

January 2, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners **did not meet** Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

January 9, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, January 9, 2023 with Chairman Jim Marshall and members, Tom Claussen, and Mike Cooper in attendance.

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

Tom Claussen was sworn in as Mitchell County 1st District Commissioner by Heather Weston.

The minutes of the December 30, 2022 and January 2, 2023 meetings were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Marshall was appointed Chairman and Tom Claussen Vice Chairman for 2023 on a motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Linda Riley was appointed to the Board of Directors for the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Mitchell County dues for the Kansas Association of Counties was approved on motion by Tom Claussen seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

GAAP resolution 1-23 was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commissioners met with Public Work Director Marty Hernandez about phone issues at the landfill and the lack of service. He updated the commissioners on the progress of the new Road & Bridge building. A possible completion date is April 1st and their new motor grader should be arriving in the next week or so.

Stuart Porter met with the commissioners to discuss the 2023 Biennial Bridge Inspections for Mitchell County. He supplied the commission with a contract from Schwab Eaton including 219 routine inspections and 7 fracture critical inspections. The contract was approved in the amount of \$32,100 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emily Benedick met with the commission to further discuss the Seed Grant. A Sexual Harassment Policy was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper as part of the grant paperwork. Motion carried by unanimous vote. As soon as all of the paperwork is together and the matching funds are collected, she will send in for the grant agreement. All KDHE licensed daycare providers in Mitchell County will be able to apply for funds thru this grant.

January 2023 was proclaimed National Stalking Awareness Month on motion from Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commissioners met with EMS Director Eric Hamel about a software inventory program. They then went into a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318. Session was granted on a motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:43 and ended at 9:53 when it was extended 5-minutes on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:53 and ended at 9:58 with no decisions made in executive session. There was a discussion about vacation hours earned by county employees who work longer than 8-hour shifts. After discussion the consensus among the commissioners was that the policy would remain as is.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Jim Marshall, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk