

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Randy Conrad, Penney Morse, Eloise Kuper, Mark Ross, Karen Damjanovic, Sue Sletten and Crystal Berche (Media). Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to include E911 and letter to Governor Reynolds and to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve the minutes of the September 5th meeting and the claims with changes. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed a request from Dean Gansen to purchase County property. Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to set September 26, 2017 at 8:40 a.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing on the sale of the property. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Paulus reported that Ginger Thompson has resigned her position as Director of the Mitchell County E911 department. Discussed who is responsible to do the hiring for a new director. County Attorney stated that the E911 Board has that duty.

County Attorney said that the letter that Supervisor Paulus prepared to send to Governor Reynolds looked fine. It will be placed on the September 19th agenda for approval to send.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for the RISE Road Project. County Engineer Rich Brumm reviewed the paving project for 350th Street and S. 13th Street in the southeast side of Osage. The city portion will be curb and gutter and the county portion will have a 24 foot roadway and shoulders on the side. The Chair asked if there were any oral or written comments received prior to the public hearing. It was stated that none were received. After further discussion the public hearing was closed at 8:48 a.m.

Motion by Walk, second by Paulus to approve awarding the paving contract to the low bidder Wicks Construction Company from Decorah, IA in the amount of \$1,284,409.00 as recommended by the Engineering firm Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. The bid was \$249,534.00 lower than the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost of \$1,529,943.00. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tom Madden stated that plans are moving ahead on plans for the industrial pretreatment plant project.

Sheriff Greg Beaver stated that October 27, 2017 Deputy Jerry Jensen will be leaving as a Mitchell County Deputy.

County Engineer Brumm reported that the painting crew has moved in for the Mitchell Cedar River Bridge Project.

Anticipated finish time is 4 weeks out. Asphalt approach work is being done for the Hwy. 105 project and shoulder work to begin in the next week. The fuel tank at the St. Ansgar shop is being repaired. Discussed yield signs at the "T" intersection of Hickory Avenue and 350th Street.

Motion by Paulus, second by Walk to approve the Friesen 5 Site construction permit application and the scoring of the master matrix. The scoring totaled 450 points. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Karen Damjanovic made a funding request to help defray costs for removal of a derelict building on her rural property at 2929 320th Street in Mitchell County. Motion by Paulus to approve funding \$400.00 for the request. Motion died for a lack of a second. The request was tabled for the time being. Discussed setting up a policy for how to handle this and future requests.

Items of note: Walk reported on the Consultation meeting for the Urban Renewal Plan. Paulus reported on the DNR review meeting for the Friesen 5 Site and Mitchell County Preservation Commission meeting. Voaklander reported on the Valent meeting and the Heartland Insurance employment seminar.

Public comments were received from Penney Morse encouraging the BOS to reconsider drafting a resolution to the State Legislature regarding CAFO's and the Master Matrix.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors