

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 27, 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 October 13, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron, to pay Morton County Health System \$22,163.34 out of bond money for items for the Assisted Living Facility.

Shelby Chapman entered the meeting to discuss the Employees Christmas Party to be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. The Colgate Country Singers have agreed to entertain the group. Consensus of the Commissioners was to give the participants Elkhart Bucks as payment. Shelby stated that Archuleta's will cater the meal and games will be played following dinner. The Commissioners asked Shelby to have Charley Tucker contact the Key Club to see if they would be willing to help with the clean-up and washing dishes; a donation can be made to the group as payment. The Commissioners authorized the Christmas Committee to spend \$300 for door prizes.

Luann Watson met with the Commissioners to discuss the LEP program. Luann said it is time to renew the codes. Consensus of the Commissioners was that if a contractor is licensed with the State of Kansas it should be okay to drill a well in Morton County.

Luann reported she is in charge of conducting Daycare inspections in the County; there are both registered and licensed facilities. Luann asked if the Commissioners would like to consider passing an ordinance giving the inspector the authority to go into a registered daycare home to inspect it, if needed. No action taken at this time.

Deb Schnurr reported that she had attended an Emergency Management meeting and was informed that salaried personnel, such as her, are to get paid overtime if there is a disaster. She will add this to her policy.

A discussion took place concerning the EMS Monthly Report for September. Also discussed were some issues during the month of October involving transfers and the lack of daytime EMTs. Deb presented the Commissioners the current Volunteer List.

The Supervisors met with the Commissioners. Present were Leon, Charles Hull, Charley McKinley, Larry, Tracie, Rhianna, Sally, Charley Tucker, Justin, Deb, and Vienna. Each gave their individual department reports.

Approval was given for Rhianna Shaw and Kendra Smith, Health Department RNs, to attend the November 19<sup>th</sup> Bioterrorism meeting in Wichita on a motion from Ron, seconded by Allen. Rhianna gave the Commissioners the Health Department Monthly Report (10/01/2008-10/27/2008.)

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

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners and discussed a recent KDHE inspection held at the Road Department; three violations were cited.

Leon reported that Wade Wisdom, Seaboard, has indicated they want all of the crushed cement that is left. As agreed, if Seaboard will take all of the cement, the Landfill will sell it to them for \$11.00/ton.

Jennifer Senseley entered the meeting and invited the Commissioners to attend the Burn School to be held at the Civic Center on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be an all day session and lunch will be provided. An open discussion panel will be held.

The Commissioners approved Vienna Lee to attend the Landowner Wind Energy Seminar to be held in Liberal on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Vienna mentioned that PREDCI will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Approval was given for Economic Development to provide a door prize for the celebration.

Vienna reported she recently attended the Great Plains Development Annual Meeting. A short discussion took place.

Kevin Shook was given approval to get bids for the construction of a fence around the dirt and gravel pit at the Golf Course.

Eric Witcher reported that Brad Ambrosier will be leaving the Law Firm the end of December. Brad has been serving as the County's Assistant Prosecutor.

Randy Edelman met with the Commissioners at their request. A discussion took place concerning the remodeling of the Conservation District building to accommodate the Farm Service Agency. The Commissioners stated that any contractor will require an architect's blueprints before they can bid on the project. Randy said he will get with Jennifer and find out just what the FSA office requires and then contact Randy Crosley about getting someone to do the blueprints.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to go into executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege from 2:55 to 3:10. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

Charley Tucker entered the meeting and discussed some of the Civic Center kitchen items needed. Charley also reported that Stiver will need to come back and do something about one of the flagpoles he installed; one is leaning.

Charley said he visited with Mark Morrell and Mark will do the Civic Center floors after the first of the year.

Following a discussion consensus of the Commissioners was to add a Caterer's Agreement to any Civic Center contract utilizing a Caterer.

Approval was given for Charley to attend the Fairs and Festivals meeting in Topeka January 9-11.

The Clerk reported that two hospital board members will be up for re-appointment the end of December (Kenneth Mitchell and Jack Higgins); these are three year appointments.

The Commissioners signed the Capital Outlay Budget Request Form for the washer and dryer for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$2043.99; the Payroll Form; Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrant Registers; the application of Brock Walker, Dispatcher, (\$1750/mo); and the contract between Morton County and Hay-Rice & Associates to perform the 2008 Audit in an amount not to exceed \$18,800.

All three Commissioners stated they would be able to attend the Client Appreciation Dinner with Kirkham Michael on November 17<sup>th</sup> following the Monday KAC meeting. The Clerk will RSVP for the Commissioners and spouses.

Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron, to contribute \$300, down from \$1000 last year, to the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, Inc.

A discussion took place concerning the Library roof. KCAMP wants to visit with the County Attorney about this matter.

The User's Guide to the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands Land Management Plan is on file in the Clerk's office.

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