

December 19, 2022

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, December 19, 2022 with Chairman Mike Cooper and members Jim Marshall and Tom Claussen in attendance. Also attending were Terry Bailey, KSVR Radio, and Emily Benedick, Community Development Director.

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

The minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting were approved as written on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jeff Roberg, IT, requested, and was granted, a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 8:35 and ended at 8:45 when it was extended 5-minutes on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 8:45 and ended at 8:50 with no decisions made in executive session.

A Neighborhood Revitalization application was approved for Dennis Pahls in the amount of \$55,000 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emily Benedick, Community Development Director, informed the commission that Mitchell County would receive a SEED Grant in the amount of \$49,125 from leftover SPARK Funds from the State of Kansas. These monies will be used to help fund child care facilities in the Mitchell County area.

Marty Hernandez, Public Works Director, met with the commission and requested a 30-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 which was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:00 and ended at 9:30 with no decisions made in executive session.

David Dohe, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission in executive session for 10-minutes for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 9:42 and ended at 9:52 with no decisions made in executive session.

Becky Snook, Communications Director, requested a 20-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 which was granted on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:00 and ended at 10:20 when it was extended 5-minutes on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:20 and ended at 10:25 with no decisions made in executive session.

Sheriff Tony Perez met with the commission and requested a 20-minute executive session for non-elected personnel per KSA 75-4318 which was granted on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:34 and ended at 10:54 when it was extended 5-minutes on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 10:54 and ended and 10:59 with no decisions made in executive session.

Eric Hamel, EMS Director, provided his monthly report and also a list of bad debt write-offs. The commission approved the bad debt write off amount of \$2,511.92 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Charles Mears stopped to visit with the commission concerning the destruction and theft of 911 road signs. Mr. Mears stated that perhaps there could be a reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone caught in these acts. The commission was going to consider what options were available prior to making a decision.

County Treasurer Yvonne Melton requested, and was granted, a 5-minute executive session per KSA 75-4318 for non-elected personnel on motion by Jim Marshall and seconded by Tom Claussen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 11:42 and ended at 11:47 with no decisions made in executive session.

The commission held a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Session began at 12:20 and ended at 12:25 with no decisions made in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Jim Marshall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

_____ Mike Cooper, Chairman

_____ ATTEST: Chris Treaster, Mitchell County Clerk