

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 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 March 3, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

A discussion took place concerning the Civic Center Exhibit Hall floor. The company who did the Guymon Wal-Mart floor looked at ours and suggested having the floor cleaned and waxed by a professional crew and that would give the floor a high gloss.

A call was placed to Ashley Fiss, Architect, regarding the Civic Center Punch List. Ashley indicated that Jon told her he is finished. Eric informed Ashley that the Commissioners do not accept the floor and that the Commissioners plan to withhold the money owed for the floor. Eric said that the Commissioners are not happy about what they have to do but it seems to be the only way to go.

A discussion took place concerning the fact that Gina Lee is two months behind on her rent; Mrs. Lee is renting space in a county-owned building for her massage business. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to have Eric send a letter of eviction. There is another business interested in renting this space.

The Clerk mentioned that Senator Steve Morris' father passed away. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to have flowers sent to the funeral.

The Clerk reported two applications have been received for the position of Nurse/Administrator for the Health Department. Consensus of the Commissioners was to hold off doing interviews and advertise more.

Tracie Nixon entered the meeting and requested approval to purchase new computers for the Health Department, EMS and Road (\$1425.45 each.) Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Ron. The Capital Outlay Budget Request forms were signed.

Commissioner DeGarmo left the meeting at this time.

Pay Application #14 to Orr Construction for the Assisted Living Facility in the amount of \$218,155 was approved on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob.

Payment to the Morton County Health System for the Assisted Living Facility in the amount of \$38,340.20 was approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen.

Vienna Lee met with the Commissioners and requested approval to purchase a new color copier for the Economic Development Office in the amount of approximately \$13,000. Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob. The Capital Outlay Budget Request form was signed.

Vienna presented a "Proclamation Celebrating 40 Years of Fair Housing" for the Commissioners consideration to publish. The Proclamation was signed on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob.

The Clerk presented information regarding the renewal of the County's Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance policy. The premiums for the 2008-2009 BCBS contract have increased 14.5%. Following a short discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Allen, to renew the BCBS contract.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Form and the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant Registers.

Approval was given for F&EM to be contracted to write Morton County's Mitigation Hazardous Plan for FEMA. The Commissioners authorized Deb to apply for the \$22,518 grant where the State will pay 25% of the grant and the Federal Government will pay 75%.

Deb requested approval to purchase some EZ-I0 Intraosseous Needle Sets and LI Driver as well as training materials in the amount of \$983.55. Approval was given on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob.

Deb requested approval for Tony Hoyt to attend the Instructor/Coordinator course in Garden City. Tony will need a couple of letters of recommendation to be considered for acceptance in the course. Cost of the training is \$820 and is limited to 16 students. Approval was given for Tony to attend this training, if accepted, on a motion from Bob, seconded by Allen.

Approval was given on a motion from Allen, seconded by Bob, for Deb to attend the Emergency Management Support Association of Kansas Annual Conference April 10-11 in Russell, KS.

The Supervisors met with the Commissioners for their regular monthly meeting. Present were Deb, Tracie, Larry, Vienna, Kevin, Charley McKinley, Leon, Justin, Sally, Charley Tucker. The Commissioners asked Vienna to get a committee together to start planning for the Little KAC meeting that will be held in Morton County on October 7th. Vienna

said she will schedule a meeting date and notify each department. Each supervisor gave their individual department reports.

The Commissioners authorized Kevin Shook to advertise for a Clubhouse Attendant for another week, also to advertise for summer help on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob.

Leon received approval on a motion by Allen, seconded by Bob, to hire Karl Hendrickson to work at the Landfill on a temporary basis until Manual Suarez can return to work.

Leon reported that he received an estimate for a sign on the Landfill/Weed Department building in the amount of \$1750. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Bob, to approve having the sign made.

Charley McKinley presented a proposal for Wireless Internet to the Road Department in the amount of \$399 for installation, \$79.95 monthly charge, additional Ethernet jack installation \$100, wireless router \$60. Consensus of the Commissioners was to approve installation of the Wireless Internet.

