

**April 15, 2024**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 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 April 8, 2024 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Claussen opened the meeting by sharing his condolences to Register of Deeds Tami Eck about the passing of her husband. There will be a SVED meeting on Thursday at Noon and a Fire Chief's meeting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m. a legislative update session will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church. Public notice KS-AG-24-090 was read for a state permit pertaining to PPP, LLC. There will be no meeting on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. The commissioners attended a multi-county meeting in Concordia. All agreed they would like to continue attending twice a year.

Julie Willoughby, DVACK, was present to read the SAAM proclamation. April was proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Mitchell County on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Limestone Feeders owner Mike Danehey discussed boring a water line under Jazmine Trail from south to north in order to irrigate a corn corp. Claussen said that he would get with the County Attorney to get an agreement written up.

Cortney Murrow, County Health, was present to inform the commission an Advisory Board Meetings will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Community Baby Shower is this Saturday. Murrow requested to use COVID grant money to replace a refrigerator and freezer for vaccines. On motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper it was approved to spend \$8,216. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Murrow then requested a 15-minute executive session for trade secrets of a corporation per KSA 75-4318 with the three commissioners, and Clerk Heather Weston. The session was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 9:36 a.m. and ended at 9:51 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

Emergency Manager David Dohe was present to discuss fines and charges for burning in Mitchell County. The task force was deployed to Ellis & Russell counties for a recent fire.

Jason Vetter, Noxious Weed, stated the floor leveling went well and had an estimate for an epoxy sealer. After discussion it was decided not to go with the estimate.

County Appraiser Melinda Lathem informed the commissioners there will be a webinar explaining ag land values. They needed to register at the link provided to listen.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, was present. The date of the open house for the new road & bridge shop is May 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Claussen, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk