

**February 12, 2024**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 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 February 5, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Works Director Marty Hernandez was present with bids for a door on the landfill building. The three bids submitted were from Overhead Door for \$10,178.55, Lake Construction for \$9,726.00, and Strobel Door for \$6,714.00. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper it was approved to purchase the 12' 8" x 15' door from Strobel Door out of Russell, Ks for \$6,714. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Cunningham Communication will be moving the phone lines to the new shop on Thursday and county employees are hauling gravel.

EMS Director Missy McGinnis and employees Caiten Britt & Ryan Scarrow were present to discuss patient refusals and EMS rates. Currently the county charges \$450 for BLS calls and \$650 for ALS calls and does not charge for patient refusals or lift assist. \$13.75 per mile is charged on billable calls. McGinnis contacted surrounding counties to compare rates. We are on the average \$200 low on calls, approximately \$2 on mileage and others charge for patient refusals. Jim Marshall moved to raise the rates for BLS calls to \$650 and ALS calls to \$850. After discussion the motion was amended. Jim Marshall moved to raise the rates for ambulance calls to \$650 for BLS and \$850 for ALS and mileage to \$15.75 for all runs. The cost for patient refusals or treat and release will be for the cost of the medication plus \$250 for the run. The county will not charge for lift assist. The motion was seconded by Mike Cooper and carried by unanimous vote.

County Appraiser Melinda Latham was present to notify the commissioners that value notices will be mailed out February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Director, was present to discuss the flooring in the specialty clinic. They are trying to recruit new physicians for the clinic and the updates are needed. Murrow had quotes from Ellenz of Tipton for both carpet squares and vinyl flooring. On motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper a bid for \$1,243.75 for vinyl flooring in one exam room and \$2,059.89 for carpet squares in two exam rooms. Motion carried with two votes. Commissioner Marshall abstained from voting. Murrow also discussed getting a quote for the main lobby and hallway. The carpet is very worn and is hard to clean.

On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper February 2024 was proclaimed Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Tom Claussen, Chairman

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ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk