

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 22, 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. Chairman, Bob Boaldin, was sick this day.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

Minutes of the December 8, 2008, December 15, 2008 and December 16, 2008 Minutes were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to re-appoint Kenneth Mitchell and Jack Higgins to the Hospital Board of Trustees.

Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to re-appoint Chris Rankin, Bruce Vandervort and Mary Lou Coen to the Morton County Housing Authority Board.

The Commissioners asked Monty Monroe to look at the Courthouse roof edge and see if he can give us a cost to repair it.

Chris and Tuwana Trout met with the Commissioners. Chris reported he does have a plane in the Airport hangar he is currently renting. The Commissioners were unaware of this fact and assured Mr. Trout that they would renew his rental agreement for 2009.

Justin Holliday met with the Commissioners. Justin gave a report on the "New Sheriff's School" he recently attended. Justin also reported there are currently 13 prisoners in jail at this time and two more they are going to bring back from Larned this day.

A discussion took place concerning the camera recording equipment in LEC. Justin will get the Clerk the information needed.

Vienna Lee met with the Commissioners and requested approval to change the locks at the "Graham" building. Approval was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Charley Tucker entered the meeting and reported he left a message with Perry Plumbing concerning the sewer smell at the Civic Center, it is getting worse. Charley also reported that Stiver will be at the Civic Center on January 5<sup>th</sup> to work on the storage room doors and will also look at the flag pole. Still no word from Mark Morrell on when he will do the Civic Center floors. All of the furniture is in but Charley will need some help hanging the mirrors.

The Supervisors met with the Commissioners and each gave their individual department reports. Present were Charley McKinley, Charley Tucker, Tracie Nixon, Vienna Lee, Kevin Shook, Leon Ellis, Rhianna Shaw, Karensa Meek, and Justin Holliday.

Leon advised the Commissioners that there is not much crushed concrete left; the Road Department is using some. Leon also requested approval to attend the Annual Noxious Weed Conference in Topeka in March (also for Gwen and Jason to attend.) Request was also made for Gwen and Leon to attend the Solid Waste Management Planning Meeting in Lindsborg. Approval was given for attendance at the above meetings.

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

Charley McKinley and Jack Thompson met with the Commissioners to open bids for a new grader as follows:

Van Keppel	Volvo G940 (2009) with trade	\$86,000.00
Foley	Caterpillar 140M (2008) with trade	\$96,091.57
Berry Tractor	Komatsu GD655 (2009) with trade	93,042.00

After opening the bids the Commissioners visited individually with the representatives. Consensus of the Commissioners was to wait until their December 30<sup>th</sup>, year-end meeting, to make a decision; also, the Chairman will be at that meeting.

Charley reported he contracted Diesel fuel for \$2.16/gallon.

Charley requested approval to sell the flatbed pick up box. Consensus of the Commissioners was to advertise the item and accept sealed bids. Bids to be opened at 9:00 a.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Commissioners signed the Change Orders from the Appraiser's Office; the Payroll Form; and the Payroll Warrant Register.

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