

**March 4, 2024**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 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 26, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Neighborhood Revitalization applications for Stephanie Chancellor for a garage addition for \$39,688, Robert Gentry for a garage for \$69,293, and William Wendell for a building with a lean-to for \$39,975 were approved on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Missy McGinnis, EMS Director, along with Ryan Scarrow, Michelle Mathews, Stacey Allen, and Matt Lichtenwalter were present. Ambulance MC 2 has been losing coolant and the heads need to be replaced. The estimate received was \$10,000. Commissioner Claussen asked if it would be more cost efficient to purchase a remanned engine for the unit? McGinnis was going to look into it and get quotes. She stated she did not have month end reports because of a breech in the healthcare clearinghouse, all work has to be done on paper. There is a meeting with the med staff at the hospital on Friday.

Noxious Weed Director, Jason Vetter, was present with the Annual Weed Management Plan. The plan was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Vetter stated that they attended the Annual Weed Conference in Manhattan for recertification hours.

Drones are now legal for use in county weed management and a discussion was had about future possibilities in Mitchell County. The GPS Controller on the spray truck is 16 years old and needs to be upgraded. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper the upgrade was approved for \$4,946 plus labor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

David Dohe, EM, was present to let the commissioners know that he received a reimbursement check for \$4,744 for the last training exercise.

Sheriff Tony Perez stated that Mitchell County is down on inmates. Perez purchased two tasers for \$3,000. A motor needs to be replaced in a 2021 Tahoe. It is \$7,000 for a new motor which is cheaper than purchasing a new vehicle.

Commissioner Cooper told Marty Hernandez, Public Works, that Dick Wise called to report potholes on the Causeway. Hernandez said that they could fill them with asphalt temporarily.

Valerie Walter was present for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Tom Claussen, Chairman

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ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk