

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

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

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

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the October 24th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Paulus, second by Walk to authorize County Attorney Mark Walk to contact a New York Law Firm regarding the county joining in on a class action lawsuit opposing opioid manufacturers. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Paulus to ratify action taken on the pretreatment lease agreement between the County and the City of Osage from December 4, 2012. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Osage resident Dean Pohren questioned the time frames given for when the odor will be taken care of that is coming from the pretreatment plant. It was reported that there are three projects taking place with the timelines of December 2017, Memorial Day and during the fall of 2018 for when these projects are to be completed. Dean also asked why the public wasn't informed of the nature of the Valent plant before it came to Osage.

Farm Tile Pro owner Dallas Kuper questioned liquidated damages that are being assessed to a tile project that his company had completed for Mitchell County. County Engineer Rich Brumm gave a review of the time line for the completion of the pipe project. Original contract called for twenty working days. Liquidated damages are being assessed at \$500.00 per day over the deadline of the completion of the project. \$17,000 is the total for the damages. This will be placed on the November 7th agenda for action.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve a contract with WHKS to conduct bridge inspections in 2018 at an amount not to exceed \$50,300. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Paulus reported on the DECAT meeting and Voaklander reported on the County Social Services meeting. Effective October 16, 2017 Dana Thompson, HCAIII, is changing to full-time 40 and will be doing the HCA scheduling. Her wage will be \$18.84 per hour while doing scheduling for up to 15 hours per week. Effective October 13, 2017 Becky Johnson, HCA and scheduler, has resigned her full-time position with Mitchell County Home Health Care/Public Health.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve reappointing Pete Thome to the Board of Adjustment for a five year

term. Roll call vote: all ayes.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors