Jessica Marzen, Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting. Roll call vote: all vote aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported on a request to annex certain county property into the City of Osage. This will be placed on the May 8th agenda for possible action.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported on the Balsam Avenue rumble strips at the intersection of the Hwy 9 stop signs. The DOT will be contacted regarding adding a flashing stop sign.

County Engineer Rich Brumm stated he will be checking other rumble strips thru out the County. Discussed plans and costs for the City of Stacyville Bridge project.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve the first amendment to the Road Use Agreement for the Wind Tower Project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve including Dental and Vision plans to the County's FY 19 Health Insurance Plan. This will become effective July 1, 2018 and will be at no cost to individual full time employees. Family plans will be available at their own cost. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion a request for financial assistance to Mitchell County new Doctors was tabled for one week.

Items of note: Voaklander reported on the County Social Services, Economic Development and Valent meetings. Received manure management plan updates from Jon Krebsbach, Lipson Finisher Farm, Osage Egg Company, PL Farm LLC, Jax Dairy Inc. and Carpenter North.

At 9:00 a.m. public hearings on proposals to enter into a Roads Loan Agreement, enter into a Gas Line Agreement, enter into a Construction Incentives Loan Agreement, enter into a Park Improvement Loan Agreement and enter into a Trail Improvements Loan Agreement were opened. The purpose of the five hearing was reviewed. The Chair asked the BOS and Auditor if they had received any oral or written comments prior to the hearings. It was stated that numerous comments and phone calls had been received with most of them were negative. Walk stated he had received three written comments. Those speaking were Osage Superintendent Barb Schwamman, Betty McCarthy, Kevin Fox, Mark Walk,

Dean Pohren, Assessor Amy Folkerts, Russ Brandau, Hospital CEO Shelly Russell, MCEDC Director Jennifer Andrade, Mark Ross, Jerry Dunlay, Kevin Kolbet and Lindsay Falk. Items discussed were TIF, concerns about debt and borrowing, Wapsi Bike Trail, gas line study, speculation, taxation of the wind mills, backfill from the State, taxation, responsibility on spending, having adequate housing, housing built before the incentive program was approved and positive side of economic development. The public hearing was closed at 9:49 a.m.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve entering into a loan agreement and to borrow a principal amount not to exceed \$625,000 for the purpose of improving county roads. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk to approve entering into a loan agreement and to borrow a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of studying and designing the installation of natural gas lines. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Walk to approve entering into a loan agreement and to borrow a principal amount of not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of constructing recreation trail improvements. Roll call vote: Voaklander and Walk voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Walk to approve entering into a loan agreement and to borrow a principal amount a principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the purpose of funding economic development grants and/or forgivable loans for the promotion of construction activity. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Voaklander, second by Smolik to approve entering into a loan agreement and to borrow a principal amount of not to exceed \$625,000 for the purpose of undertaking improvements to Riverside Park. Roll call vote: all ayes.

No action was taken on a Resolution taking additional action on proposals to enter into General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreements and combining Loan Agreements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Stan Walk – Chair Board of Supervisors