

June 13, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, June 13, 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 June 6, 2022 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Daley Jensen, Darren Booth & Julie Yarmer, representatives from Thiel Insurance, met with the commission to discuss their options on health insurance and having their company manage and find less expensive solutions to the current plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The commission commented that they thought they had a good program and if health costs became astronomical, they might reach out to them for assistance but that they knew the employees were happy with the plan currently offered which promotes long-term employment and new hires in the County.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, brought possible bids for a long-bed, 4-door pickup to the commission. He received only one bid and he felt it was not what he wanted so the bid was left unannounced. Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor Salesman, discussed trading a road grader for a new one in the planned rotation of equipment. After discussion the commission voted to purchase the grader at a cost of \$344,452 with trade on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Kyle Peterson, Mitchell County Museum Director and Vickie Mears, Museum Treasurer, presented their 2023 budget request to the commission. They also discussed the possibility of selling a 3-acre piece of land where the Gable Farm sits at the corner of Highways 14 & 24. There is a small house at that location that had been planned to be turned into a visitor's center but the grant to do the work was not approved. The museum is planning on having meetings later this fall to hear the public's input on the issue. The commission allowed waiving the landfill fees for the Museum if the house and other buildings were torn down.

The commission requested a 5-minute executive session with County Health Director Cortney Murrow on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall per KSA 75-4318. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:07 and ended at 10:12 with no decisions made in executive session.

The commission requested a 15-minute executive session with Maintenance Supervisor Brian Streit with the County Clerk in session per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:17 and ended at 10:32 with no decisions made in executive session.

The commission approved a Proclamation making June 20-25 Amateur Radio Week on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A Neighborhood Revitalization Application was approved for Sam & Susan Eilert in the amount of \$200,000 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, presented his regular monthly report. Mr. Hamel requested, and was granted, a 5-minute executive session for trade secrets of a corporation per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom

Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:43 and ended at 10:48 with no decisions made in executive session.

Becky Snook, Communications Director, presented the commission with her 2023 budget request. She then met with the commission and Brian Streit to discuss carpet replacement in the Dispatch Building. Two bids were received. The bid from Ellenz of Tipton was accepted in the amount of \$5,238.70 for two different types and areas for carpet. Jim Marshall abstained from voting as his wife own Ellenz of Tipton. The bid was accepted on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by majority vote.

The commission requested at 10-minute executive session with Courthouse Custodian Leia Heiman per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 11:08 and ended at 11:18 with no decisions made in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Mike Cooper, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk