

July 17, 2017

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Mitchell County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Jim Marshall and members Tom Claussen and Mike Cooper. Also present was Terry Bailey, KSVV Radio; Chad Hallack, KDNS Radio; and Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting and were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dale Housh, Public Works Director, reported that it will cost approximately \$12,700 for the underwater inspection of the Brock and Causeway Bridges. They have hit a rock ledge on the K Road bridge and it is taking longer than expected to drive the pilings. There are 32 pilings that need to be driven. The overlay on the Feedlot Road will be started today. Mike Cooper made motion to approve the bridge inspections which was seconded by Tom Claussen and carried by unanimous vote.

County Clerk Chris Treaster informed that commission that the county's Standard and Poors rating had increased to aa-. This is a very good rating.

The dates and times for the fire district and county budget hearings was set for August 31st at 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. The commission and those present, Yvonne Melton, Melinda Latham, Tami Eck, and Dale House and Karm Princ, along with auditor Jeff Reece worked on the preparation of the county's 2018 budget. It was noted that Blue Cross representative Kelly Leister had informed Commissioner Tom Claussen that the county should plan for a 25% increase in health insurance costs. All budgets with payroll had to be amended for this change.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Marshall, Chairman

ATTEST: _____ Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk