

February 20, 2024

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Mitchell County was closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day. 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 12, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jeff Roberg, IT, was present and requested a 10-minute executive session for courthouse security per KSA 75-4318 with Brian Streit, Tony Perez, the three commissioners, and Clerk Heather Weston. The session was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session began at 8:38 a.m. and ended at 8:48 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

Technical support ends on the current server April 8th so it must be replaced. The cost of the server and three years of support is \$39,689.43. Jim Marshall moved to purchase the server from Sirius Company with the three years maintenance. The motion was seconded by Mike Cooper and carried by unanimous vote.

Garrett Matthews, Sheriff's Department, was present to introduce the new K-9 Zed. Matthews spent time in Texas to train with the K9 and they are now on duty. The total cost of the dog and training was \$16,400. He is trained as a narcotics and bite dog.

Lynne Imboden, HR, was present to discuss Colonial Life Insurance. After a discussion it was decided to ask them back at open enrollment time to be in compliance with the law and avoid an insurance audit.

Terrence Silvia, Communications, was present to let the commissioner know he won a \$1,000 for his department at the Kansas Pipeline presentation in Mankato. Silvia then requested a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 with the three commissioners and Weston. The session was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 9:31 a.m. and ended at 9:36 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

Rachel Malay was appointed to the Central Kansas Library System board on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Weather Service spotter training is March 27th at the NCK Tech College from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

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