

January 10, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, January 10, 2022 with Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall in attendance. Also in attendance were Emily Benedick, Community Development Director, Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager, and Terry Bailey, KSVV Radio.

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

The minutes of the December 31, 2021 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton Engineers, discussed bridge inspections for the Fisherman's and Causeway Bridges. These are regular site inspections and not inspections by snoopier truck that are required by the State of Kansas. Mr. Porter reported the cost would be \$800 for both inspections. The commission accepted the proposal on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Transfers for 2021 were approved for Solomon Rapids Fire to Solomon Rapids Fire Special Equipment, \$1,000 and Tipton Fire to Tipton Fire Special Equipment, \$4,000 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission approved and signed Resolution 1-2022 GAAP Waiver on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A Memorandum of Understanding (mutual aid) agreement was approved with the Ellsworth Correctional Facility for use of equipment and/or manpower in case of an emergency on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Clerk Chris Treaster requested, and was granted, a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 8:55 and ended at 9:05 with no decisions made in executive session.

Mike Cooper made motion to put Public Works Director Marty Hernandez on salary at a rate of \$28.44 per hour. Motion was seconded by Jim Marshall and carried by unanimous vote. This is the same salary as the previous Director.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, presented a bid from Strobel Door to replace the wash bay door on the EMS Barn in the amount of \$2,470. Bid was accepted and approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Director, informed the commission of plumbing issues they are having at the Health Department. They have tried snaking lines, etc. but nothing corrects the issues. The commission advised Mrs. Murrow to see if they could locate plans for the building and see where a clean-out or pipes go to the building. They agreed that this needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. Mrs. Murrow also reported that there are 50 active COVID cases in Mitchell County with one diagnosed Omicron variant. She also stated that this was approximately twice the number of cases reported in January 2021. Mrs. Murrow requested, and was granted a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel on motion by Jim Marshall and

seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:38 and ended at 9:54 at which time it was extended 10-minutes on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session ended at 10:04 with no decisions made in executive session.

Mike Cooper made motion to give the Registered Nurses at the Health Department an increase in pay which is \$10 per hour divided by 3 nurses to be determined by the Director. Bonus amounts for the employees in the amount of \$21,000 to be distributed by the Director from ARPA Funds and a grant to be distributed to any other employees in the amount of \$15,000. Motion was seconded by Jim Marshall and carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk

The Commission meeting was brought to order at 2:00 to open bids for the building project at the Highway Department. Those present included Marty Hernandez, Dale Lewis and Gene Torkelson from the Highway Department, Jesse Benedick and Stuart Porter from Schwab-Eaton and John Senger, Senger Construction and Joe Phillips, Treb Construction.

Bid from Treb Construction was \$2,432,000 completion in 350 days

Bid from Senger Construction was \$2,299,252 completion in 510 days

Stuart Porter was going to take the bids for review and return next week with his recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.