

**March 8, 2021**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, March 8, 2021 with Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall in attendance. Also in attendance was Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager, and Heather Hartman, Community Development Director.

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

The minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Tom Claussen made mention that Jean Nelson was celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today. The community wishes her the best. It was also noted that the St. John's boys' and girls' basketball teams would be participating in the State Basketball Tournament. The coaches for the teams are husband and wife, Lance and Leah Bergmann. Lance is a Deputy for the Sheriff's Department.

Dale Housh, Public Works Director, Marty Hernandez, next in line for Mr. Housh's position, mechanics Dale Lewis, and Gene Torkelson met with the commission to discuss the plans for a new building that were designed by their department. After reviewing the plans, the commission was pleased with what they had designed and authorized them to seek bids for the project. It was recommended that a general contractor be hired to allow for the plumbing and electrical work. Mike Cooper made motion for the Road and Bridge Department to advertise for bids for a steel building with the proposed specifications designed. Motion was seconded by Jim Marshall and carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Housh also informed the commission that if the rip-rap was available at Quartzite they would begin the project on the causeway.

Neighborhood Revitalization Applications were approved for Jetstar Marketing, LLC in the amount of \$530,000 and for Travis & Brooke Brummer in the amount of \$696,389. Motion to approve these applications was made by Jim Marshall and was seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heather Hartman, Community Development Director discussed the Youth Entrepreneur Project. She also discussed the Peer Institute she would be attending via virtual meeting.

Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager, gave an update on projects in the City and stated that things were going well.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, provided his regular monthly report to the commission.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Administrator, presented grant applications for the commission's signature. These grants amount to \$78,173.25 but Ms. Murrow stated she knew she would not be funded at 100%. Grant applications were approved on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ms. Murrow also discussed an ELC Covid 19 Infrastructure Grant which will give the County \$129,758. The money can only be used for certain items and one of the things Ms. Murrow was considering was a storage building to be placed on the east side of the Health Department's Building. Other items for possible use of funds were salaries for administration of COVID and office furniture.

Jay Rowh, representing the Senior Citizens of Mitchell County discussed the County paying a portion of the health insurance for those employed at the Senior Centers who are now providing meals for the elderly and Meals on Wheels. Since the hospital discontinued providing Meals on Wheels the Senior Centers are now

making up the difference causing more working hours requiring offers of health insurance. After discussion of the program and numbers of meals, etc. the commission pledged the additional money for health insurance for the site at Beloit on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 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: Chris Treaster, Mitchell Co Clerk