

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 25, 2007

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 June 4, 2007 regular meeting were read and corrections made; Minutes of the June 14, 2007 special meeting were read; Minutes of the June 22, 2007 special meeting were read. Motion to approve all Minutes was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Accounts Payable checks and Payroll checks were signed.

The Clerk mentioned that the current Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is 10 years old. The FAA requests a copy of the current ALP for any future Airport improvements (plan is not to be older than 10 years.) The Commissioners asked the Clerk to contact Bucher, Willis & Ratliff to find out what the cost would be for an updated ALP; also, to include in the ALP a plan for future hangars. Consideration may also be given to have the Airport platted.

At this time Sonny and Sharon Jones and Ray Don and Madonna Jones met with the Commissioners to sign the contract for the County to purchase property located on Highway 56 to be used for future economic development. The contract was signed and partial payment made. The \$110,000 for the purchase of the property was taken from the Special Economic Development Fund. The balance will be included in the 2008 Economic Development Budget.

Tom Winter entered the meeting and presented a proposal for a full-time Emergency Management position for Morton County. Tom indicated he has visited with Deb Schnurr about this and she encouraged him to visit with the Commissioners about this position because it would give her more time to do what she needs to do for EMS. Tom stated that Deb's primary job as EMS Director is to save lives, not plan for disasters. Tom distributed a handout describing what an Emergency Manager's job entails. Included in the handout was a proposed budget. This position was tabled at this time but the Commissioners said they would consider all of the information Mr. Winter presented.

Deanna Berry and Melissa McKinley, representing Russell Child Development, and Earl McGinn, CFO for SDSI, met with the Commissioners and presented their request to be included in Morton County's 2008 Budget. A handout was distributed and a discussion

took place. Deanna and Earl thanked the Commissioners for their time and past support of their programs. Motion was then made by Bob, seconded by Allen, to approve this request.

The Supervisors met with the Commissioners for their regular monthly meeting. Present were Justin, Brandi, Tracie, Deb, Vienna, Kevin, Leon and Sally. Each gave their individual departmental reports.

Brandi Fleming, Health Department Administrator, requested approval for Pam Baldwin to attend the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course July 10-13 in Garden City, and for Rhianna Shaw, RN, to attend the Hearing Screening Certification September 4-5 in Oakley. Approval was given on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen.

Brandi mentioned a recent incident when a taxpayer needed someone to inspect their septic system and Luann Watson was out of town. Brandi asked if there was anyone else who can do these inspections. The Commissioners were not aware of anyone other than Luann that can do this. Brandi said she will check with Luann when she returns.

Brandi reported there will be a Pandemic Flu exercise in Hugoton on July 25th from 10:00-2:00. The Commissioners were invited to attend.

At this time the meeting recessed at noon for lunch. The Commissioners, Clerk and spouses were invited to have lunch and tour the new Cottage Inn Bed & Breakfast. This is a beautiful addition to the City of Elkhart and Morton County. The Commissioners, Clerk and spouses thanked Susie and Dennis Lewis and Becky Richardson for their warm hospitality and a great meal.

Deb Schnurr entered the meeting and requested approval to purchase a Landpride Treker 4420 4x4 utility vehicle. This vehicle can be used at ballgames and off the road accidents. Bid price for the vehicle is \$16,126 from Stanton County Implement, Inc. Eric suggested Deb consider purchasing 12-14 ply tires. Deb said they would also need a trailer to haul the vehicle to the schools or accident sites. Following a discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Allen, to approve this purchase. Vehicle will be paid from the Special Ambulance Fund.

A discussion took place concerning the relatively new phone system currently installed in the Sheriff's Department; the system was installed before Loren Youngers left office. Along with the new E911 equipment, a new phone system will be installed in the Sheriff's Department. Bob disqualified himself from this discussion. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to hire Epic Touch to move the phones from the Sheriff's Department to the other offices in the Courthouse.

Vienna Lee met with the Commissioners and reported that she has visited with Wally Storey, Developer, and he is interested in purchasing 2.5 acres of land that the County just purchased from the Jones brothers. A discussion took place. No action taken at this time.

Vienna requested approval for Morton County to host the July 26th meeting of PREDCI at the Clubhouse. This request was approved.

Kevin Shook entered the meeting. Kevin asked if the Commissioners had any news yet on Morton County's application to transfer water rights. Kevin said he only has 5,000,755 gallons of water left to pump at this time. The Commissioners placed a call to Gary Baker and left a message for him to return their call.

Kevin reported he has visited with vendors about pond liners vs. chemicals to reduce the amount of seepage in the pond. If the County chooses to install a liner he will have to drain the pond, dig an 18 inch trench around the pond, and then the company would come in and install the liner; cost for the liner plus installation is \$45,000. Kevin said he would probably drain the pond in December. A discussion took place concerning the fish in the pond and several options considered. This item was tabled at this time. It was noted that nothing will be done until we find out if the County's application to transfer water rights is approved in Topeka.

