

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Bob Boaldin, Chairman; Allen Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Ron DeGarmo, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the August 21st, August 24th, and September 6th meetings were approved as read on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Steve Rice, Hay-Rice & Associates, entered the meeting and gave the Commissioners a clarification of the Library's 2007 Budget. Bob reported that he has been informed the Library has applied and been approved for a grant that will cover any amount not approved in the 2007 Budget; although the Commissioners have not been officially informed of this. Steve stated that any entity the County gives money to, that entity has to justify to the County how they spend their grant money.

The Commissioners asked the Clerk to send a copy of the McBride Construction proposal to the City of Rolla; this is to install five culverts.

The Commissioners reviewed Field Report #4 regarding the Civic Center and a letter from Kirkham-Michael regarding the sanitary sewer for the Civic Center

All Commissioners indicated they plan to attend the Annual KAC Meeting in Topeka November 19-21.

Consensus of the Commissioners was that since Veteran's Day is on Saturday (November 12th) they will give the employees November 11th off (Friday.)

A short discussion took place concerning hiring a Civic Center Director. No action taken at this time.

The Clerk reported that the Health Department has purchased first aid kits for each of the three County vans. These were paid out of Bioterrorism funds. One of the kits was on hand for inspection.

Ron and Allen said they would be available to attend the Little KAC Meeting in Lane County on October 10th. Allen and Ron will also plan to attend the KLPG Meeting in Russell, Kansas October 5-6.

A discussion took place concerning the water issue at the Golf Course. Several plans of action were discussed but no action taken at this time.

The Clerk requested approval to sever the County's contract with The Consortium to do the County's drug and alcohol testing, and to contract with Kansas Drug Testing, Inc. This request was based on the fact that Kansas Drug Testing can save the County money on each test. Also, Tim Harris with Kansas Drug Testing, actually helped start The Consortium's drug and alcohol testing program and is very knowledgeable on these matters. Kansas Drug Testing, Inc. has agreed to wave the \$200 initial set up fee. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to approve contracting with Kansas Drug Testing, Inc.

Deb Schnurr entered the meeting and requested approval to write-off collections in the amount of \$3582.38. Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Deb also requested approval to change EMS rates as follows:

- BLS Non-Emergent from \$180 to \$200
- ALS Non-Emergent from \$200 to \$250
- BLS Emergent from \$275 to \$340
- ALS Emergent from \$350 to \$400
- ALS Emergent II from \$450 to \$550
- Specialty Transport from \$500 to \$650
- Mileage from \$7.00 to \$8.00

Following a discussion approval for these increases was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron. New rates to go into effect October 1, 2006.

Vienna Lee met with the Commissioners and presented three proposals for renovations to the Economic Development rental space on Morton Street as follows:

Boaldin Electric & Refrigeration for heating/cooling	\$4,450.00
Carpet Plus for installation of vinyl floor covering	\$3,805.53
Curtis Milburn for lowering ceiling, building a Furnace closet, repair and insulate walls and ceiling	\$5,830.00

A discussion took place and bids were accepted on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen. Also discussed and approved was an increase to the rent of that space to \$250/mo.

Commissioner DeGarmo asked if there was a plan to replace Quint Harn as a Rolla representative to the Economic Development Committee. Vienna stated that she is looking for someone to fill that position.

Vienna reported that she visited with Gil Medina and was informed that Paramount Pictures has purchased the franchise for Jack's Law 2. He is now in the process of

finalizing the script for Paramount and will get a copy to Eric as soon as one is available. Mr. Medina said he still has plans to produce the film in Elkhart, but it may be next Spring, if Paramount Pictures approves.

Vienna reminded the Commissioners of the Local Government Luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 14th in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Brandi Fleming entered the meeting and requested approval for Pam Baldwin to attend the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Wichita, November 7-9. Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Brandi reported there will be a Three-State Pandemic Flu Exercise on November 15, 2006. There will be a local Bioterrorism group meeting on September 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hospital Classroom.

Brandi mentioned that she and Kristi Winters will be meeting with the USD 218 School Board to see if there is any interest in the SAFE program conducted by Seward County Community College. This program teaches, among other topics, how to handle peer pressure, and teaches abstinence.

The Commissioners reviewed the probationary period Performance Appraisal of Pam Baldwin, Healthy Start Coordinator.

