

MINUTES: JULY 24, 2023 - REGULAR MEETING

Present at the meeting was Supervisor Lee, Deputy Clerk Caldwell, Highway Commissioner Scholebo, Trustees Merz, Rea, Ahlers and Parker. There was a quorum present. Electors Teresa Franko, Diane Young, Rosemary McBride, Robert Nichols, Donna Wolfe, Shelle Ridings, Larry Jacobs, David Disselhorst, Joe Lee, Theresa Sullivan, and Lois Kramer were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Trustee Rea made the motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Parker. ROLL CALL VOTE –Lee-yes, Merz-yes, Rea – yes, Ahlers-yes, and Parker-Yes. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

READING OF CORRESPONDANCE:

1. State Replacement Tax – Town Funds \$29,410.44
2. State Replacement Tax – Road Funds \$37,417.35
3. Property Tax – Town Funds \$119,983.72
4. Property Tax – Road Funds 115,444.93
5. Property Tax – Town Funds \$100,446.76
6. Property Tax – Road Funds \$96,655.53
7. Circuit Court Fines Collected – June 2023 - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

- Highway Commissioner Scholebo – 1. Oil & Chipping – August 1st for the East Side of Mitchell
2. Franko Lane Pipe – Stutz is trying to complete it before Aug 1st Oil & Chipping, if not then will defiantly start within the next 2 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Bid Proposal for Park Beautification Project:

1. **A Home Landscaping for \$18,785.00**
2. **Altered Grounds for \$10,678.00**

Trustee Rea made the motion to accept a bid proposal from Altered Grounds for \$10,678.00, Seconded by Merz. ROLL CALL VOTE –Lee-yes, Merz-yes, Rea – yes, Ahlers-yes, and Parker-Yes. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Lee:

The Next Senior Meetings will be this Wednesday. The Shredding Event this year was a success. We had a lot of people that participated. We are looking to do it again next around the same time or a month earlier. The Lakeshore Estate Trailer Park has currently had the renewal of their license rejected by Madison County. They have managed to get rid of about 4 trailers currently. The new trail cameras have come in and will be placed soon. We are having issues with fires in the wooded area between Old Alton Road and East Chain of Rocks Road beside the Railroad Tracks. A homeless camp is trying to be established; their stuff caught fire. There seem to be a lot of homeless tent camps popping up in this area. Keep a watchful eye and report anything to Madison County Sheriff ASAP.

Highway Commissioner Scholebo: Nothing New

Deputy Clerk Caldwell: Nothing to Report

Trustee Rea: Nothing to Report

Trustee Merz: Happy to report that the field on the corner of St. Thomas Road & West Chain of Rocks Road has been mowed. However, there is still no activity at Hansen Trucking to get things cleaned up.

Trustee Ahlers: Nothing to Report

Trustee Parker: Nothing to Report

Open to the Floor:

Diane Young: Beadle Avenue Vacating meeting is this Wednesday for Finalizing of property lines? Answer: YES

Larry Jacobs: Is there a committee for the Route 66 Program yet? Answer: NO, but it is still in the works. MCT is interested in being on the committee and helping to make something work. Have found out that there are only 2 buildings that remain from the original Route 66 Map – Mitchell Fire Department #1 and The Luna Café.

Robert Nichols: Wondering if it would be possible for a bike trail from the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge down along West Chain of Rocks Road? There are a lot of people on bikes, it seems to be a hazard area. Answer: The only thing that we have heard is that MCT has a lot of bike trails in the works.

Teresa Franko: I saw on social media something about Energy Efficient Utility Programs. Are they safe? Answer: Chouteau Township has a contract with "HOMEFIELD ENERGY" for non-incorporated residence. This is a great price. It runs through December 31, 2023. A new pricing is set for January 1, 2024, and runs for two years. You can check on the website or flyers are available at the main office with all the information you need.

Trustees Parker made the motion to pay the bills of the Township and Road/Bridge, seconded by Ahlers. ROLL CALL VOTE –Lee=yes, Merz=yes, Rea – yes, Ahlers=yes, and Parker-Yes. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no. MOTION CARRIED.

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Merz made the motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm, seconded by Ahlers. The vote was 5-yes, and 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.