Justin Holliday met with the Commissioners and reported that he has a written estimate from Boaldin Electric for the electrical work to be done in preparation for installation of the E911 system in the amount of \$4500; this includes the air conditioning unit needed to keep the equipment room cool. Bob disqualified himself from this discussion. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to accept this estimate.

The Commissioners signed the Notice of Appointment for Justin Holliday to serve on the Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Change Orders from the Appraiser's Office, and the Payroll Form. The Road Petition from Epic Touch was reviewed and approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Justin presented letters of resignation from Lyndi Rowe, Dispatcher, and Brent Buser, Undersheriff. Brent's last day will be July 6th. Brent and his family are moving to Alamosa, Colorado where his wife has accepted a faculty position with Adams State College. Brent has applied to and been accepted at a mini (reciprocity) academy to obtain his Colorado certification. The academy is in the month of July. The Commissioners regretfully accepted Brent's resignation.

Justin reported he has received six applications for the full-time Dispatcher position. All applications received wanted full-time, not part-time. There is still a part-time position open.

Notice was made that a check in the amount of \$22,500 was received from KCAMP for the total loss of Charley's pickup.

Norvan Correll, Recycling & Marketing Coordinator for the Seward County Landfill, entered the meeting. Mr. Correll stated that Seward County Landfill is applying for a Competitive Plan Implementation Grant (CPI) to cover recycling of electronic waste (E-

Waste.) Seward County is applying to be a regional collection facility to cover the southwestern portion of Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle. Mr. Correll asked if Morton County would write a letter of support for this grant. The letter doesn't bind Morton County to any contract with Seward County, it would just state that we support electronics recycling in Kansas and that Morton County would be willing to utilize Seward County Landfill's E-Waste Facility. Consensus of the Commissioners was that they would write a letter of support.

At this time members of the Solid Waste Management Committee met to discuss the "Guidelines for the Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan Review." Present were Bob Boaldin, Allen Tucker, and Ron DeGarmo, Commissioners; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk; Dick Rodriguez, Elkhart City Mayor; Tim Hardy, Elkhart City Administrator; Darl Floyd, Rolla City Superintendent; Leon Ellis, Solid Waste Supervisor; Gwen Rodriguez, Solid Waste Administrative Assistant. The Five-Year Worksheet was discussed. July 2nd at 2:00 p.m. was scheduled for the Solid Waste Management Plan Five-Year Review Worksheet to be thoroughly reviewed, discussed and completed by the group. All agreed to meet at the Elkhart City Hall for this meeting. Each member took their copy of the Worksheet with them to review prior to the July 2nd meeting.

A call was received from Gary Baker. Gary informed the Commissioners that the County now needs to have a signed statement from a homeowner owning a water well one-half mile from the golf course water well indicating they do not have a problem with the County transferring water rights. Gary said this statement is need by Friday, if at all possible, due to the critical amount of water remaining to be used by the golf course. The Commissioners then requested a map from Jeff Milburn that showed a one-half mile radius from the golf course well. The Commissioners visited with Tim Hardy about the situation. Tim said he is not aware of any homeowners in the City that would be using a well since they are all on City water. Tim said he would have Joel Aranda look into the matter right away; there may be some old wells that have not been capped that Joel may be aware of. Eric said he would prepare the statement immediately in the event a homeowner is located. The Commissioners asked Mr. Baker to request an extension from Groundwater Management.

Leon Ellis informed the Commissioners that there is a landowner who lives on state line road who has musk thistle growing. He has asked the landowner to have it treated or Leon will treat it and send the landowner the bill. This will be a legal notice.

Leon mentioned that he, Gwen and Amy will be attending the four-day Noxious Weed Summer Conference in July in El Dorado.

Ron mentioned he would like to see the County recognize the Rolla Quiz Bowl students by inviting them for lunch with the Commissioners. The students won the State competition under the coaching of Randy Bane. A pizza lunch was agreed on. Ron will contact the individuals and attempt to get a count for the meal. The date of July 9th was scheduled for the event.

Vicki Peacock, County Treasurer, entered the meeting and reported that Stephany Coffman has told her she would not be available to return to work until September or later. Vicki said she needs to get someone trained before this next tax season. Approval was given for Vicki to begin advertising the position immediately.

The Clerk requested approval to have the wood around the windows in the Airport Terminal repaired. Bob Johnson has given a quote of \$500 for the job. Following a short discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to approve these repairs.

The revised Proposal Request #5 for the Civic Center was reviewed and approved on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron. This proposal included a generator, generator enclosure, light poles, transformer pad and related work.

Payment Application #12 to Orr Construction for the Civic Center was reviewed and approved for payment on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

The Commissioners reviewed the IT Manager Activity Report for June 4-22.

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