

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Chuck Pajer, Samantha Scharper, Bruce Biederman, Dave Stauffer, Mike Mayer and Keith Horgen. Steve Thompson was present from the Media. Due to the COVID 19 the meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Smolik, second by Walk to delete Sheriff update, add update from Casey Ketelsen and discuss Dave Stauffer's Letter to the Editor regarding TIF and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

Motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve the minutes of the September 22nd meeting. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk stated that the Kephart hearing has been set for October 30th. Discussed the Housing Grant Program.

County Engineer Rich Brumm discussed the DOT Bridge Program. Mitchell County has one bridge that may qualify. The bridge is on 320th Street west of Shadow Avenue over the Little Cedar River and is on a curve. Consensus of the BOS to have Rich apply for the grant. St. Ansgar Mayor Keith Horgen made a request for the County to pave into the City Limits up to 4th Street when the T26 paving project is being done. Estimated cost to pave the four blocks is \$68,000. The County Attorney stated that this would be considered a Public Purpose for the County to pay for the extra paving. No action was taken at this time.

MCEDC Director Tony Stonecypher reviewed two Construction Incentive Program applications. Tony said the applications were previously approved by the Economic Development Commission Board. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Francis to approve an application from Tim and Chaley Schultz for a \$350,000 three-bedroom spec home. The application is for \$30,000. Walk and Francis voted aye. Smolik voted nay. Motion carried. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Smolik to approve an application from Cedar Valley Steel Contracting for a \$400,000 commercial spec building in St. Ansgar. The application is for \$50,000. All voted aye.

Items of note: Francis reported on the Economic Development, County Social Services, Substance Abuse Coalition and NE Iowa Workforce meetings and she gave an update from Casey Ketelsen. Smolik reported on the Upper Wapsi Watershed meeting. Received Manure Management Plan updates from DCI Site, Flugge Farm, Fred Koschmeder and Newburg Pigs/Double K Farming Site. Supervisor Walk addressed Dave Stauffer's Letter to the Editor regarding the use of TIF.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Barb Francis – Chair Board of Supervisors