

May 9, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, May 9, 2022 with Chairman Mike Cooper and members Tom Claussen and Jim Marshall in attendance. Also in attendance was Terry Bailey, KVSV Radio.

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

The minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jay Rowh, Representative for Mitchell County Elderly and Silver Haired Legislator, and Emily Benedick, Community Development Director met with the commission to discuss the future needs for meals-on-wheels and the Senior Citizen locations in Mitchell County. As discussed at a previous meeting they may add a kitchen to the building that currently houses the Beloit Senior Center. They would like to have a property where they could combine the Food Pantry, Economy Shop and Senior Center together. The old Dollar General store was a possible location. After discussion the commission agreed to giving \$100,000 in ARPA dollars to the Senior Citizens to help pay the costs of the expansion. Tom Claussen made motion to that effect and Jim Marshall seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Administrator, discussed the desperate need for childcare in Mitchell County. She was asking if the commission could provide ARPA dollars for this use. The commission does not have enough money left of ARPA dollars so they informed her that they may not be able to help financially. Mrs. Murrow 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 9:23 and ended at 9:33 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 9:38 with no decisions made in executive session.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, discussed the recent rains and the blading of roads that have needed work done for some time but were too dry to maintain. He also informed the commission that they are trying to plan for 2023 and want to trade for a new motor grader. The commission agreed that with today's market it would be good to get a head start on the issue.

Cereal Malt Beverage on-sale and off-sale licenses were approved for Seven Stars (Norman's) near Lake Waconda on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission held an executive session for attorney-client privilege per KSA 75-4318 with County Clerk and Marty Hernandez in attendance. Motion was made by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:13 and ended at 10:23. Following the session the commission voted to approve County Attorney Mark Noah's settlement agreement with the plaintiffs. Motion carried by majority vote with Jim Marshall voting nay.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike Cooper, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk