

**April 24, 2023**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 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 April 17, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emergency Management Director David Dohe met with the commissioners to discuss controlled burning. The procedure to report a controlled burn is to first contact dispatch, dispatch will put you on hold and contact the fire chief in your district, and then dispatch will let you know if you have permission to burn. On a WAR Day there is to be absolutely no burning. If there is a burn ban in effect CRP ground should not be burnt. A monetary fine was discussed for anyone who does not report a controlled burn and the fire department is called out.

Dohe also gave other updates. The Rescue Squad purchased an auger to use for an individual trapped in a grain bin. Lakeside School District is purchasing three electric school buses. A discussion was had about having a training class on electric vehicles for first responders in Mitchell County. The Kansas Firefighters Association conference is in Salina next year. The next Fire Chiefs Meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup> at Trappers. Radios for the rural fire departments are being updated. The county is working on the paperwork for the new floodplain maps.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, was present with a quote for a new desk for \$1,636 from Tri-Central Office Supply. The purchase was approved on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Hamel requested a five-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Missy McGinnis. The request was granted per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:19 a.m. and ended at 9:24 a.m. when it was extended for five minutes on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:24 a.m. and ended at 9:29 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session.

A special event cereal malt beverage license was approved for James Deverman DBA Nebraska Bush Pullers for June 9<sup>th</sup> on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A Neighborhood Revitalization for Douglas Newquist for a 32'x36' residential garage for \$78,966 was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Jim Marshall, Chairman

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ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk