

August 23, 2021

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, August 23, 2021, with Chairman Tom Claussen and members Mike Cooper and Jim Marshall in attendance. Also in attendance was Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager, Heather Hartman, Community Development Director, and Terry Bailey, KSVS Radio.

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

The minutes of the August 16, 2021, meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Revenue Neutral Rate hearing for Center Township was opened at 8:30. The hearing was closed at 8:45 hearing no objection from the public and the budget was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission decided by consensus to leave the voting delegates the same as last year for the KCAMP Board Meeting.

Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton, presented the commission with preliminary plans for the Public Works Building. There was also discussion regarding approvals for specific items prior to being added for seeking bids.

Becky Snook, Dispatch Director, requested permission to hire a part-time dispatcher to fill in shifts when needed. She remarked that it would be cheaper to hire a part-time person than pay overtime to a current employee. The commission approved the request by consensus.

A Red-Light and Siren emergency vehicle permit was approved for Aaron LaCoe, Fire Chief, on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The budget hearing for Fire District #1 (MCO), Fire District #2 (Tipton) and Fire District #3 (Solomon Rapids) was opened at 9:30. It was closed at 9:45 hearing no objections from the public and the budgets were approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The budget hearing for Mitchell County was opened at 9:45. It was closed at 10:00 hearing no objections from the public and was approved on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections, presented her end of year financial report for the commission's review and approval. Following a brief discussion, the commission approved the report on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program was discussed with the commission by County Clerk Chris Treaster, County Treasurer Yvonne Melton, and County Appraiser Melinda Latham. They would like to see changes to the plan regarding values, etc. Heather Hartman, Community Development Director, was going to check into other communities' plans and see what options might be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell Co Clerk