

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 21, 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; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk. County Attorney, Eric Witcher, was sick this day.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the May 7, 2007 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Payment Application #11 to Orr Construction for the Civic Center in the amount of \$102,884 was reviewed and approved for payment on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen.

The Clerk gave the Commissioners a copy of the IT Manager's Job Report for May 7-18 for their review.

Vienna Lee met with the Commissioners and discussed kitchen equipment that is to be ordered for the Civic Center. A discussion also took place concerning ordering tables and chairs and the number of each that would be ordered at this time. The Commissioners authorized Vienna to order the tables and chairs. Vienna said the Kitchen Designer should be here in June and will be ready to install the kitchen equipment.

The Commissioners reviewed information regarding the ice makers and bins for the Civic Center. Consensus was to lease a machine from Boaldin Electric & Refrigeration instead of purchasing one.

Vienna reported there is quite a backlog on passports. The Passport Agency has indicated to Economic Development that they should tell clients not to plan a trip abroad until you actually receive your passport. Vienna will put something in the newspaper regarding this new information.

The Commissioners asked Vienna to help determine what office furniture and equipment will be needed in the Civic Center Events Coordinator's office.

At this time Leonard Hernandez and Gary Talbert entered the meeting. A review was made of the request for time extension for April for the Assisted Living Project (13 days.) Also reviewed were the recent Fire Marshal Findings and Bid/Repair Information for the Hospital, Care Center and Special Needs Unit. At this time it is estimated the costs for

repairs will be \$38,777. This amount reflects equipment only. Mr. Talbert indicated he has filed for an extension on some items but has not heard if they have been approved yet. Leonard said he brought the Fire Marshal Survey to the Commissioners' attention in case they hear of additional construction work going on at the Hospital.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to approve the additional weather days for the Assisted Living Project.

Mr. Hernandez reported that the Long Term Care Unit in Boise City has been decertified. Leonard said that Boise City hopes to make those residents Hospital swing-bed patients in an effort to keep the Hospital open. Morton County Care Center will be receiving four residents from Boise City. Since word is out that the Boise City LTC is closing, the Morton County Care Center has had an influx of residents.

The Commissioners signed the Change Orders.

The Department Heads met with the Commissioners for their regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Charles, Leon, Charley, Kevin, Vienna, Larry, Tracie, Deb, Brandi, Rhianna, Justin, Sally. The Commissioners stressed that invoices must be attached to the Vouchers when submitted for payment. Without the invoice there is no basis for payment of the bill. The Commissioners also mentioned that it is the Department Head's responsibility, not Accounts Payable, to indicate whether the Voucher is to be paid out of their Contractual or Commodities budget.

Other items included in the above were reminders to fill up the van before returning it to the Courthouse so it will be ready for the next person to take. Also, take the key and the gas card to the Sheriff's Department, no matter how late you get in. A recent incident took place when the van was returned to the Courthouse and the lights were left on. The Sheriff's Department did not have keys to get into the van and turn the lights off so they called Wanda at 9:30 p.m. Wanda then went to the Courthouse to get the extra set of keys but they were gone too. The Deputy then had to proceed to unlock the van by other means to get the lights off.

Each of the Supervisors then gave their individual department reports. Brandi Fleming introduced Rhianna Shaw, the new RN at the Health Department. Kristi Winters is moving and Rhianna is filling that position. Rhianna told a little about herself and the Commissioners asked the Supervisors to tell Rhianna what their job title is and a little about what their department does. Sheriff Holliday reported the new drug dog is on staff and had Allen Clark, the Handler, bring the dog to the meeting so all could see him. The dog's name is Ollie.

Brandi presented the Commissioners a copy of the Health Department Report from May 1st-25th for their review. Brandi also presented a copy of the 2006 Kansas Nursing Wage Survey for review.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Following lunch the Commissioners drove to the Civic Center and did a walk-thru, drove to the Assisted Living Project to inspect the progress, and drove to the USD 218 High School Track (the Road Department is tearing out the old track.)

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners. The Commissioners asked Charley to take out the Airport sign on the Highway and store it until the Civic Center is completed.

A discussion took place concerning the acceleration/deceleration lanes in front of the Civic Center. Consensus was that the Road Department does not have the knowledge, manpower, materials or funds for this project. The Commissioners asked Charley to notify Kirkham-Michael, Chuck Oldacker and McBride Construction that this project is cancelled.

At this time Gene Higgins and Myrna Barnes met with the Commissioners to discuss the bids for painting the Museum. Bids were presented as follows:

R K Painting, Inc. (Garden City)	\$16,229.70
Randy's Professional Painting & Sandblasting (Turpin)	\$14,500.00

Following a short discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to accept the bid from R K Painting because it spelled out exactly what he will do to the building. The other bid simply gave an amount for the job.