Eric requested approval to pay for the Kansas Learning Center for Health Program. The USD 218 Health Nurse will use this Program in grades Pre-K through grade 8, and possibly the higher grades. Cost of the program for these groups is approximately \$900. Eric would like to pay for this out of the Diversion Fund. Approval was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen. Eric stated he will visit with USD 217 and see if they are interested in this program also.

The letter to KDHE to be included with Morton County's Audit was signed; the Payroll Form was also signed.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Following lunch the Commissioners drove to the Elkhart Senior Center to inspect the sidewalk improvement and also looked at a raised area of sidewalk towards the back of the Center where a visitor tripped and fell. The Commissioners drove to the Airport to inspect the work being done to the Parking Apron, and drove by the Health/Extension building to inspect the weeds in the parking lot.

Upon returning to the Meeting Room the Commissioners met with Charley McKinley. Ron stated that he talked to McBride and he stated that putting off the culvert work until after harvest will not affect his bid. McBride said it would take about two weeks for each culvert. Four of the culverts will go back in the same place and one will go across at an angle.

Charley reported he has the guys out mowing. He also reported that he has not heard anything from Steve Heft regarding asphalt for next year.

A discussion took place concerning the roads in Richfield. Charley said it is too late in the year to seal now, it is too cool. Next year he plans to seal Road D and 2nd Street by Bresslers. Also planned for next year are the CIG Road, Whistle Stop Park and the Civic Center. Regarding the Richfield roads, Charley said he will make a list of what needs to be done prior to spraying the weeds and sealing the roads so Bob Davis can give it to the Richfield City Council.

Charley presented the Commissioners a copy of the Road Department's monthly report.

Charley mentioned that Tarbet needs 10 yards of dirt; there is dirt available at the Road Department. Consensus of the Commissioners was that Tarbet can pick it up, we do not plan to subsidize their contract.

Leon Ellis met with the Commissioners and reported that Jantz Excavating is interested in crushing the cement at the Landfill. He is happy that at least there is someone interested in the project!

Leon mentioned that he has farmers wanting chemicals but he doesn't have the funds to order them. Noxious Weed has \$49,000 owed the department for chemicals and once that money comes in he will be able to order more chemicals. The Treasurer has indicated there is only \$7000 in cash for the remainder of the year until the money owed starts coming in.

At this time Shelby Chapman, Chairperson for the Employee's Christmas Party, met with the Commissioners. Items discussed included:

- Date for the party is December 15th (Friday)
- Hold a Casino Night
- Ask the Theatre Group to do a skit following dinner
- Prizes
- Cost of the meals
- Number of pies
- Bob will get the candy and fruit for the goody bags (apx. 150)
- Clerk's office will send out invitations to retirees
- Clerk's office will print drink tickets (two per person)

Kevin Shook entered the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the water concerns at the Golf Course. Two bids have been received for piping water to the course; one from Teeter Irrigation and one from Underground Specialists. Kevin said he has no preference in which company gets the bid, he would, however, prefer boring rather than trenching.

Kevin reported Anadarko will be hosting a golf tournament on October 6th. That will be the last tournament. Efforts to get water to the Golf Course could begin any time after that. Kevin said he will contact Larry Flatt to see if he knows of a better way to have the

pipe discharge into the pond. Eric said he will visit with Ernie Barnes about a contract to get water from him for the Golf Course.

A short discussion took place concerning the possible need to increase the golf membership dues, green fees, etc.

Kevin requested approval to attend a Golf Superintendent's meeting in Garden City October 2-3. Approval to attend was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Loren Youngers met with the Commissioners and requested approval to send Brent Buser to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, 80 hour CLEET certified, NARCOTIC INVESTIGATORS COURSE October 16-27 in Oklahoma City. Approval for attendance was given on a motion from Allen, seconded by Ron.

A discussion took place concerning why two County vehicles are parked at James Burnett's house. Loren said there were no Morton County vehicles at Burnett's house, there are a couple of Texas County vehicles James has been working on and they have the same coloring as Morton County. Someone must have mistaken the Texas County vehicles for Morton County vehicles.

The Clerk presented the Treasurer's monthly report, on her behalf, for the Commissioners' review.

Tony Hoyt entered the meeting and reported he has completed his Paramedic Class. He now has to take his State Boards. Tony expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for allowing him to take this class and continue working for EMS.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion from Allen, seconded by Ron.