

**August 28, 2023**

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 28, 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 August 21, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Attorney Mark Noah was present with the Road Use Agreement for the Grain Belt Express Project which he reviewed. The Public Works Department also reviewed the agreement and neither party saw issues. The agreement guarantees the status quo of the roads. If there is anything the county needs to repair, the county will be compensated. The commissioners agreed that it is to the county's benefit to sign.

Missy McGinnis, EMS Director, was present to discuss the EMS building. The ceiling repairs are set to begin in September and up front payment is required for the materials. Rooms will be sealed off while the work is being completed. Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Brian Streit & Kevin Whipple will do the electrical work. Stacy Allen was awarded a \$5,000 grant toward an AmbuMan. She will be applying for another grant to cover the remaining balance.

Noah stated he has not heard back on the contract he sent for the EMS land deal. McGinnis has not heard anything either. The county could claim eminent domain but they would rather not use that power.

A neighborhood revitalization for Brian Germann for a 40' x 64' x 14' Ag Building for \$60,000 was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Claussen spoke with the Lions Club and said they had positive comments about the new shop building at road and bridge. It is finished except for some leaks in the roof. All equipment is being power washed and painted before being moved into the new shop.

Heather Weston, County Clerk, informed the commissioners that the election class that she and Lynne Imboden attended was very informational, especially since she will have to hold three elections next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 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