A discussion took place concerning the furnace at the Museum. The furnace has quit again; it has been repaired so many times. Consensus of the Commissioners was to replace the furnace in the front and then get bids for new units for the rest of the building to be included in the 2008 budget.

Charley presented estimates for repairs to his pickup that was recently involved in an accident. Both bids indicate the repairs exceed the value of the vehicle. All of this will be sent to KCAMP, the County's liability insurance company.

Charley stated he received a bid from Denny Brown to seal the Airport (apx. \$110,000.) He is waiting for another bid.

The Commissioners asked the Clerk to contact Tarbet and get a bid for cementing the short taxiway. Perhaps this can be budgeted in 2008.

Leon Ellis stated they have sold 205 tons of crushed cement at the Landfill but have a lot more to sell. Leon presented the bill from Lee Construction for crushing the concrete in the amount of \$127,942.95 (information item.) He will send the bill through on a Voucher to be paid.

The Weed Department has started spraying. The Commissioners signed the letter to the Kansas Department of Agriculture indicating Morton County has decided to utilize the current Noxious Weed Control Plan, no changes at this time.

Kevin Shook asked if the golf course could use some of the crushed cement to lengthen a cart path. The Commissioners approved giving the golf course what they need.

Kevin requested approval to order additional score cards. The company we have used in the past is running a special (20,000 for \$995.00.) The purchase was approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Kevin reported that Ty Koonce and Hallie Powell, summer help, are doing a good job. And, they show up on time! Kevin also mentioned they are about half-way through the tournament schedule. The Commissioners signed the Capital Outlay Request Form for Kevin to purchase the Greensmaster 3150 mower in the amount of \$23,398.99, a budgeted item.

Justin Holliday entered the meeting and requested consideration to increase the hourly wage for a part-time Dispatcher. Justin said he has researched what area counties are paying their hourly Dispatchers and determined the median wage is \$8.50/hr. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to approve paying a part-time Dispatcher \$8.50/hr. since he/she will not be receiving any benefits.

Justin presented information from Wright Express for a universal fuel credit card and discussed the need for him and the Deputies to have a universal card to be used when they are out of the county on business. Cost of the program is \$40, a one-time setup fee, and then \$2 per card, per month. Five cards are needed and will not have names on them, only County One, County Two, etc. The Commissioners accepted Justin's recommendation on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen.

The Commissioners reminded Justin that there are to be no riders in the county emergency vehicles. The Commissioners had received reports of a Deputy's spouse riding in the vehicle on several occasions. Justin said the matter has already been taken care of.

A discussion took place concerning safety at the horse races outside of Rolla. Justin said he has a plan to patrol the area.

Rolla City Council Members, David Light, Steve Hittle, Gene Link, and the Rolla City Superintendent, Darl Floyd, met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of the County assisting Rolla, as they did last year, as they make improvements to 17 City blocks this summer. Darl said it would probably only take a day and a half. He requested the County provide the equipment and Rolla will provide the materials. The County can then smooth out the materials. Darl also requested consideration for the County to make repairs to Eisenhower Street after they make the repairs to County Road

J. The Commissioners said they will let Charley know they have visited with Rolla City and will have him get with Darl when he is ready to do the work.

The June meetings were scheduled for June 4th and June 25th.

A discussion took place concerning a recent incident where an individual fell down the front stairs after pushing open the front door of the Courthouse. She said the door was very hard to open and she lost her footing after she got it opened. Larry saw the lady fall and hurried to help her. There were no broken bones but the individual was very shaken. She did go to the emergency room to get checked over and the doctor told her she would be very sore for about four days. The Clerk will send the incident to KCAMP along with any bill that is received. Insurance will only pay up to \$1000. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to contact Larry Simmons and get information concerning the possibility of installing one sliding door in the front entrance. Perhaps this can be included in the 2008 budget.

The next WEKANDO meeting will be held at the Grant County Library in Ulysses on May 24th at 9:00 a.m.

At this time a call was placed to Gary Baker. Gary said he doesn't know any more at this time regarding the water permit for the Golf Course. The application has been approved by Ground Water Management and is on David Pope's desk in Topeka now. Gary said Mr. Pope can always choose not to sign the application, even though GWM has recommended him signing it. Gary said he will be meeting with David Pope in June but in the mean time we will just have to wait and see what happens.

Consensus of the Commissioners was to not nominate anyone to serve on the County FSA Committee.

A discussion took place concerning the generator for the Civic Center, the electrical transformer pad, gas line, gas regulator, etc; also, the parking lot light poles with electric receptacles. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to approve these items in the amount of \$209,084.

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