

**March 14, 2022**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, March 14, 2022 with Chairman Mike Cooper and members Jim Marshall and Tom Claussen in attendance. Also in attendance was Terry Bailey, KSVV Radio.

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

The minutes of the March 7, 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 informed the commission that Mitchell County has been awarded at \$1,899,000 KDOT Federal pass-through grant for the Causeway Project. The County's share of the project will be \$360,000. The commission approved the cost share portion and grant on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Porter also discussed the parking lot at County Health. He reported that he was estimating the cost to be around \$60,000-\$70,000. The commission agreed to have Schwab-Eaton do the plans to make handicapped accessible parking on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

EMS Director Eric Hamel presented his regular monthly report. He also requested permission to purchase two (2) 800 MgHz radios for his department. One for the Expedition and one for the Cawker City station. The commission advised Mr. Hamel to check with Emergency Management Director David Dohe to see what option he might have available prior to making a decision.

Sheriff Tony Perez and Brian Streit, Maintenance, discussed the current situation of water heaters at the jail. A 150-gallon water heater will cost around \$10,000 and there will need to be two of them purchased. The commission requested that other options, boiler or on-demand heat, be investigated. Mr. Streit discussed the elevator at the Courthouse and stated that it is leaking hydraulic oil. The commission voted to have the seals replaced in the pump at a cost of \$5,425.47 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission voted to remain in the NCKLEPG for another year on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Mike Cooper, Chairman

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ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk