

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

Allen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Allen Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Ron DeGarmo, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk. Bob Boaldin, Chairman, was out of town this day.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the August 25, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

No bills were presented at this time.

A discussion took place concerning Mel Hammontree's request to purchase land at the Airport to construct an 80' x 80' hangar. Consensus of the Commissioners was to discuss this with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff since they are in the process of updating the Airport Master Plan.

The Commissioners signed the Road Petitions for Teeter Irrigation and EOG Resources, Inc., the Payroll Form, the Abatement Order from the Appraiser's Office, the Payroll Warrant Register, the budget forms for the Fair Association, the Extension Council, SDSI and Russell Child Development.

Approval was given for the County Attorney to purchase two computers out of the Diversion Fund to be used by the District Court Clerk and the Magistrate Judge in the amount of \$5868.00.

Approval was given for Marla Houtz, Health Department Billing Clerk, to attend the September 4-5 "Build Your Knowledge" Workshop in Salina on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Commissioner Tucker was appointed to serve as the voting delegate at the Annual KWORCC Meeting and Commissioner DeGarmo will serve as the alternate delegate.

Justin Holliday, Sheriff, entered the meeting and reported he has offered the full-time Dispatch position to Allison Peterson and she has accepted; starting salary will be \$1750/mo. Justin stated he has started advertising for the part-time Dispatch position.

Kevin Shook, Golf Superintendent, met with the Commissioners. Kevin mentioned there was an Advisory Board meeting last night and that went well. Kevin also reported that

he drove to the old helium plant and determined that he might be able to use one of the old buildings offered to the County. However, the cost of moving the 40' x 80' building may prove to be cost prohibitive. He is considering calling Malone Buildings to see what a prefabricated building would cost for comparison. Kevin also mentioned that the last tournament is this weekend and the last couple's night is September 20th.

Charley Tucker entered the meeting. A short discussion took place concerning insurance for special events. The Clerk reported she has not heard anything back from Tom Job, KCAMP Administrator, about the insurance.

Charley reported there is a Quincenera scheduled for Saturday and the party has asked for seating for 600. They are renting the entire Civic Center facility for the event.

No word has been heard from Mark regarding the floor at the Civic Center, nor any word yet on the stage, sound and lights that have been promised to be installed on or before September 20th.

The Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Stiver Construction to set the flag poles at the Civic Center in the amount of \$3610. Following a short discussion motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to accept this proposal. Approval was also given to get an estimate from Mr. Stiver to raise the doorway in the storage room to allow the chair carts to be moved in and out with out having to take the top chairs off.

Consensus of the Commissioners was that since the Fair Board is not utilizing the corner office they used during the Fair at this time, this space should be used for other meetings or events. At this time the space is needed for storage but will also be needed in the event of an emergency situation; the space has been designated as the Command Center for the Emergency Response Team.

Charley reported there are still leaks from the roof, same places; the one in the Lobby is getting pretty big. The Commissioners asked Charley to contact Ashley Fiss.

Charley also reported that the over-window roll down in the kitchen has still not been replaced. The Commissioners asked Charley to also mention this to Ashley.

Charley mentioned that some of the lobby furniture is in at Guymon Furniture. He plans to go look at it on Friday.

The Fall Rummage Roundup went well; 13 booths @ \$10 ea. Charley said they did do a concession stand and broke even on the event.

October 4th is the date for the Elvis and The Beatles event. Charley said he is not going to spend as much on advertising (radio), he is going to do more local advertising. He wants this event to be more of a family type event and perhaps have residents of the Assisted Living or elderly bussed to the event. Cost of the Elvis & Beatles show will be

\$5500 if they have to bring their own sound and lights. We have been promised, however, that our system will be installed on or before September 20th.

Carrie and Jay Williams catered the Frownfelter wedding. Carrie has visited with Bob about some of the items needed in the kitchen at the Civic Center. Carrie, Tammy Hardy and Becky Ellis will be visiting with Charley today at 1:00 about this matter.

Charley reported all receipts from past events have now been turned in to the Treasurer.

Leon Ellis entered the meeting. Leon stated he has received a letter of resignation from Manuel Suarez. The Commissioners reluctantly accepted this resignation. Leon said he currently has an Ad on the cable for this position. Because this is a four-day position, Leon suggested the salary be reduced to \$1400/mo. This was acceptable to the Commissioners.

Commissioner DeGarmo mentioned to Leon that Wade Wisdom has visited with him about the crushed cement at the Landfill and told Ron that he was under the impression that the Landfill was going to give Seaboard a discount on the cement. Leon stated that he told Wade that if Seaboard would take all of the crushed cement he would give them a discount; they did not take all of the material. However, if someone would take all of the crushed cement, Leon said he would only charge them \$11/ton.

Leon informed the Commissioners that he may be gone most of next week because of a family situation.

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

At this time Bob Boaldin entered the meeting.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners. Bob reported on the meeting he attended this morning with the Deputy Secretary of Transportation regarding the railroad. He also mentioned the Transportation meeting to be held on September 11th in Garden City and asked Charley if he would plan to attend that meeting. Charley said he would attend.

Charley gave the Commissioners a copy of his August Road Report and stated they are finishing the clean-up at the CIG site.

Charley reported he visited with Kevin Shook about the area where water ran through the culvert at the Civic Center area and cut an area going towards the Museum. Kevin had already planted grass seed and will plan to re-seed the area.

The Fair Board paid their bill for the crushed cement and Charley turned the money in to the Treasurer to be put into the Landfill's budget.

Charley mentioned that Scott Power expressed an interest in purchasing the “multiplier” at the Road Department. Charley said Road has never even used it because all of the parts are not there; he thinks Loren Youngers bought it through the State’s Surplus Supply. Charley asked if he could give the equipment to Scott Power and request an \$800 credit with them. Approval was given to request the credit.

Bob asked Charley if he could arrange to place a “Caution, Children” sign and a “Stop Ahead” sign on County Road D. Charley said he has already taken care of it.

At this time Carrie Williams, Becky Ellis, Tammy Hardy and Charley Tucker met with the Commissioners to discuss kitchen items needed at the Civic Center. Consensus of the Commissioners was for the group to identify what is needed, get costs, and then make a recommendation to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will then review the items and order those they feel are crucial at this time.

Carrie asked why those paying for full use of the kitchen only get to use 50 plates and service ware. Carrie said she feels full use of the kitchen should allow the renter to have full use of all available in the kitchen. The Commissioners asked the group to return with a recommendation to be considered.

Charley asked if the Civic Center Directors could have a break-out session at “Little KAC.” The Commissioners felt this was a good idea; Charley can share what he learned at his meeting in Florida.

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