

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Dean Pohren, Jerry Dunlay, Randy Conrad and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the October 31st meeting and the claims. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Discussed with County Attorney Mark Walk the first amendment to the pretreatment agreement. Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed the liquidated damages incurred for the secondary roads pipe project. Engineer Brumm stated that the project was set for 20 working days and ran over by 72 days. Original liquidated damages was calculated at \$24,000. After consideration it has been reduced to \$17,750. Total cost of the project was \$74,468. No formal action was taken.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on a proposal to authorize an internal loan to fund the North Iowa Port Authority natural gas distribution system phase 1 for a feasibility study and design project. Supervisor Walk gave an over view of the project. An engineering study will part of Phase One. Worth and Mitchell Counties will be equal partners and share the cost of \$800,000 for the study. The Chair asked if there had been any comments received prior to the hearing. Supervisor Paulus and Auditor Tesch stated that Deo Koenigs was opposed to the project. Dean Pohren asked about the number of miles involved for the proposed natural gas pipeline. There will be approximately 32 miles. Also discussed potential risk to the taxpayers and debt that Mitchell County still owes. Tax Increment Funds (TIF) will be used to fund Mitchell Couty's share of the project. Phase 1 will be a high pressure line and run from Joice to St. Ansgar. Phase 2 will be a low pressure line running to Riceville. After other discussion the public hearing was closed at 9:03 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve Resolution 996-17 authorizing an internal loan to fund the North Iowa Port Authority Natural Gas Distribution System Phase 1/Feasibility & Design Project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Jason Palmer presented a request to remove the remaining contents in the County Care Facility building at no cost. Also for the County to provide five dumpsters and pay the disposal fees at the FMC Landfill. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to proceed with having Jason clean out the building. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Sheriff Greg Beaver reported that the hiring process is moving along. Interviews will be conducted on November 10th. Deputy Jeff Huftalin is retiring effective December 28, 2017. After discussion, consensus to move forward with hiring two deputies.

Gayle Nelson presented a proposal to hold a marathon running event on August 25, 2018. The marathon would

start in Osage and proceed to St. Ansgar and return to Osage. The route for the event would involve using secondary roadways. Discussed setting up a detour and erecting signs alerting the public of the event. No action was taken at this time.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that paving for the RISE project will start on November 13th. The fuel tank is being welded. Roads department is putting on snow equipment.

Merlyn Thorson, representing the St. Ansgar Historical Society, requested the BOS to consider contributing \$4,000 to their organization for FY 2019. This is the same amount that they requested for FY 2018. The BOS will consider this during budget meeting in January 2018.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the DECAT meeting and Voaklander reported on the Valent meeting. Received a manure management plan update from Gary Moore.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors