

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 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 purpose of this meeting was to conduct any year-end business.

Minutes of the December 22, 2008 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Allen.

Bills were submitted and approved for payment.

The Commissioners signed Paychecks, the Accounts Payable checks and the Change Orders from the Appraiser's Office.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners regarding the purchase of a new road grader. Bill Cummings, Foley Caterpillar, was also present at this time. The Commissioners asked Mr. Cummings if he would step out of the meeting for a brief period of time while they discussed the bids presented. A review was made of each bid opened on December 22nd and a discussion took place. Mr. Cummings was then advised he could return to the meeting. After reviewing the estimated fuel cost per year, the fuel usage estimate and buy-back offer of each company, motion was made by Allen, seconded by Bob, to purchase the Caterpillar at a cost of \$195,591.57 (trading in the 1995 Champion grader); other bids were Van Keppel (\$177,886) and Berry Tractor (\$153,042.)

The Clerk reported the first payment from the FAA for the Airport Master Plan was received (\$30,932.00.)

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to go into executive session from 9:40-10:00 for attorney-client privilege. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

A discussion took place concerning a proposed agreement in supporting the Coalition of Kansas Underground Natural Gas Storage Counties. Motion was then made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to enter into the agreement between Morton County and Pinegar, Smith & Associates. The agreement was then signed.

A discussion took place concerning the need for a card fuel pump for the Airport. Following a lengthy discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to contact Nusser Oil and have John get one ordered.

The Commissioners discussed 2009 salary increases and directed the Clerk to make the changes according to their decisions.

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