

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 4, 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 November 27th meeting were read and approved with corrections, as directed by the Commissioners, on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Minutes of the November 28th meeting were approved as read on motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

A representative from Russell Child Development Center entered the meeting and presented the Commissioners a box of homemade cookies as a token of their appreciation for Morton County's continued support of their program.

The Clerk reported that all documents have been received from PGS Onshore, Inc. to perform seismograph work in Morton County; a check in the amount of \$3600 payable to Morton County was included with the documents.

A call was placed to Ashley Fiss, Civic Center Architect. A discussion took place concerning the possible need for outlets at the parking lot light poles, or somewhere else, to be used by outdoor vendors. Ashley stated that the conduit is stubbed out and there will be lighting all around the building. Ron mentioned that perhaps we could consider having parking all around the building. A discussion took place concerning the parking lot(s). The Commissioners asked Ashley to submit a drawing for a parking lot. Eric reminded Ashley to keep in mind the water drainage from the parking lot. Ashley said she would visit with the electrical contractor about the electrical items discussed.

Eric reported that Robert Martin has volunteered to serve as the Juvenile Intervener Supervisor.

Vienna Lee entered the meeting and reported that Rob Phillips will be holding an organizational meeting in Dodge City on January 3-4. Title of the meeting is "What Do You Do With 1000 Horses In Your Front Yard? Registration fee for the meeting is \$95 and Vienna said that Steve Hittle has also expressed an interest in attending. Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to approve Vienna to attend. Motion was given by Allen, seconded by Bob, to approve Steve Hittle to attend.

Kenny Bieker met with the Commissioners and asked if they would be available Wednesday, December 6th for the final punch list on the Airport Apron project. This date

was approved and the Commissioners will meet at the Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. and then go to the Airport. Joe Tarbet and Ron Pierce will also be in attendance at this meeting.

Vienna presented a plan for a possible biodiesel plant in Morton County. A lengthy discussion took place.

Loren Youngers entered the meeting and presented two estimates for repairs to the County Deputy Sheriff's vehicle what was wrecked when another vehicle ran into it:

Shade-Tree Classics	\$2816.31 (this bid included a new door)
Elkhart Auto Body & Repair	\$1665.93 (this bid was to repair the damaged door)

Following a discussion motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to take the vehicle to Shade-Tree Classics (replace the damaged door with a new door). Although the driver's insurance will pay for the damages to the County vehicle, the Clerk will notify KCAMP of the incident.

Kevin Shook met with the Commissioners and reported on the meeting he and Don Grasz attended in Topeka. Kevin said it was a good meeting. The keynote speaker was Bill Snyder (K-State former football coach.)

Kevin also reported that he has one million gallons of water left to water the course until the end of the year. Kevin also reported that the Clubhouse is rented for five Christmas Parties this month.

Ron mentioned that Kent Hagman has agreed to serve on the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning four counties working together on projects pertaining to economic development.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Following lunch the Commissioners drove to the Civic Center site to observe the progress being made, drove the Airport Apron, and drove to the golf course.

Upon returning to the Courthouse the Commissioners met with Charley McKinley, Larry Thompson, Chuck Oldacker, Richard Cahill (KDOT), Justin Mader and Curtis Hauser (Kirkham-Michael), and Tim Hardy. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the planned acceleration/deceleration lane in front of the Civic Center. Justin stated that Kirkham-Michael surveyors are so busy right now it will probably be around 6-8 months before he can get the required survey work and complete plans done for the project. The Commissioners said the Civic Center will be opened before that and if they have to they will find someone else to do the survey work. Justin said he would contact their Denver office and see if there is a surveyor available that could come to Kansas and do the work and let us know. A discussion took place concerning the parking lot and number of

spaces required at the Civic Center. Justin said he will have to visit with Neil about the parking lot. The County will contract with Kirkham-Michael to do the design work and the County will do the work. KDOT will let Justin know what the established centerline is, Kirkham-Michael will do the survey work and the preliminary layout, KDOT and Kirkham-Michael will make a decision on the box culvert.

The Commissioners emphasized to Charley that we have got to get an asphalt plant in place all summer in order to start and complete all the projects planned. The plant needs to be in place as soon as we are ready to begin the first project. Charley said he will have to make some calls this week to try to get one committed.

A discussion took place concerning the fact that Morton County had to go after the two new Mack trucks. The Commissioners stated they were under the impression the vehicles would be delivered to Morton County. Charley said that was partly his fault because the contract did not mention delivery costs. Charley and Dan Fisher took the trucks to be traded-in to Kansas City and picked up the new ones.

Charley reported that McBride Construction will be ready to start the culvert project in Rolla on Wednesday. A discussion took place concerning how the traffic will flow during the project. Charley also presented the November Road Department Report for the Commissioners' review.

A discussion took place concerning the walking paths in Whistle Stop Park. Charley said he plans to put a thin 2" lift over the existing 10' walking paths. However, the City will have to sterilize the areas where grass and weeds are currently growing; it may take two times to get a good kill. This will have to be done prior to the Road Department putting the lift on the paths.

Edgar White entered the meeting and invited the Commissioners to the Elkhart Lion's Club Meeting December 11th. Jerry Moran will be the key speaker at the meeting.

Leon Ellis was on vacation this week, no report on the Landfill/Weed Department was available. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to send Leon an email asking that he have a confirmation, for the December 18th meeting, from a company who can come to Morton County to crush the cement at the Landfill beginning the first of the year. They want to stress to Leon that he has to sell \$165,000 in crushed cement in 2007 or he will have very little budget to run the Landfill in 2007.

The Commissioners reviewed with the Clerk a draft of the job description for the Civic Center Events Coordinator. Changes were made and the Clerk will re-type the job description to be sent out with applications when the time arrives.

The Payroll Form was signed.

A call was placed to Steve Rice regarding withholding appropriation funds to the Conservation District in 2007 until they get their audit deficiencies corrected. A

discussion took place. Eric was asked to write a letter to the Conservation Board indicating the Commissioners' decision.

No application has been received yet from John Wire, GPDI, to apply for water, sewer, parking lot, and acceleration lane assistance. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Wire.

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