

February 5, 2024

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 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 29, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Blaire Todd, Post Rock Extension Livestock Agent, was present as an observer for Leadership Mitchell County.

EMS Director Missy McGinnis and employees Andrew Allen & Melissa Mahin were present. McGinnis spoke about the ice rescue training at Waconda Lake over the weekend. After the training, they transported the AmbuMan to the Mitchell County Hospital emergency room as a hypothermic patient for added training. She let the commission know that a large order for AED batteries and fast patches for the City of Beloit will be coming through and the city will reimburse the charges. The commissioners asked her to document all calls that came from out of county so they can be taken back to AMR and a discussion was had about charging for patient refusals. The commission was presented Resolution 24-13 with 11 write-offs for EMS totaling \$5,624.07. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper Resolution 24-13 was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, was present with Resolution 24-12 for write-offs for the landfill totaling \$103.70. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper Resolution 24-12 was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Hernandez then let the commissioners know that he was getting bids for a new landfill door.

Community Development Director Emily Benedick was present with the Interlocal Agreement for Neighborhood Revitalization. Changes from the prior plan are: Glen Elder City is back in, USD 273 is out, and the plan was changed to 5 years. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper the agreement involving Mitchell County, City of Beloit, Cawker City, Glen Eder, City of Tipton, and USD #272 was signed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Carol Torkelson, NCRPC, was present with the CDBG #23-CVR-009 CDBG CVR Grant Business Plan/Criteria. The plan describes how businesses are selected and how they apply for funds. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper the business plan was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emergency Manager David Dohe was present to discuss the ice rescue training at Waconda Lake and share pictures. Rescue Squad, Dive Team, Fire Fighters, EMS, Wildlife & Parks, and the Sheriff's Department all took part in the exercise. Dohe presented the commission with the HMEP Grant paperwork. This grant will be used to pay for two hazmat training classes, 35 people each, in Mitchell County. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper the HMEP Grant for \$13,900 was signed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dohe then asked for the commission to appoint Terrence Silvia, Communications Director, to the LEPC board as the communications representative. On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall the appointment was approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Tony Perez was present and told the commissioners the new K9 unit is now on duty. They are hoping to get back into the schools and do presentations soon.

The next commission meetings will be Monday the 12th and Tuesday the 20th because the county offices will be closed Monday the 19th for President's Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 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