

July 12, 2021

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, July 12, 2021 with Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall in attendance. Also in attendance was Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager and Heather Hartman, Community Development Director.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claussen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IT Director Jeff Roberg & Sheriff Tony Perez met with the commission to discuss purchase of radios & laptops with ARPA Grant monies. The commission advised the Sheriff to get bids from Henry Pierce for radios prior to making a decision on those items, but they did approve the purchase of 10 laptop computers, 10 docking stations and car adapters at a cost of \$32,495 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Administrator, requested permission to pay for training for her staff on the EHR System. The amount of this training is \$6,000. This can be funded with the ARPA Grant and it was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Keegan Bailey, Grant Administrator, NCRPC, and Brent Cunningham, Cunningham Communications requested a 15-minute executive session for Courthouse and Jail Security. Request was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:06 and ended at 9:21 with no decisions made in executive session.

Jeremy McGuire, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Representative met with the commission to review County Employees usage of their health insurance before renewal. After Mr. McGuire presented the numbers to the commission, he anticipated a 5-7% increase in premiums for the next year. There are still 3-months in this plan year to determine the increases before renewal.

Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton, and Marty Hernandez, Acting Public Works Supervisor, discussed the Tanquary Bridge replacement. Mr. Porter said the bridge had been examined and downgraded in rating so it would now be eligible for KDOT cost-share. The commission authorized Mr. Porter to go ahead and apply for the money on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Cooper left the meeting at 10:20.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, presented his regular monthly report. The ACH deposits were again discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell Co Clerk