

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 13, 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 15, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Eric reported there are 26 different properties ready to go for a tax sale. Approval was given for Eric to move forward with the preparations for the sale on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bob reported on the meeting he recently attended with Steve Rice, Vicki Peacock, Mary Gilmore and Charley Tucker. It was a very positive and informative meeting with Steve giving recommendations on how funds received from events at the Civic Center should be handled.

A discussion took place concerning upcoming holidays. Consensus of the Commissioners was to give the employees December 25-26th and January 1-2nd off.

A discussion took place concerning the Library and Courthouse roofs. The Clerk was asked to get two bids for repairs/replacement to the Library roof.

Joe Hartman met with the Commissioners and requested approval for the Methodist Men and the Knights of Columbus to use the Civic Center for the distribution of toys on December 13th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. Approval was given for use of the Center and the Commissioners agreed to waive the user fee.

Joe reported that as of this day he is not aware that Justin Holliday has turned in the law enforcement activity report on the Grasslands for 2008 in order for the County to receive the funds as contracted. He is also not aware that the 2007 report was received and the County will lose those funds if the report was not sent. The Commissioners informed Joe that they will visit with Justin about the reports.

Approval was given for Vienna to attend the American Wind Energy Association Kansas Wind Belt Tour on October 14th in Liberal and the Great Plains Development, Inc. Annual Meeting on October 16th in Dodge City, on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Faye Trent, GPDI Grant Administrator, entered the meeting and presented Addendum #1 to the Agreement for Revolving Fund Administration for the Commissioner's approval. This addendum increases the percentage GPDI receives for administering the Micro-Loans for Morton County to 7% (formerly 5%). The Addendum was approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen, and signed. Faye also presented Addendum #1 to the State of Kansas Micro-Loan Local Revolving Loan Fund Grant Agreement. This addendum now reads that loans may be made up to \$25,000. The Addendum was approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen, and signed.

A discussion took place concerning the possibility of Morton County increasing the interest rate on the Micro-Loans. Consensus of the Commissioners was to keep the interest rate at 4%.

Faye presented for the Commissioners review the Micro-Loan application for Chad and Brenda Herron, d/b/a Big C's in Elkhart. The loan was reviewed, approved and signed on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen. Also signed were the Determination of Level of Review and the form indicating that the business is not in a flood plain or on a runway.

Karensa Meek, District Court Clerk, met with the Commissioners. A discussion took place concerning the amount currently being paid to jurors on their first day and thereafter. Consensus of the Commissioners was to pay those called to jury duty \$10 until impaneled; then \$25 per day.

Approval was given to Charles Hull to begin putting the specs together for a new brush unit for the Fire Department. The Commissioners also signed the Capital Outlay Form for the new skid unit.

Tony Hoyt requested approval to purchase two Black & Decker Spotlights to be used in the EMS vehicles at a cost of \$44.79 each. Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

A discussion took place concerning two options for reconstruction of the taxiway connecting the apron at the Airport. Kerry Adams, Bucher, Willis & Ratliff, is assisting with this grant process and has recommended Option B after visiting with George Lalliberte, KDOT Airport Division. Option B would align the taxiway without regard of the existing lights. George felt that removing the existing lights and doing bid alternates for replacing the lights with new lights or temporary reflectorized markers was a good course of action. Consensus of the Commissioners was to use the reflectorized markers and then apply for a new grant for the lights. The lights that will be removed during construction can be saved and utilized under a new grant.

The Road Petitions for Anadarko and Epic Touch were reviewed and approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

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

Charley McKinley presented the September Road Report for the Commissioners' review.

Charley reported the paint striper will be here this week. They will stripe Second Street first and will do a total of 30 miles.

A discussion took place concerning the new job description for the Assistant County Road Supervisor. It is believed the job description is now ready to be distributed with any applications.

Approval was given for the Landfill to advertise for part-time help at the Landfill. Gwen reported they are getting ready to begin their wildlife control. The Commissioners asked if they ever got their snake chaps and asked Gwen to look into getting some before starting the control process.

The Commissioners signed the agreement for HWS to conduct the groundwater monitoring at the Landfill for October 2008 in the amount of \$2381.02.

Don Grasz met with the Commissioners to give the golf course report; Kevin was out of town. Approval was given for Kevin to attend the Annual Turfgrass Conference in November on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

A discussion took place concerning hiring Tausha Espinoza as a full-time employee in the EMS Department. Consensus of the Commissioners was that this position was not budgeted in 2008, or in 2009. No action taken.

Approval was given for Justin Holliday to purchase a new washer and dryer for the jail in the amount of \$2043.99, on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Justin reported the Dispatch and Deputies' offices had leaks following the recent rains. The Clerk will notify KCAMP. Justin also reported he has already emailed the 2008 law enforcement activity report on the Grasslands to Pueblo.

At this time Carrie and Jay Williams, Myrna Barnes, Tammy Hardy and Charley Tucker met with the Commissioners to review items and price quotes for kitchen items for the Civic Center. A discussion took place. Approval was given to order what was recommended by the group, plus the proofer warmer, for a total of \$4707.12, on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Charley presented a bid from Stiver Construction to replace the storeroom doors with eight foot high doors, paint and clean-up, and hang four shelf units in the utility rooms in the amount of \$4827.50. This bid was accepted on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Charley reported the ceiling in the lobby is wet again following the recent rains. Charley was asked to contact Ashley Fiss again about this matter.

Approval was given for Charley to pay for added staff during special events. Approval was also given to add an additional cost to any contract running past the time specified in the contract.

A discussion took place concerning the Civic Center floors. Consensus of the Commissioners was that we should just wait until after the holidays to start anything now because of the uncertainty of how long it will take to re-do the floors.

The Commissioners asked Larry to look at the sign on the outside front of the Health Department; some letters are missing. Larry will see if he can find replacements.

The Commissioners designated Allen Tucker to be the Voting Delegate for the upcoming KCAMP Annual Meeting. Allen was also designated as the KAC Voting Delegate with Ron serving as 1st Alternate and Bob as 2nd Alternate.

The November meetings were tentatively set for November 10th and November 24th.

Approval was given to pay the Hobart bill for repairs to the dishwasher at the Rolla Senior Center in the amount of \$611.29. Consensus of the Commissioners was that the Center is in dire need of a new dishwasher. Ron will visit with them about this.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Forms, five Accounts Payable Warrant Registers, the Payroll Warrant Registers, the Abated Orders from the Treasurer's Office, the Signatory Approval for the FY 2009 Carryover Reimbursements Plan for Community Corrections, the letter to KDHE that was to be included in the 2007 Financial Statements, and applications for employment as follows: Jamie Garrison, Part-time Dispatcher (\$9.00/hr.); Tom Myers, Full-Time employee at the Road Department (\$1930/mo.); Clifford Rankin, Full-Time Site Manager at the Landfill (\$1400/mo. - 4 days a week.); and Kendra Smith, Health Department RN (\$18.00/hr.)

A discussion took place concerning the County's pre-employment drug testing policy. At this time if a prospective employee's drug test comes back as a negative dilute specimen the County does not collect a new sample. New samples are collected for post-accident, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty, and follow-up. Consensus of the Commissioners was that a new sample should be collected for negative diluted specimens for pre-employment drug tests. The Clerk will contact Kansas Drug Testing to make this change.

The Commissioners reviewed the letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue stating Morton County has met the criteria to be determined to be in substantial compliance.

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