

April 25, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, April 25, 2022 with Chairman Mike Cooper and members Tom Claussen and Jim Marshall 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 April 18, 2022 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Brian Streit, Maintenance, returned to the meeting to give his recommendations for the concrete bids opened at last week's meeting. After a short discussion the high and low bids were thrown out and, since B & M Construction could begin the project earlier than Harr Construction, the commission opted to go with B & M Construction on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Cost submitted by B & M is \$159,275.

Fire District #3 representatives Dan Emmot & Bill Bunger delivered their proposed 2023 budget request to the commission. It was unclear until values are determined whether they will exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Mark Isley, HUB International, gave a presentation of services he and his company provide to help determine if there could be cheaper routes for benefits provided to employees in Mitchell County. The commission declined his services as they are happy with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage they currently have.

David Dohe, Emergency Management Director, provided an overview of the Fire Chief's meeting held last Thursday evening. All facets of those involved in fire response in Mitchell County were represented at the meeting.

A Neighborhood Revitalization application was approved for Braden & Tricia Hake, Tipton, in the amount of \$631,172 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mark Noah, County Attorney, requested, and was granted, a 10-minute executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:35 and ended at 9:45 at which time it was extended 5-minutes on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session ended at 9:50 with no decisions made in executive session

Appointments were made to the Planning Commission Board on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Those appointed include, Nancy Rush, Becky Crumbaker, Carl Eilert, Greg Drum, Russell Fincham, Craig Gengler, Curt Ellenz, and Barb File. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections, presented her FY '23 Grant Applications. The commission approved these applications on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote and Chairman Cooper signed the application.

Emily Benedick, Community Development Director, announced that Julia Rabe as resigned her position as Chamber Director in Beloit. She also stated that they are taking applications for Leadership Mitchell County Class 22 to begin in August this year. Mrs. Benedick also reminded everyone of the meeting on May 2nd concerning the Childcare crisis in this area.

Yvonne Melton, Treasurer, requested, and was granted, a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:08 and ended at 10:18 with no decisions made in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike Cooper, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk