

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Bob Boaldin, Chairman; Allen Tucker, Vice-Chairmen; Ron DeGarmo, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

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

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Commissioners again reviewed the TATRO Plumbing proposal for plumbing repairs to the jail. The proposal was unclear when first reviewed. The total for all repairs needed amounts to \$8744.10. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to approve this increase.

A discussion took place concerning Bob Johnson's water and sewer lines that may be affected if ALCO constructs cement parking on the south end of the lot. The Commissioners asked Eric to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson informing them of this concern.

A discussion took place concerning WEKANDO and the railroad project. A call had been received from Dave Bozone, Stevens County Commissioner, regarding the possibility of the group meeting in Hugoton on Thursday, February 7th.

At this time Justin Holliday, Sheriff, entered the meeting. Justin stated he visited with Tom Brenneman regarding the drug dog and Mr. Brenneman is willing to purchase the dog at a reduced amount. Justin said we haven't used the dog as much as he thought we would and felt he should put the dog program on hold at this time. His recommendation is that we sell the dog to Mr. Brenneman. He is aware of other entities interested in purchasing some of the dog equipment. Justin also stated that he is going to issue a written, as well as a verbal, apology to Misty Peitz regarding the dog bite. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to accept Justin's recommendation to sell the dog.

Justin presented a letter of resignation from Allen Clark, Undersheriff. This resignation is effective 2/15/2008. Following a discussion, motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to regretfully accept this resignation. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to begin advertising immediately for the Undersheriff's position.

Justin mentioned he would like to sell the 2001 Crown Victoria vehicle. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Bob, to approve accepting sealed bids for the vehicle. Bids

will be opened at the February 19th meeting. Motion was also made by Allen, seconded by Bob, to approve the transfer of the EMS Expedition from the EMS Department to the Sheriff's Department.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed Change Order #3 for the Assisted Living project on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron. Also signed was Pay Application #13 to Orr Construction (Assisted Living project) in the amount of \$197,080 on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Form; the Change Order from the Appraiser's Office; the Declaration for Participation in the Firefighters Relief Fund for 2008; the Capital Outlay Budget Request Form for EMS in the amount of \$1950 for a Repeater for Rolla/Richfield; the Accounts Payable Warrant Registers; the Payroll Warrant Register; and the Notice of Appointment certificates for the newly elected Golf Advisory Board Members (Sam Eiland, 2 yrs.; Tate Grasz, 3 yrs.; Tom Wiggins, 3 yrs.).

At this time members of the Fair Board, Cassie Coen, Martha Dunn, Tim Jones and Barry Meyer, met with the Commissioners. Charley Tucker was also present during this meeting. A discussion took place concerning the Fair office in the Civic Center and what will be expected of them during the Fair as far as cleaning, etc. Cassie stated that they want to utilize the entire building during the Fair. The Commissioners said Charley will get them a key to their office. Ron mentioned that in the event of a disaster that office will also be used as the Command Center. The Exhibit Hall will be used as an emergency shelter. Also, during the months that the Fair Board is not using the office the Commissioners have authorized that area to be rented out.

A discussion also took place concerning groups that may want to utilize the Kitchen for a concession stand. The Commissioners said they just need to get in touch with Charley and discuss the fees and deposit. Also discussed were the sound system, a stage, and the showers in the bathrooms. The Fair Board Members said the Fair is scheduled for August 4th-9th with the 10th being a "clean-up" day. The group thanked the Commissioners for their time and left the meeting.

Charley Tucker mentioned that the punch list at the Civic Center is still not complete. Jon got most of the door locks installed. No word back from Ashley yet regarding when Wildcat Electric will do the wiring for the ice machine and the exhibit hall lights. The Commissioners left a message for Ashley to see if she can get Wildcat motivated.

Charley said he has visited with the company about the damage to the refrigerator. They have offered to replace the front panel. Charley said it seems like the refrigerator and freezer are working and sees no problems at this time. However, when he has attempted to level the refrigerator, he has to unscrew one leg almost completely out to balance the equipment. He is afraid this may be an indication that the frame has been damaged also. Eric asked Charley to check on the warranty if the County accepts a damage allowance.

Charley requested approval to get an estimate for having cabinet doors made for the shelves under the Director's front window. Approval was given.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch. Following lunch the Commissioners drove to the Civic Center to look at the floor, the Airport Terminal, the Golf Clubhouse and the Assisted Living project. A quick walk-thru was made of the Assisted Living project.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners and distributed a copy of the Road Department's January Report. Charley said the bridge inspection men (Kirkham Michael) should be here in the next few days. He also mentioned that the Rolla Cemetery has asked for additional asphalt; they pay for the materials.

Charley has noticed that some of the trees in Richfield have been trimmed. There is still a lot that need attention before the Road Department will be able to do their summer work there.

At this time motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to go into executive session from 1:45-2:00 to discuss a personnel matter. Present during executive session were the Commissioners, County Attorney and Charley McKinley. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

Leon Ellis discussed the work he and Jason Clark have been doing in their efforts to control wildlife.

A call was placed to Leonard Hernandez informing him that the Commissioners will be in Topeka on the date of the next Assisted Living Construction Meeting.

Commissioner Tucker left the meeting at this time.

Kevin Shook met with the Commissioners and expressed his appreciation for allowing him to attend the National Golf Course Superintendent's Association Conference. Kevin also reported that the estimate to construct the split-rail fence to the bottom of the hill is \$2072. The rails and posts will be purchased from Elkhart Lumber. Following a discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to proceed with plans for the fence.

Approval was given for Kevin to obtain bids to replace the Tee mower with a trade-in. Bids will be opened at the February 19th meeting.

A discussion took place concerning landscaping at the Civic Center and how Kevin might be able to help out with this project.

Deb Schnurr met with the Commissioners and requested to write off bills amounting to \$1819.98. A short discussion took place. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to approve these bills being sent to the collection agency. Deb also requested approval to

attend the Southwest Kansas EMS examiners workshop on February 16th in Garden City. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to approve this request.

The March meetings were tentatively set for March 3rd and March 17th.

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