

June 6, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, June 6, 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 May 23 & waiver of May 31, 2022 meetings were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton Engineers, discussed the Cawker Guardrail Project and gave the commissioners a contract and schedule for design. The commission voted to approve the contract with Schwab-Eaton on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The total cost of the project is \$2,259,712 of which Mitchell County is responsible for \$360,000.

Emily Benedick, Community Development Director informed the commission that there will be another meeting concerning childcare on June 9th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beloit Municipal Building. She also stated that the Murals of Mitchell County is proceeding nicely. The Tipton Grocery Store will be the first building to have a mural painted on it. There are plans for murals on the Mitchell County Museum Building and the Waconda Trader. They are working on placing signage into the City of Beloit.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Administrator, and Kristin Kadel told the commission that they had purchased a blood lead analyzing machine. There is a need for this testing in Mitchell County for young children. HIPAA compliance was discussed. Mrs. Murrow stated that she had looked into contracting with a company to ensure compliance, but it was expensive. It would cost \$5,500 per year but the cost would be split between County Health and EMS. The commission thought this was too expensive and suggested she contact the County's Insurance provider, KCAMP, to see if they had a program for this need. Mrs. Murrow requested a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with Kristin Kadel in attendance. Session was granted on motion by Tom Claussen per KSA 15-7543 and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:30 and ended at 9:45 at which time it was extended 10-minutes on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session ended at 9:55 with no decisions made in executive session.

The commission appointed Ashley Clausen as Glen Elder Township Trustee to replace Jerry Winkel, who has passed away, on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission passed a proclamation declaring June as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month" on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall.

A Neighborhood Revitalization application was approved for Curtis & Christine May in the amount of \$90,000 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Mike Cooper, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk

A Department Head Meeting was held at 10:00. Those in attendance were: Brian Streit, Eric Hamel, David Dohe, Tony Perez & Donna Schmitt, Mark Noah, Yvonne Melton, Jason Vetter & Cyndy McCullough, Cortney Murrow, Tami Eck, Marty Hernandez, Jeff Roberg, and Becky Snook. Budgets were the main topic of discussion. Raises and costs for fuel were a concern for many departments. The commission advised departments to double their fuel costs from 2022. There was no decision made on raises. Each department provided overviews of recent activity.