

February 27, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, February 27, 2023. Chairman Jim Marshall and members Tom Claussen and Mike Cooper were in attendance.

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

The minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

David Dohe, Emergency Management Director, requested a 20-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Mitchell County Clerk Heather Weston per KSA 75-4318. The session was granted on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 8:39 and ended at 8:59 when it was extended for another 20 minutes on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 8:59 and ended at 9:19 with no decisions being made in executive session.

Tom Claussen asked if there were restrictions on the usage of the electronic county sign that is currently at the EMS building. Dohe said that he would contact Lt. Edna Cordner with KHP to clarify the usage policy. The commissioners signed resolution 23-01 for Mitchell County to join the Task Force 8 region on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. David Dohe will be the participating Agency Chief Director. He said he is also in talks to get a hands-on electric car fire class in Beloit for first responders.

Public Works Director Marty Hernandez met with the commissioners to let them know the new grader was at the shop, all of the sheetrock was up in the new building, and they were hanging lights and heaters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Jim Marshall, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

The commission and Heather Weston attended the multi-county meeting held in Smith Center at noon. New commissioners Troy Schaefer of Osborne, Ed Duskie of Jewell, and Jim Gwennap of Smith Center were introduced. Murphy Tractor was present to talk about their new road team division for asphalt and aggregate. A pay increase for Phillip Murrow was discussed, he currently makes \$20/hr. The increase would be \$2.50/hr. A ballot will be sent out to all participating counties to vote both on the increase as well as if they still want to be involved in the league (LEPG). Jewell County has voted to close the courthouse at 12:30 on Fridays. The next multi-country meeting will be held in Jewell in June. The meeting ended at 1:30.