

January 29, 2024

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024. Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall were in attendance.

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

The minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Beloit City Manager Halley Roberson was present to introduce herself to the commissioners. David Dohe, EM, and Terrence Silvia, MC Communications were also present. Roberson began by saying thanks for services the county shares with the city. She also was grateful for the passing of Neighborhood Revitalization to stimulate growth in the community. She is excited to be here and tackle the projects in front of her. Roberson was open to the idea of joint meetings and will be working with Clint Offutt, GIS, on some city projects.

Carla McPeak with High Prairie Cemetery was present to discuss a grant for a cemetery fencing project. Budgets are tight for the small county cemeteries and they will be applying for a grant. McPeak requested permission to use the county as a pass through for the grant. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper it was approved to let the cemetery use the county EIN. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-11 Elected Officials Salaries effective January 1st was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

EMS Director Missy McGinnis was present to discuss out of county calls. Individuals in Osborne County are calling the Cawker City EMS station directly for the Mitchell County ambulance. After discussion it was decided that an answering machine will be installed directing people to dial 911 if it is an emergency. McGinnis is going to schedule a meeting with the director of AMR in Osborne County.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, was present to request a signature on KDHE Permit #129 Buffer Zone Reduction Petition involving the Mitchell County Solid Waste Facility. The petition was signed on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Hernandez notified the commissioners that he decided not to purchase either state truck for which he had approval.

Commissioner Marshall attended the LEPG meeting and a board was appointed. Marshall asked Commissioners Claussen and Cooper what they thought of a non-compliance fee for the LEPG permits. On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen it was approved to double the current fee. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This decision will be taken back to the LEPG board for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk