

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 3, 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 February 19, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Ron, seconded by Bob.

The February 21, 2008 Assisted Living Construction Notes were reviewed and discussed.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to go into executive session from 9:45-10:00 to discuss a personnel matter. Present during this time were the Commissioners and Eric. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

The agreement for on-site training was approved and signed for Nine One One, Inc. in the amount of \$1500.

The Clerk reported she received a letter from Deb Miller, Secretary of Transportation, indicating the grant she submitted to the Kansas Airport Improvement Program has been approved in the amount of \$261,019. The grant application is to reconstruct the Airport Taxiway. The Clerk mentioned that 97 applications were received and Morton County is only one of 37 projects selected for funding.

Vienna Lee entered the meeting and reported that the Economic Development Board Training went well; there were eight people in attendance.

Vienna requested approval to become a member of the Kansas Economic Development Alliance (an organization of professional and volunteers involved in the business of economic development.) Membership cost is \$100/year. Approval was given on a motion from Ron, seconded by Allen.

Approval was given for Vienna and Karen Toadvine to attend the 20th Annual Community Economic Development Conference in El Dorado April 9-10. Approval was given on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

The Clerk mentioned that the date for "Little KAC" has been set for Tuesday, October 7th. This item will be placed on the March 17th Agenda and discussed with the Supervisors.

Brandi Fleming met with the Commissioners and requested approval for Rhianna Shaw, Health Department RN, to attend the HIV Prevention and Behavior Change Strategies Course in Salina August 21-22. Brandi also requested approval for Marla to attend the Family Planning Conference in June; more information regarding this will be coming. Motion was given by Bob, seconded by Ron, to approve attendance at these meetings.

At this time Brandi presented the Commissioners her letter of resignation as the Morton County Health Department Nurse Administrator, effective June 1, 2008. Following a short discussion motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to regretfully accept Brandi's resignation.

A discussion took place concerning future training sessions that Rhianna will be required to attend.

Brandi presented a Staff Nurse Contract Proposal for the Commissioners' consideration. The contract will cover June 2-3 and June 20-27; Rhianna will be off on maternity leave during this time and Brandi could cover these days. Following a discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to approve the contract and pay Brandi \$40/hr. (beginning when she arrives at work), plus mileage, to provide nursing services for the Health Department. No administrative duties will be performed during this time. Approval was given to begin advertising immediately for the Health Department Nurse/Administrator position.

Brandi asked the Clerk if she could send an email to each department requesting that anyone who has not received the Bloodborne Pathogen training to contact the Health Department immediately.

A call was placed to John Pinegar asking if he had an update on the railroad status. No update at this time. A call was then placed to John Frieden requesting an update. Mr. Frieden indicated that John Maddox will be meeting with his staff the following day to discuss whether or not they want to do business with Western.

The Commissioners asked the Clerk to contact Leon Ellis and have him get a bid to put up a new sign on the Landfill/Weed Department building.

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

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners and reported that the bridge inspection was completed last week. Charley also reported that the new low boy trailer has arrived.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to go into executive session from 1:15-1:35 to discuss a personnel matter. Present during this session were the Commissioners, County Attorney, and Charley McKinley. After coming out of executive session motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to go back into executive session for an additional 30 minutes. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

A call was placed to the KCAMP Attorney Assist Hotline. Bud Cowan was not available but would return the call. Charley McKinley left the meeting.

Kevin Shook met with the Commissioners. Kevin Gray, Gray's Yard Service, was also present at this time. Mr. Gray presented a proposal to do the landscaping at the Civic Center in the amount of \$11,162.50. A proposal had previously been received from Landscapes, Inc. in the amount of \$11,484.88. A discussion took place concerning the plant material that might be used. Mr. Gray said that at this time the nurseries are waiting for their plants; it will probably be about three weeks before the plants start arriving. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to accept Gray's Yard Service's proposal. Mr. Gray said that if the plants come in soon they may be able to have at least the front of the Civic Center completed in time for the Prom. Mr. Gray left the meeting.

