

February 28, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, February 28, 2022 with Chairman Mike Cooper and members Jim Marshall and Tom Claussen in attendance. Also in attendance was Terry Bailey, KVSV Radio.

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

The minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton provided a contract with Senger Construction for the commission to sign. The commission also approved an increase in cost from \$131,00 to \$166,000 for engineering services with Schwab-Eaton on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Several other changes to specifications on the building were discussed but the commission rejected them due to the additional costs of these changes.

An agreement with Workforce 1 was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

EMS Director Eric Hamel requested, and was granted, a 10-minute executive session for land acquisition per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. County Clerk was asked to remain in session. Session began at 9:18 and ended at 9:28 with no decisions made in executive session.

County Clerk Chris Treaster had been contacted by Keegan Bailey, ARPA Administrator, regarding the allowance of ARPA funds to be used to pay for the Malwarebytes software approved at last week's meeting. The commission agreed to do this on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A Neighborhood Revitalization Application was approved for Tiffany Krier in the amount of \$50,600 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike Cooper, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk

The commission, County Clerk and Public Works Director Marty Hernandez travelled to Smith Center for the Multi-County meeting. Smith County Clerk Ashley Maxwell provided a spreadsheet for the District Sanitarian's fund. The commissions present decided to increase the fees by 20% as the fund has a shortfall. Anna Porter, Appraiser for Jewell, Smith, and Osborne Counties provided an overview of the increased valuations in those respective counties. A presentation from Base 1, a company providing additive for gravel roads to become similar to concrete, was provided. Smith County gave a demonstration of equipment they had purchased to take the windrows on gravel roads and remove debris.