

**August 13, 2018**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Mitchell County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Tom Claussen and members Jim Marshall and Mike Cooper. Also present was Terry Bailey, KVSV Radio; Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager; Julia Rabe, Chamber of Commerce Director; and Heather Hartman, Community Development Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Works Director Dale Housh met with the commission and informed them that the causeway project is coming along and they might be finished this week. Mr. Housh reported that they will purchase another State Surplus dump truck and are looking at an oiler truck that is in Norton. He said the price of the oiler could be in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range, much less than the \$200,000 for a new oiler. The commission ok'd the purchase if it meets the approval of Mr. Housh.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, presented his regular monthly report. Runs were lower in July than at any time anyone could remember. Mr. Hamel also discussed the possibility of having a mechanic on duty that would do maintenance and repair for all county vehicles. The commission was going to review the matter.

The commission adjourned for a 5-minute recess.

At 9:30 the budget hearing for MCO #1 Fire District, Solomon Rapids Rural Fire District #3, and Tipton Fire District #2 were opened by Chairman Claussen. Bill Bunger, representing Fire District #3 expressed their appreciation of the support from the commission. After 15-minutes and hearing no objections the Fire District budgets were approved and the hearing closed on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At 9:45 the Mitchell County Budget Hearing was opened by Chairman Claussen. The only person who questioned the budget was Kathy Webster, Pawnee Mental Health Board, who questioned the funding for PMH. The commission noted they had funded Pawnee at their requested amount. After 15-minutes and hearing no objections the Mitchell County 2019 budget was approved and the hearing closed on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At 10:00 the business meeting was adjourned on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper to open the canvass for the Primary Election held on August 7, 2018.

Due to the close vote between Gubernatorial Candidates Jeff Colyer and Kris Kobach, there were observers in the audience for the canvass. They were: Tim Keck, Topeka, and Scott Chapman, Beloit representing Governor Colyer, and Chuck Henderson, Manhattan, representing Kris Kobach. Finding no egregious errors or omissions the results were finalized and the canvass was adjourned at 11:10 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Tom Claussen, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk