

March 20, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 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 March 13, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mitchell County Sheriff Tony Perez and Maintenance Supervisor Brian Streit met with the commissioners about purchasing new water heaters for the Law Enforcement Center. The current ones are 12 years old and will most likely not pass the next inspection. The LEC is in need of two 199-gallon water heaters and two 40-gallon water heaters. The larger water heaters are \$10,000 to \$13,000 each. The washing machine at the LEC is no longer functioning correctly. Perez requested approval to purchase a new machine. On motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen it was approved to purchase a washing machine for \$13,786 and get bids to replace all water heaters. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The city will pay for 22% of the costs per the agreement with the county. The Sheriff's Department would like to donate old 800 radios to the rural fire departments. It will cost approximately \$6,000 to update the radios. The commissioners suggested to bring the costs up at the next quarterly chiefs meeting which will be held April 20th. Grants may also be a possibility. There was a discussion about getting a drop box to retire old flags at the LEC.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, informed the commissioners of the purchase of a pressure washer for \$9,195 for the road & bridge shop. Bridge inspections have started and they have found one bridge that needs replaced so far.

EMS Director Eric Hamel presented the monthly reports. Some of the reports from DeLisa's Medical Billing Service are not what the commissioners are wanting. Hamel then requested a 10-minute executive session for Trade Secrets of a Corporation per KSA 75-4318. Executive session was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 9:33 a.m. and ended at 9:43 a.m. when it was extended for five more minutes on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:43 a.m. and ended at 9:48 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

There will be a department head meeting next Monday at 10:00 a.m.

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

_____ Jim Marshall, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk