

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 15, 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; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Bob, to approve the Road Petitions from Anadarko.

The Commissioners signed the Signatory Page for the Community Corrections Year-End Outcomes, Fiscal Years 2007-2008. The Commissioners also signed the Accounts Payable Warrant Register and the Capital Outlay Request Forms for EMS for items previously approved (\$1697 for cab cover for the 4 x 4; \$581.70 for light bulbs; and \$10,796 for the ambulance cart.)

A short discussion took place concerning the Mechanic's Lien filed by Pete Woods Excavating. Eric said Mr. Woods needs to file against Orr Construction's bond for the Assisted Living Facility, not the County.

The Commissioners reviewed the expenses for the 2008 Morton County Health Fair. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to pay Morton County Health System \$15,000, as previously agreed, to help defer the expenses.

The Commissioners reviewed the current job description for the Assistant Road Supervisor position and suggested changes. Eric will make these changes and have them ready for further review at the next meeting.

Deb Schnurr entered the meeting. Deb asked the Commissioners to consider hiring Tausha Espinoza, EMS Billing Clerk, as a full-time employee. Tausha is an EMT now and they can really use her during the day when most of the other EMTs are working. No action taken at this time.

Deb reported that she is working with USD 218 to hold an EMT class at the High School. All of the details are not available at this time but Deb will keep the Commissioners updated as plans progress.

A call was placed to Ashley Fiss, Civic Center Architect. Items discussed included the floor (Orr Construction has indicated they are definitely going to fix the floor), leaks in the roof, and the roll-up kitchen window. Ashley stated that Overhead Door has indicated they are going to replace the roll-up and she will contact them to find out when that will happen.

Vienna Lee met with the Commissioners and reported that Brad Livingston has a conflict and will not be able to be the speaker at the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties meeting to be held October 7th. A short discussion took place and several names were recommended for Vienna to contact. Vienna said she will keep the Commissioners advised.

The Supervisors met with the Commissioners for their regular monthly meeting. Present were Gwen, Charley McKinley, Rhianna Shaw, Vienna Lee, Charley Tucker, Justin Holliday and Karensa Meek. The main topic of discussion was the upcoming SWKAC meeting. Each present then gave their individual departmental reports.

Rhianna presented the Commissioners a copy of the August 1-31, and September 1-15 Encounter Report. Rhianna also requested, and given approval, on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron, for Pam Baldwin, Healthy Start Coordinator, to attend the Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect to be held in Wichita October 29-31.

Rhianna stated she will be attending the ICS 400 class to be held in Satanta on October 8th and 9th. This will be her last ICS class which is needed for Bioterrorism.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Following lunch the Commissioners inspected the Airport runways and property and then inspected the property on the highway.

Kevin Shook received approval to attend the Golf Superintendent's Meeting in Andover, October 13-14, on a motion from Ron, seconded by Allen.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners. All present discussed the Assistant Road Supervisor job description and some of the revisions to be made. The Commissioners also asked Charley if he would schedule some of his staff to clean up the highway property and to keep that property on a schedule since it is an area seen as you first enter Elkhart.

Charley reported on the Kansas T-Link meeting he attended in Ulysses on September 11th.

Leon Ellis recommended hiring Clifford Rankin to fill the full-time position at the Landfill at a monthly salary of \$1400 (this is a four day a week position.) Motion to approve this recommendation was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen. Leon will begin advertising the part-time position.

Tim Hardy entered the meeting. Tim asked if the Commissioners would want to consider having sewer and water installed on the highway property. This can be done as the City re-writes the sewer district for Bob Johnson. Tim stated it might be something to consider from an economic development standpoint. The Commissioners thanked Tim for the information and said they will take this item under advisement.

Justin Holliday met with the Commissioners. Justin shared pictures of a rollover that recently took place in the Rolla area.

Justin reported the DARE program will begin in Rolla the end of this week and will start in Elkhart in October. The program is geared to the 5th grade classes. County Deputy Nate Gant and City Officer Justin Groth will serve as the DARE Instructors.

The Commissioners asked Justin if he has received any kind of refund on the drug dog. Justin indicated that he and Eric are attempting to get something worked out.

Charley Tucker met with the Commissioners. Charley mentioned that Mr. Stiver has started working on the installation of the flag poles. The Commissioners placed a call to Kent Boaldin and asked if he would place a light on the Civic Center building to be directed at the flag.

Charley reported that there is no 220 volt in the Event Hall and requested this be installed on each wall. The Commissioners asked Charley to contact Kent and get a proposal for this. The Commissioners also asked Charley if he would have Kent look at the electrical boxes and determine if wheels can be installed on them.

At this time Deb Schnurr, Tony Hoyt and Tausha Espinoza entered the meeting and gave a short demonstration on the new Stryker power cart.

Charley discussed numerous problems that occurred during the last event at the Civic Center; the party included over 600 people. Charley asked if there can be a contract that would include the number of people attending. Eric gave several suggestions to include letting Charley know a certain number of days prior to the event and then the charge for use of the facility could be based on the number of people attending. Charley suggested that if an event is to begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 2:00 a.m. there would be an added charge if the even continued after 2:00 a.m. Also, during events the size of the last one, he needs some event staff.

A review was made of some of the items on the list presented by Carrie Williams, Becky Ellis and Tammy Hardy, and a discussion took place concerning the costs involved.

Charley mentioned that he is still looking for some furniture items for the front entrance in the Civic Center. Charley also mentioned that the Elvis and the Beatles Concert will be held on October 4th.

Vienna Lee reported that Mike Shannon has agreed to be the Guest Speaker at the SWKAC Meeting on October 7th.

The Clerk reported that the bronze plaque for the Civic Center has been received. The Commissioners viewed the plaque.

Ron mentioned there is a KLPG meeting coming up in Russell. Both Ron and Allen will plan to attend. Bob said he will be out of town during that time.

The October meetings were tentatively set for October 13th and 27th.

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