Kevin requested approval to purchase new recycled park benches to be placed at the tee box areas; \$200 per bench. Kevin requested nine benches be purchased from the Gifts and Grants Fund. Approval was given on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Kevin reported he will be attending the USD 218 Job Fair on March 13th. He will be accepting resumes for summer help at the golf course.

Justin Holliday entered the meeting and presented two estimates to repair the 2002 Chevy Pickup in the Sheriff's Department. Estimates were as follows:

Countryside Auto & Repair	\$559.19
Shade-Tree Classics	\$1131.54

Following a discussion motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to approve the estimate from Countryside Auto & Repair.

A discussion took place concerning proposals for remodeling the District Court Office to provide better security. Justin said he is still waiting for a couple more estimates.

Justin stated he took the drug dog back to Tom Brenneman. He said he is holding the papers on the dog until he receives Mr. Brenneman's check.

Justin reported that he has met with some applicants for the Undersheriff's position and hopes to be able to make a decision within the next two weeks. Justin mentioned, also, that Nate (County Officer) and Justin (City Officer) have left for their DARE training so he is short staffed for awhile. Justin said he will be attending a funeral in Denver so will be out of pocket for the next couple of days.

Charley Tucker entered the meeting and presented bids for sound, lighting and stage systems for the Civic Center as follows:

Sound Check Enterprises	\$165,470.71
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Parr Lighting and Sound

\$ 34,920.00

Following a discussion motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ron, to accept the bid from Parr Lighting and Sound.

Eric stated he has sent a new contract to Clint Thomason for the Airport Hangar. The Clerk stated she does not have a signed copy of that contract for the Airport files. Eric said he would contact Clint.

A call was received from Bud Cowan, Attorney Assist. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Ron, to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. Present during this session were the Commissioners and County Attorney. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to stay because she may have some input in the matter discussed. After coming out of executive session a call was placed to Charley McKinley asking him to return to the meeting. The Commissioners asked Charley to notify Betsy Keeling that her employment has been terminated effective immediately. Charley was asked to deliver this letter to Betsy as soon as possible.

Charley Tucker re-entered the meeting to discuss flag pole sets for the Civic Center. Various sizes of flag poles were discussed for both indoor and outdoor flags. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to have Charley purchase what he felt was needed.

A discussion took place concerning the exhibit hall floor. The company who stained the floor informed Amy Hayes that the County needs to put about seven coats of wax on the floor to protect the sealed floor. Charley said he contacted Mirrors Image and they can clean all of the floors in the Civic Center and give the floors five to six coats of wax for \$2140; the Civic Center does not have the equipment to wax the exhibit floor. The Commissioners asked Charley to contact the people who did the floors at the Guymon WalMart and see if they can look at our floor. No action was taken on the bid from Mirrors Image at this time. A call was placed to Ashley Fiss, Architect, informing her that the County rejects the exhibit hall floor. Ashley said she will see if the manufacturer can come to Elkhart and look at the floor.

The Commissioners reviewed the results of the lab report on the drinking fountain water and the kitchen water at the Civic Center. Nitrate levels were safe with the recommendation that testing be done each year until a consistent record of low nitrate is established; fluoride levels were good; hardness levels were soft; iron level in the kitchen water was high; dissolved salts levels were acceptable in the kitchen water and excellent in the drinking fountain.

Charley discussed ideas he had to bring additional entertainment to the County during the Fair (sponsored by the Civic Center.) Also discussed was the possibility of sponsoring a community garage sale to help with the expenses of the additional entertainment.

A short discussion took place concerning the possibility of implementing a county occupancy tax (bed tax) for hotels/motels/bed and breakfasts. Information only.

The Commissioners reviewed the February Road Report; the December Weed/Landfill Work Log; the February 19-29 IT Manager Activity Report; signed the Payroll Form; the Change Order from the Appraiser's Office; and the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant Registers.

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