

February 1, 2021

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, February 1, 2021 with Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall in attendance. Also in attendance were Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager, Heather Hartman, Community Development Director, David Porter, and Phillip Murrow.

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

The minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting were approved as written on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jason Vetter, Noxious Weed Director, met with the commission and presented his 2021 Noxious Weed Plan. The plan was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Vetter discussed various weed issues within the County.

David Porter asked the commission if they had or were going to make a statement concerning the "fraudulent" election results for the 2020 Presidential Election from several other states. Chairman Claussen stated that it was not the issue for the County Commission to take a stand on as these allegations were made in other states. The Chairman went on to say that he was on the election board in November and took offense to Mr. Porter's statements about a "fraudulent" election. Chris Treaster, County Clerk & Election Officer reiterated the Chairman's statement.

Phillip Murrow discussed snow removal on the Tipton Blacktop Road (K Road). He stated that it was his opinion that the Road Crew had not done enough to the road to keep it from becoming a sheet of ice. It was his opinion that they should remove the snow at a lower height to keep the roads from becoming icy. The commission stated that they would speak to Dale Housh regarding the issue.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Administrator discussed COVID and COVID vaccines. She informed the commission that there are currently 10 active cases and that the situation at the nursing home was better. She also stated that she was anticipating 100 doses of COVID vaccine this week. An executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4317 was requested for 15-minutes to include the commission, Mrs. Murrow, and Hannah Wyman, Home Health Coordinator. Motion to that effect was made by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:30 and ended at 9:45 when it was extended 5-minutes on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session ended at 9:50 with no decisions made in executive session.

Mike Cooper made motion to continue the County's membership in the North Central Local Environmental Planning Group. Motion was seconded by Jim Marshall and carried by unanimous vote.

EMS Director Eric Hamel was called to discuss a bid received for a power-cot for one of the ambulances. He stated that he is seeking a grant to help pay for the cot which has a cost of around \$43,000.00. The commission asked if he was going to see if the grant was awarded prior to ordering the equipment and he said he was.

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

Tom Claussen, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell Co Clerk