

May 22, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 22, 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 May 15, 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 requested a 10-minute executive session with the three commissioners for reasons of security. The session was granted per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 8:35 a.m. and ended at 8:45 a.m. when it was extended for 5 more minutes on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 8:45 a.m. and ended at 8:50 a.m. when it was extended for 5 more minutes on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 8:50 a.m. and ended at 8:55 a.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

Missy McGinnis, EMS Assistant Director, requested a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Mitchell County Clerk Heather Weston. The session was granted per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The session started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 9:15 a.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

EMS Employee Matt Lichtenwalter was present to give the commissioners an updated resume and make it known that he was interested in the EMS Director position. After a brief discussion the commissioners stated they were not looking for a director at this time.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Director, was present with COVID grant updates. Murrow wanted to give the commissioners a heads up about some larger purchases. They will be replacing windows, getting a new exam chair, and remodeling a room to make it ADA compliant. Murrow and Jesse Benedick from Schwab Eaton are on the agenda June 5th to discuss the next step in the parking lot project. The state immunization site visit went well, some county health staff attended a billing symposium, and Murrow spoke at a breakout session at the Governor's Ball.

Public Works Director Marty Hernandez was present to discuss a road in Pittsburg Township. The rock on the road has been pulverized because of the routing of traffic while KDOT is working on a bridge by Downs. KDOT said they will reimburse the township for road damage. Hernandez also discussed a grant he applied for to replace one bridge and the possibility of closing another.

Two Neighborhood Revitalizations were approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The first was Gannon Grauerholz for a 40'x60'x18' ag building with electric for \$135,552. The second was Timothy Jankowski for a 40'x50' detached garage and to replace an existing deck with a 17'x25' composite deck for a total of \$125,000.

An application for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for off premises consumption was approved for Glen Elder Maria, LLC on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission took a 10-minute recess on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The recess started at 9:50 a.m. and ended at 10:00 a.m.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, requested a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Heather Weston. Session was granted per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 10:02 a.m. and ended at 10:17 a.m. when it was extended for 10 more minutes on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom

Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 10:17 a.m. and ended at 10:27 a.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

Hamel presented the commissioners with a letter of resignation effective immediately. The commissioners thanked Hamel for his 26+ years of service to the county and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Jim Marshall requested a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Heather Weston per KSA 75-4318. The session was granted on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 10:37 and ended at 10:52. No decisions were made in executive session.

Missy McGinnis returned to meet with the commission. Jim Marshall requested a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 with McGinnis, Heather Weston and the three commissioners. Session was granted on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session started at 11:06 and ended at 11:21. No decisions were made in executive session.

Missy McGinnis accepted the position of EMS director effective immediately. The commissioners, Heather Weston, and all EMS employees will have a meeting on Thursday May 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the EMS building.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Jim Marshall, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

The Mitchell County Commissioners and Mitchell County Clerk Heather Weston met at the EMS building Thursday May 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for an employee meeting. The commissioners discussed the expectations for the EMS department and their new director. They will be checking in on the department more often and any questions or concerns should be brought to their attention. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

May 29, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners **did not meet on Monday 29, 2023** as the county was closed to observe the Memorial Day holiday. There will be no meeting the week of May 29th as it is the fifth week of the month. The next regularly scheduled Mitchell County Commissioners meeting is June 5, 2023.