

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 1, 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. Eric Witcher, County Attorney, was out of town this day.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Ron, seconded by Bob.

No bills were presented for payment at this time.

Vienna Lee and Tim Hardy entered the meeting. A discussion took place concerning the need to have the property on Highway 56 surveyed.

An email from Ashley Fiss regarding a walk-through of the Civic Center was reviewed. Ashley will come to the meeting later this day, after she makes a walk-through, and will discuss the notes she took.

A discussion took place concerning the County Fire Fund and the need to replace some trucks. This item will be placed on the next Agenda and discussed with Charles Hull.

Brad Weisenburger and Robert Crain, Bucher, Willis & Ratliff, met with the Commissioners and discussed some of the projects they have done for Morton County in the past. BWR prepared the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the Airport in 1979 and in 2000. A discussion also took place concerning plans for future improvements to the Airport.

Ron reported that Wade Wisdom can't seem to get electricity to his Airport hangar. Ronnie Anderson said we need to get a different meter. Ronnie told Wade that he had contacted Tri-County about this matter quite a while ago and just can't get them here to do the job.

The bill from Kirkham Michael for engineering services at the Civic Center in the amount of \$1343.74 was reviewed and approved for payment on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the job description, with changes, for the full-time Maintenance/Housekeeping position at the Civic Center. Following a short discussion approval was given for the Clerk to begin advertising this position immediately.

Ashley Fiss met with the Commissioners and presented Change Order #5 for the Civic Center. This Change Order was in reference to relocating the light poles. The Change Order was approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen. Ashley then discussed items that still need to be completed at the Civic Center. She just wanted to touch base with the Commissioners to let them know that the walk-through list has been started. A discussion took place concerning the stained concrete floor and other floors. The Commissioners expressed their extreme disappointment in the stained floor. Concern was also expressed over the kitchen floor. Ashley said she will contact the company who sells the stain and sealer and see if there is something that can be done to improve the appearance of the floor. A walk-through with the Commissioners will be scheduled at a later date.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch. After lunch the Commissioners drove to the Civic Center to view the parking lots and roads currently being asphalted by the County Road Department. They also drove to the Assisted Living construction site to view the progress being made. While there they visited with Jon Ryman and asked when he was going to be able to finish up at the Civic Center. Jon said his problem is that he needs the same crew currently working on the Assisted Living project to be at the Civic Center and just can't let them loose right now because of deadlines to be met. Jon had previously told the Commissioners that they would be able to get in the building the first week in October, now he hopes it will be the first week in November.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners. Charley distributed his August and September Road Reports. Charley reported they have had problems with the asphalt plant. He hopes they get to start again in the morning. Charley indicated that once they get everything covered once, they will have one more lift to put on the parking lot. He said it will not take too long to do the streets. Charley also said that once the plant is up and running he plans to have the guys work longer hours and weekends to get the projects completed.

Charley asked the Commissioners if they want him to keep Kirkham Michael on as consultants next year; cost of this service is \$800/month and there would be an extra charge for inspecting the bridges each year. The Commissioners asked Charley to get a list of what services are covered for the \$800/month before making this decision.

Leon Ellis said he received a check in the amount of \$11,019.05 for the 314.8 tons of metal sold at the Landfill. He said there should be one more load of metal yet to be sold.

Approval was given to transfer \$3000 from the Landfill Contractual budget to Commodities on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Leon reported they are getting ready to control wildlife again. He requested a new piece of equipment in the amount of \$350 for the 4-wheeler. Consensus of the Commissioners was to approve this purchase.

Kevin Shook entered the meeting and reported he contacted Jack Thompson, Road Department Mechanic, to look at the Airport Courtesy Car. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Kevin and Don for their vigil over the Airport.

Kevin requested approval to attend the Annual Kansas Turf Conference in Topeka November 13-15. Kevin said Don would not be able to attend this year due to a conflict. Motion for Kevin to attend the conference was given on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Kevin mentioned that today is his 9th year anniversary as Golf Superintendent at the Point Rock Golf Club. He said he still likes to go to work every day and thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to be a part of the "Team." The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Kevin for all that he has accomplished at the golf course. Kevin said he and Don work well together and his plan is to just keep making the course better each year.

The Road Petition from CIG was approved on a motion from Ron, seconded by Allen.

The Commissioners signed the letter to be included in the Audit Report to be sent to KDHE, Bureau of Waste Management.

A call was placed to the Sheriff's Department to see if the Sheriff was available to visit with the Commissioners. The Dispatcher said she would contact Justin and get back to them. The Dispatcher did return the call and said that Justin did not have anything to discuss with the Commissioners this day. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to type a Memo to Justin regarding matters they wanted to visit with Justin about: The black truck at the fenced area at the Morton Building; When can he schedule a demonstration of the Drug Dog (in light of the article in the Tri-State News regarding "Drug Task Force to Aid Morton County.); and Deputies driving county-owned vehicles with spouses or family members as riders. These items will be placed on the next Agenda to be further discussed.

The Commissioners will meet with the Elkhart City Council on October 16th at 7:00 p.m. to request an extension of 3rd Street. This will be the street in front of the Assisted Living Facility.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Allen, seconded by Ron.