Charley recommended hiring David Sagebiel to fill the position of Truck Driver at the Road Department (CDL required). Approval was given on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen. Starting salary will be \$1850/mo. because of prior experience.

A discussion took place concerning setting the Airport sign. Charley said he can set the sign but Elkhart City has still not signed off on vacating the old part of the street leading up to the Civic Center.

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

Justin Holliday met with the Commissioners and recommended hiring Robert Doepp to fill the position of Undersheriff at a salary of \$3170/mo. Approval was given for this hire on a motion by Bob, seconded by Allen.

Justin reported he will have a high school student doing "job shadowing" in the Sheriff's Department. He will have the student sign a form declaring that whatever is seen or heard in the Sheriff's Department during this job shadowing is highly confidential. Justin will also make sure the parents of the student understand this also.

All fire alarms in the Sheriff's Department have passed inspection. Justin also reported that the plumbers are busy repairing and replacing fixtures in the jail cells as needed.

The Commissioners asked Justin when the repairs to the Crown Vic will be completed. Justin said it is almost ready to go now. The Commissioners stated they want this vehicle to go to the Airport to be used as a courtesy car. The vehicle currently at the Airport will be sold at sealed bid in the near future.

The Commissioners questioned a voucher from the Sheriff's Department for flowers sent to two funerals. Justin said he tries to send flowers to each Morton County resident's funeral.

Charles Hull met with the Commissioners to open bids for a new fire truck for Richfield as follows:

Weiss Fire	\$99,259
Hays Fire	\$102,593

Following a discussion motion was made by Allen, seconded by Bob, to accept the bid from Weiss Fire.

Gene Higgins entered the meeting and relayed the Elkhart Senior Center's appreciation for use of the County van while their van was being repaired. Gene also asked if when the County replaces one of the vans the Commissioners would consider giving the Senior Center the old van. Information only.

Gene mentioned that the City of Elkhart has still not yet vacated the street by the Museum. Gene asked if they can get the alley behind the Museum cleaned out if the old asphalt from the street, when vacated, can be placed in the alley; this would help clean that area up somewhat. No action taken at this time.

The Commissioners reviewed the following: Valuation Notices for county-owned property; a letter from Pete Woods Excavating to Orr Construction Management concerning non-payment for work done on the Assisted Living Facility project; a letter from Charles Owen, II, Attorney, to Western Surety Company concerning non-payment to Production Coatings, Inc. for work done on the Civic Center project; the Health Department monthly report for 2/1/2008-2/29/2008; the I.T. Manager's Activity Report for March 3-14; and a thank you note from the family of W.L. Shackelford.

At this time the Commissioners went to the Civic Center to meet with Charley Tucker, Civic Center Director. Charley requested approval to purchase the following items:

- Carts for the dishes and rolling racks
- Cleaning trays that go in the dishwasher
- The remainder of the dishes and saucers needed
- Additional flatware
- Ice dolly to go by ice maker
- Floor mats

Charley stated he visited with the sound and lighting company and the system we should be receiving the speakers and amps this week. The stage and drapes have been ordered.

Charley reported that he attended the last Fair Board Meeting. They gave him a schedule of how they think things will work during the Fair.

A discussion took place concerning the possible need for Audio Visual Screens for the Meeting Rooms and the Exhibit Hall. The Commissioners stated they feel Charley definitely needs to look into these items, also a projector system.

At this time the Commissioners met with Ashley Fiss and did a walk-thru of the Civic Center. Ashley reviewed the punch list to determine what items could be marked off; very few items were completed and other items were added. Ashley will contact Jon Ryman to complete the punch list. A discussion took place concerning the Exhibit Hall floor. Ashley said she will contact the manufacturer of the stain and attempt to get some answers and, possibly, see if someone from the company can come to Elkhart to look at the floor.

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