

January 17, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 as Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a scheduled holiday for the county. Chairman Jim Marshall and members, Tom Claussen, and Mike Cooper were in attendance.

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

The minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved as corrected 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 the purchase of a 2007 International Truck with plow from KDOT. Tom Claussen approved on motion for the department to purchase the truck at a price not to exceed \$34,000. It was seconded by Mike Cooper and carried by unanimous vote. It was approved on motion by Tom Claussen to purchase a \$6,950 metal liner for the wash bay in the new road & bridge building. The motion was seconded by Mike Cooper and carried by unanimous vote. A phone box was purchased for the landfill at the cost of \$80 and is working well.

Emergency Management Director David Dohe met with the commissioners about the upcoming Incident Command Training Class for senior officials that will be held in Lincoln County on February 7th. He stated that the quarterly chiefs meeting is Thursday at 5:30pm at Trappers. Other training opportunities available are: CVA is holding a first responder's class on January 25th, LEPC will meet at NCK Tech on January 30th, and there will be an 800-radio class in Lincoln on February 9th.

Jay Rowh presented to the commissioners the plans for a new building that will contain the Senior Center, Food Pantry, Economy Shop, and shared office space for NCFHAA and care coordinators. The building will be located on North Campus across from the high school. Bids will be put out for building construction once plans are finalized. The city approved the location and Jesse Benedick from Schwab Eaton is working on the project. Rowh was joined by Stephanie Simmons and Emily Benedick to talk about grants applications and funding. Along with the funds the commissioners pledged, several other entities have pledged as well and private individuals have inquired about donating. The total projected cost of the project is 2 to 2 1/2 million. They believe that the current Senior Center would be of great value to the community once vacated.

The commissioners met with Yvonne Melton, Treasurer, Jenny Lundine and Kristen Kadel, Health Dept., and Eric Hamel and Missy McGinnis, EMS about EFTs and reporting. The EFTs for the two departments will be separated to make accounting easier and they will work with the treasurer to get access to the accounts. There will be a meeting with EMS, the commissioners, and the reporting company next Monday.

EMS Director Eric Hamel then met with the commissioners about monthly reports. There were 699 calls in 2022. For the month of December there was 52 calls, 49 in Mitchell County and 3 in Osborne County. Fridays had the most call activity. The age range of 80-89 had the most need in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Jim Marshall, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk