

January 23, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, January 23, 2023. 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 17, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emily Benedick, Community Development Director, met with the commissioners on the possibility of using the county as a pass thru to apply for a grant for SVED & Mitchell County Tourism. On motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper it was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A letter of support was signed to apply for a \$5,000 grant to purchase recruiting materials for Mitchell County. Benedick stated she is waiting for the matching funds checks for the SEED Grant in order to get the contract released. Once everything is set up daycare providers will have a 30-day window to apply. There will be a Community Roundtable on Affordable Senior Housing February 9th at 9am at the First Bank meeting room.

A Neighborhood Revitalization was approved for David & Jody Bunger in the amount of \$170,600 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

EMS Director Eric Hamel, DeLisa and Lisa from DeLisa's Medical Billing, and Jeff Roberg, IT, met with the commissioners to discuss the EMS reports. After discussion, DeLisa's will be sending different reports that are easier to read. Yvonne Melton was present to make sure EMS was getting their new EFT account set up. She will be getting in touch with County Health about their new account.

Marty Hernandez was present to notify the commissioners that they would be selling a grader to Asherville Township for \$48,000 once the new county one arrives. They received the new bed for their service truck and the crane was currently being installed in the new Road & Bridge building.

The commissioners were asked for a response on Senate Bill No. 7. They stated that they would not be supporting it.

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

_____ Jim Marshall, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk