

**January 8, 2024**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024. Members Tom Claussen and Mike Cooper were in attendance.

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

The Minutes of the December 29, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-01 appointing the Chairman / Vice Chairman for 2024 was signed. On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen, Tom Claussen was appointed chairman, motion carried by unanimous vote. On motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper, Mike Cooper was appointed Vice Chairman. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-02 naming the bank depositories for 2024 and Resolution 24-03 pertaining to GAAP principles was approved on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-04 consisting of commissioner meeting dates, holidays, and essential county dates and Resolution 24-05 naming the official county newspaper was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Works Director Marty Hernandez was present to notify the commissioners that his department had received the new landfill trailer. The new trailer cost \$112,750, with an \$8,000 trade in for the old trailer, the county will pay \$104,750.

On motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper a contract for audit services with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered was signed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen the quarterly expenses for the NCK Regional Detention Facility were approved for \$2674.72. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Missy McGinnis, EMS Director, and David Dohe, EM Director, were present to discuss Resolution 24-06 creating a Water Rescue Special Equipment Fund. On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen, the resolution was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

McGinnis presented Resolution 24-07 transferring \$9,000 from the 2023 budget from the Ambulance/Rescue Squad Regular Fund to the Rescue Squad Special Equipment Fund, Resolution 24-08 transferring \$30,000 from the 2023 budget from the Ambulance Regular Fund to Ambulance Capital Outlay, and Resolution 24-09 transferring \$30,000 from the 2023 budget from the Ambulance Regular Fund to Ambulance Special Equipment Fund. On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen the above resolutions were approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Clerk Heather Weston notified the commissioners that the filing date for the 2024 Primary Election is June 3rd at Noon.

A neighborhood revitalization for Woods & Durham, LLC to remodel the back portion of the building for \$50,000 was approved on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A proclamation declaring January 2024 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month was signed on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The LEPC meeting will be held Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> at noon at NCK Vo-Tech. The quarterly chiefs meeting will be on the 18th at Trappers in Simpson.

McGinnis requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 with the two commissioners and Weston. The session was granted on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 10:40 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

Ambulance reports were presented to the commissioners. In 2023 \$301,104.43 was brought in by the department and the month of December had 50 calls.

County Health Director Cortney Murrow and Jesse Benedick, Schwab Eaton, were present to discuss the new parking lot. Two extra charges for fill sand and salt guard at a total of \$3,452 were approved to be paid. There was discussion of installing a handrail and painting the curb.

Murrow informed the commissioners that the Workforce Development Grant was signed and she will be ordering more adult RSV vaccine.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Claussen, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk