

**June 5, 2023**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 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 22, 2023 meeting and the waiver of the May 30, 2023 minutes 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 15-minute executive session with the three commissioners, Nancy Rush and David Porter from the Planning Board 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 8:36 a.m. and ended at 8:51 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 8:51 a.m. and ended at 8:56 a.m. with no decisions being made in executive session. Dohe will be back on June 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the floodplain resolution further.

Allen Eilert, MC Fire Department #3, was present to explain the request for a budget increase in 2024 and the purchase of a new truck. Grants are being looked into for the purchase. The department is planning on disposing of 3 trucks and considering closing the Solomon Rapids station.

OCCK President/CEO Shelia Nelson-Stout was present along with Kendra Krier, Susan Sprague and Patrick Wallerius for the 2024 budget. Barbara Wise was also introduced as a new board member. OCCK has grown rapidly in rural areas servicing many people across 9 counties. They play a support role in independent living, home health, crisis planning, Alzheimer's and Autism work, transportation, running errands, helping people pay bills and gain employment. OCCK is asking for a 5% increase in the budget to keep up with the additional number of people they are serving in the community.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Director, was present with Jesse Benedick from Schwab Eaton to discuss the parking lot project. Two options were presented to the commissioners. The first was the portion that needs to be redone and the second was the whole parking lot. Murrow is worried the funds from the state will be taken back and is concerned about the cost of redoing the whole parking lot. The commissioners stated it would be better if it was all done at one time. It was decided that the bids will be put out for the whole project first, then in two parts. Contractors will have the option of bidding one or all. They were optimistic that they could get the project finished this year. Benedick will be back in two weeks with the paperwork for the bids.

Murrow stated that Kevin Whipple painted the lines in the County Health parking lot and he did a good job. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Baby Shower educational event went very well. County Health partnered with the Medical Foundation and others to put the event on which was held at NCK Tech College.

A Neighborhood Revitalizations for Clint Offutt for a 45'x35'x12' steel building for \$113,180 was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A proclamation making June Elder Abuse Awareness Month was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Jim Marshall, Chairman

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ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk