

July 10, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 10, 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 July 3, 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 and Greg Drum from the Zoning Commission were present to update commissioners on the progress of the floodplain resolution. Cheyenne Sun Eagle from the Department of Agriculture and Mark Noah, County Attorney, came to the last Zoning/Planning commission meeting and answered all questions. On motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper the resolution will move forward. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Dohe will send the resolution to the state for approval. Once approved there will be a notice of public hearing in the paper. A discussion about notifying Mitchell County landowners of the new floodplain regulations and permit process was had. All were not in agreement about how this should be handled. Sun Eagle will be present at a city meeting in Simpson to answer questions about the National Flood Insurance Program.

Bri Beck from the Regional Planning Commission was present for a public hearing for CVR Funding which is COVID resilience money. Commissioner Marshall opened the hearing at 9:00 a.m. Beck is estimating with our community statistics we could receive a max of \$150,000. The money will be available to small business owners with less than 50 employees. At least 50% if those employees must be low to moderate income and operating under the same ownership since March 2020. The purpose of this grant is to make modifications to businesses to make them more resilient if another pandemic were to happen. There is an opportunity for \$30,000 to \$50,000 per business. The application will be available at NCRPC. At 9:15 a.m. Mike cooper moved to close the public hearing and it was seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Resolution 23-05 was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper to apply for the grant. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner Marshall signed the professional service agreement with NCRPC.

Amanda Johnson was present with the 2024 Soil Conservation budget. It has a minimal increase to \$30,000 due to more travel for outreach and education.

Two Neighborhood Revitalizations were approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The first is for Carter Wessling for dirt work, retaining wall, concrete pad with driveway, and a garage shell for the price of \$90,000. The second is for Eric Eilert for an ag building for the price of \$1,084,911.

Commissioner Claussen attended the Mitchell County Tourism Committee meeting held last Thursday and spoke about the shortfall in income because the Transient Guest Tax did not get implemented in a timely fashion. The commissioners had already ear tagged some of the ARPA funds to use for this reason. It was approved to pay \$4,100 to the Tourism Committee on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Marshall, Chairman

ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk