

April 1, 2024

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 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 25, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Terrence Silvia, Communications Director, requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 with the three commissioners, Heather Weston, Clerk, and Brian Streit, Maintenance Supervisor. The session was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 8:40 a.m. and ended at 8:47 a.m. when it was called by to order early by commissioner Claussen with no decisions being made in executive session.

On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper a Neighborhood Revitalization for Halley Roberson for a remodel for \$29,650 and Ben Avery (Avery Brothers LLC) & Rachel Avery for a commercial remodel and added lean-to for \$27,500 were approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Brian Streit, Maintenance Supervisor, was present to discuss the transmission in the maintenance truck. Three quotes were received: \$3,199.99 from Solomon Valley Transmission, \$4,134 from Calhoon Automotive, and \$4,538 from Beloit Motors. On motion by Jim Marshall the quote from Solomon Valley Transmission was approved. Motion was seconded by Mike Cooper and carried by unanimous vote.

A Cereal Malt Beverage license for Family Dollar was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dawn Snyder was appointed as the new Director of Community Corrections & Juvenile Services for the 12th District.

The commissioners will be attending an area county commissioner meeting April 10th at 6 p.m. in Concordia, Ks.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, was present and invited the commissioners to the NCK Highway County Officials Association Meeting in McPherson. Commissioner Marshall said he would attend. Hernandez asked the commissioners about the possibility of a boot allowance for the road & bridge employees.

Janelle Kircher, MCHHS, was present with updates. Dr Mark Banker is returning to Beloit as a general physician. Dr Prendergast will be coming twice a month for gynecological visits. The hospital will be expanding CT & X-Ray services. Kircher recently celebrated her one-year anniversary.

Jason Vetter, Noxious Weed, was present to discuss the foundation issues at the Noxious Weed building. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper a quote for \$11,739.47 from Thrasher Foundation Repair was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The commissioners signed the annual Eradication Progress Report for the state.

The 2024 SAAM Proclamation was signed declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Mitchell County. It was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper the abstract of votes cast was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote. There were 425 votes cast in Mitchell County for the Presidential Preference Primary.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 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