

March 18, 2024

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024. Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Maintenance Supervisor Brian Streit was present and requested a 15-minute executive session for courthouse security per KSA 75-4318 with the three commissioners, Clerk Heather Weston, and Sheriff Tony Perez. The session was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 8:35 a.m. and ended at 8:50 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

Tony Perez, Sheriff, was present to request an increase in the boot allowance for employees. The current allowance is \$150 and Perez would like to see an increase to \$200. After discussion Commissioner Cooper moved to increase the boot allowance to \$200. The motion died due to lack of a second. Commissioner moved to keep the boot allowance at \$150. The motion was seconded by Tom Claussen and was carried by a vote of 2-1. Commissioner Cooper voted against the motion.

Emergency Manager David Dohe was present to invite the commissioners to a regional tabletop disaster exercise. The Saline County Emergency Manager will be heading up the exercise that is being held at the NCK Technical College. There is a storm watchers meeting March 27th and a dam exercise on March 26th.

Heather Weston, County Clerk, informed the commission that the Presidential Preference Primary will be held on Tuesday March 19th and reminded them that the voting location in Beloit has been switched from the Municipal Building to the Mitchell County Fair Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Tom Claussen, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk