

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 13, 2006

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. with open doors.

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

The Commissioners canvassed the November 7, 2006 General Election results and signed the Abstract of Votes book.

The business meeting followed the canvass. Eric Witcher, County Attorney, entered the meeting at this time.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the October 16 and October 17, 2006 meetings were read and approved with corrections, as directed by the Commissioners, on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bob mentioned he visited with Leonard Hernandez and suggested to Leonard that he come to the Commissioners meeting once a month, more if needed, to keep the Commissioners up to speed on the Health System's finances, physician status, etc.

Loren Youngers met with the Commissioners and requested approval for Jeff LaRue to work part-time until January 8th. A short discussion took place. Motion was then made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to approve Jeff to work part-time at an hourly wage of \$14.71/hr. Approval was also given for Loren to begin advertising the full-time position vacated by Jeff LaRue. Loren reported that the certification and use of the drug dog will be left up to the incoming Sheriff, Justin Holliday.

Bob stated that the Men's Association has requested approval to hold poker tournaments at the Clubhouse for the purpose of raising money for scholarships. Following a discussion, and under advice from the County Attorney, consensus of the Commissioners was to deny this request. Eric said he will visit with Leonard Hernandez, Golf Advisory Board President.

The Commissioners went into executive session from 9:30 to 9:40 to discuss a personnel matter, on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron. Present were the Commissioners and County Attorney. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

At this time Gary Baker and Ernest Barnes met with the Commissioners concerning the water crisis at the golf course. A lengthy discussion took place concerning various possibilities that could help get additional water to the course. Transferring water rights is the preferred option, but not likely it will happen. The possibility of laying a waterline from Ernie's well to the golf course well was discussed. Ernie said he will work with the

County in any way he can to get the golf course the needed water. Ernie said he will just hold tight until he hears from the Commissioners or Mr. Baker.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Road Petition from Bob Boaldin on a motion from Allen, seconded by Ron.

The Commissioners signed the 2007 Support Renewal Form between Morton County and Nex-Tech in the amount of \$12,350; signed the Rural Community Insurance Services form for Pate Agency; signed the two Payroll Forms; signed the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between Morton County and Foulston Siefkin LLP (for the Attorney Assist program.); signed the two Change Orders from the Appraiser's Office and the Certification of Completion for the Highway Safety Project (STEP).

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of the bill to Fiss Architecture/Design in the amount of \$1275, and the Application and Certification for Payment to Orr Construction Management, Inc. in the amount of \$66,284.

Brandi Fleming entered the meeting and reported on a case she was asked to investigate in Rolla. A discussion took place. No action taken at this time.

A discussion took place concerning the possibility of offering Susan Slief a contract as standby P.A. for those times Mimi Perido has to be out of town. Motion to approve offering a contract was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Brandi mentioned that the State immunization lady was at the Health Department recently and asked if the vaccine stored at the Health Department is covered under the County's insurance. The Clerk will contact KCAMP to verify this.

Brandi reported that flu shots will be given at the Elkhart City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 14th. Brandi also reminded the Commissioners that the Pandemic Flu exercise will be held on November 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Elkhart High School IT Room.

Deb Schnurr met with the Commissioners and reported that Tony Hoyt has passed his State Boards. When he gets his cards he will be an official Paramedic!

Deb requested approval to transfer \$6000 from her Contractual budget to Commodities. This request was approved on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Deb mentioned that the "State Plan" is almost completed. There is a website if the Commissioners want to go on-line to view the Plan.

The State EMS called Deb and asked if the Department would be interested in receiving a pediatric bag; Deb said yes! They have received the bag and it is really nice (worth approximately \$1600.)

Deb also mentioned that the EMS Department has received a check in the amount of \$250 from Anadarko as a gift.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Following lunch the Commissioners drove to the Civic Center site and observed the work being done on the Airport Apron.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners and reported he has ordered the signs that will be needed when they start the culverts project in Rolla. At this time it is anticipated they will begin the project November 27th.

The Commissioners informed Charley that there are some new tire skid marks across the bypass. Charley said he will look for someone to cut some rumble strips in the road. The Commissioners said the strips need to be far enough back to warn the drivers of the "Stop Ahead" sign and the actual stop sign.

Charley requested approval to purchase two 2007 Mack trucks at a total cost of \$126,280. A discussion took place. Motion was then made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to approve the purchase. The trucks will be paid out of the Road Department's Capital Outlay fund.

Charley also requested approval to purchase a portable air compressor that will allow the Mechanics to make repairs out in the field. Cost of the 6.5 HP electric start air compressor is \$699. Motion was given to approve this purchase on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron. This item is to be paid for out of the Road Department's Capital Outlay fund.

Charley presented the Commissioners a copy of his October Road Department Report.

Erika Parker met with the Commissioners and invited them to the "Technology Rich Classroom Day" to be held on Friday, November 17th from 10:30 to 11:30 at the Elkhart Elementary School Library. Lunch will be served following the demonstrations. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Parker for the personal invitation.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposal to replace the carpet at the Extension Office in the amount of \$5701.25. The carpet has to be replaced because of a recent break-in to the building through a window. It is not possible to get all of the glass out of the carpet. Cost of replacing the window was \$501.38.

A discussion took place regarding how the County will charge for use of the rooms at the Civic Center upon its completion. Information item only; no action taken at this time.

A short discussion took place concerning the recent Conservation District's Audit. Information item only.

A review was made of the Kitchen equipment for the Civic Center that was included in the bid and items that the county will purchase and have the contractor install. A

discussion also took place concerning the need for an area for outdoor vendors (Tater Twisters, etc.).

The Clerk asked the Commissioners if they would consider giving the employees December 26th off. Following a short discussion consensus of the Commissioners was that the 26th will be considered a Holiday for the employees.

A discussion took place concerning having the Road Department tear out USD 218's old track, in lieu of giving any money for the project. Consensus of the Commissioners was that they would like to know, in writing, exactly what the County's part of the project would include. Emphasis was made that if the County tears out the old track, a new track should be ready to be laid soon after. Mike Gilmore will report this to the School Board this evening.

Karena Meek met with the Commissioners and presented the November District Court report as of November 13th. The following are the filings: Adoptions (4), Criminal (130), Civil (19), Domestic (41), Fish and Game (10), Child in Need of Care (12), Juvenile Offender (28), Limited Actions (97), Marriage Licenses (22), Probate (31), Personal Property Tax (42), Small Claims (25), Traffic (118), State Tax Warrants (9).

The Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's monthly "Report of Idle Funds Investments" report.

Notice was made that the next KDOT Regional Transportation Workshop will be held in Garden City on December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Finney County Fairgrounds.

No appointment was made at this time to the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board. The Commissioners want to visit with Judge Volden and get her input.

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