

November 23, 2020

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jim Marshall and members Mike Cooper and Tom Claussen in attendance. Also attending were Jason Rabe, Beloit City Manager, Heather Hartman, Community Development Director, and Terry Bailey, KVSU Radio. Also present were Appraiser Melinda Latham, Emergency Management Director David Dohe, County Attorney Mark Noah, Leanne Pounds and Mitchell County Hospital Administrator Jeremy Armstrong.

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

The minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting were approved as written on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, provided his monthly report to the commission.

A conversation was held concerning whether or not Mitchell County would participate in a mask mandate and follow Governor Kelly's order 20-68. After a short discussion on this issue the commission voted to follow Governor Kelley's order and put a mask mandate into effect for Mitchell County on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. There was also discussion regarding limiting numbers at gatherings. The commission visited quite a while on this issue and Leanne Pounds was present to state her objection to limited numbers at gatherings as her daughter was getting married the following weekend. She stated that there would be a significant impact on the local economy if they limited their numbers as they had several rooms reserved at the Super 8 and were using Plum Creek for the reception and meal following the ceremony. The commission and County Health Administrator Cortney Murrow and EM Director David Dohe informed Mrs. Pounds that a number of new COVID cases had been triggered recently by persons attending wedding festivities. After more discussion Tom Claussen made motion to limit social gatherings to 100 people. Motion was seconded by Mike Cooper and carried by unanimous vote. The County Attorney will draw up a Resolution for the Commission's decisions.

A phone call was made to District Judge Kim Cudney. She stated that the Supreme Court had ordered drop boxes for court filings outside of Courthouses. The court will bear the cost of the box and installation. The commission agreed to the request.

Heather Hartman, Community Development Director provided the commission with a list of businesses approved for the CDBG-CV Grant. The commission approved the requests on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Chairman Jim Marshall signed off on the approved requests.

A Neighborhood Revitalization application was approved for John A Stover in the amount of \$79,296 on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cortney Murrow, County Health Administrator, requested, and was granted, a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel on motion by Mike Cooper and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:38 and ended at 10:48 with no decisions made in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Marshall, Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk