

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 7, 2008

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 out of town this day.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the June 23, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Leonard Hernandez, CEO, and Jeff Weaver, CFO, Morton County Health System, met with the Commissioners. Leonard distributed a copy of the "waiting list" for the Assisted Living Facility. Leonard also mentioned that Orr Construction is 117 days over the contracted date of completion; \$500/day.

Jeff presented the Assisted Living Project Funds through May 2008. A lengthy discussion took place.

Randy Edelman, representing the Rolla Cemetery Board, entered the meeting and reported that the Board is very disappointed in the cemetery roads project. A discussion took place. Ron said he will get with Randy and take a look at the roads. Heft & Sons, however, has already left Morton County and there is no way to make any repairs. Randy also mentioned that they broke a couple of sprinkler heads during the asphaltting process.

Rhianna Shaw met with the Commissioners and gave an update on the status of the Health Department. They purchased a new Bioterrorism trailer and Willie Furr is going to build shelves for it. Rhianna mentioned that she would like to return to work on Monday, July 14th, but does not have a babysitter and will have to take the baby to work with her. A lengthy discussion took place. The Commissioners informed Rhianna that after visiting with the County's liability insurance and with Bud Cowan, Attorney Assist, consensus was to not allow her to take the baby to work. The Commissioners advised Rhianna to take Family Medical Leave until she can find a babysitter. Rhianna completed the Family Medical Leave Request Form. The Commissioners also reviewed with Rhianna the certifications she is required to complete in order for her to be the Health Department Administrator.

Henry Hemke, SKADAF, entered the meeting and gave the Commissioners an update on what SKADAF does for Morton County. Henry stated that they will no longer be able to license their facility with the State as a "Half-Way House." They may, however, be able

to designate it as a "House Arrest" facility. Henry assured the Commissioners that they will continue to provide the services ordered by the court. Henry thanked the Commissioners for their past support in budgeting the alcohol tax to go to SKADAF and requested this same consideration as they prepare the 2009 Budget. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to approve keeping the liquor tax in the budget.

Ed Johnson met with the Commissioners and presented a bid from Parker Water Well Service to install a water line east of the rodeo arena at the spray plane fill station in the amount of \$2,380. A discussion took place. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to accept this bid.

A discussion took place concerning a bill received from Hobart for repairs to the dishwasher at the Rolla Senior Center. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to pay this bill, but only if there will not be another bill for the same repairs. The Clerk's office will contact Hobart to confirm this matter.

Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob, to pay \$41,485.35 to Morton County Health System for current items for the Assisted Living Facility. Motion was also made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to approve payment of Pay Application #16 to Orr Construction in the amount of \$137,366 for the Assisted Living Facility.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Form, the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant Registers, the Change Order from the Treasurer, and the Capital Outlay Budget Request Form for Economic Development to purchase the passport photo equipment in the amount of \$1726.31.

Leon Ellis met with the Commissioners and reported that he and Gwen would be traveling to Hiawatha, Kansas to attend the Summer Conference for the Weed Department.

A call was placed to Ashley Fiss regarding an email received from Orr Construction and what measures might be taken to rectify the floor at the Civic Center. Ashley said she will contact Orr Construction and let them know that they need to go ahead and schedule the floor work with Charley Tucker, Civic Center Director.

The Commissioners reviewed the two applications received for the RN position at the Health Department. Consensus was to give the applications to Rhianna to review, interview, and recommend.

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

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners. A discussion took place concerning the Rolla Cemetery roads. Charley said he will be sending them a bill for the amount of materials used for the road. A review was made of the Heft & Sons bill and the number of tons hauled for the individual jobs. A discussion also took place concerning the asphalt damage done to the Civic Center parking lot. Charley said he will get some crack

sealer and take care of the parking lot. Charley then distributed a copy of his June Road Report.

The Commissioners suggested that additional advertising be done for an Assistant Road Supervisor; perhaps in the KAC Newsletter, as well as the newspapers in Guymon and Hugoton and the Epic Touch and Pioneer Communications rollovers.

Kevin Shook entered the meeting and reported that he has been keeping his summer helpers busy. They have mowed the Airport and some of the Civic Center, power washed the gazebo and have been restraining the gazebo. The bathrooms out on the course have been cleaned up and they are getting things ready for the upcoming singles tournament.

Justin Holliday mentioned he has still not received any money for the drug dog.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to go into executive session from 1:40-1:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

A discussion took place concerning the 2007 report needed by the Forest Service in order for them to pay Morton County the \$4100, per contract, for law enforcement to patrol the Grasslands. Justin said he is still working on the 2007 report.

Justin gave an update on the security measures now in place in the Court Clerk's office. There is also a key pad at the back door of the office.

The Clerk presented the Commissioners a copy of Lynette Shrauner's letter of resignation from the Register of Deeds office. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to regretfully accept Lynette's resignation.

Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Allen, to approve purchasing the IBM Optical Library Maintenance in the amount of \$8500.

Bob left the meeting at this time.

Charley Tucker entered the meeting and reported the following:

- Still trying to get the sound system, stage and lighting that should have been installed the end of May.
- He and Amy have been putting together additional table carts.
- He has still not heard anything back from the roof people.
- The flag poles are ready to be installed. The Commissioners said that Mr. Stiver will be contacting him to schedule a time for installation.
- He met with the Fair Board. The Rolla Methodist Youth will have the concession stand in the Civic Center during the Fair.
- ETC took out some of the burned out light bulbs in the parking lot light poles. Charley will now find out where to order some new ones.

-A discussion took place concerning a date for dedicating the Civic Center; August 2nd was settled on. The Commissioners reviewed the wording for the plaque and gave their approval with additions.

SDSI and Russell Child Development representatives met with the Commissioners and presented their 2009 Budget requests as follows: SDSI \$15,000; Russell Child Development \$10,000. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Missy McKinley, Russell Child Development Board Member, for the time she gives to the organization.

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