

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 5, 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; Wanda Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the April 21st Regular Meeting; April 23rd Special Meeting and the April 24th Special Meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Ron and a second by Allen.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Ron said he had talked to a nurse who had shown interest in the Health Department position but she said was not interested at this time. Information from Heidi Brillhart is that the nursing students at OPSU will not graduate until December.

At 9:35 a.m. Ron made a motion, seconded by Bob, to go to executive session for attorney-client privilege. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

No bids were received for the Cadillac (old Airport Courtesy Car.)

Allen made a motion to transfer \$2000 from Airport Capital Outlay to Airport Contractual. Ron seconded the motion.

The Commissioners had a discussion regarding the Airport and the duties of the manager. Ron asked if there was a job description. The Commissioners agreed they would like to have a report from Ed and from Mary Gilmore on their job tasks and time spent doing airport related work. This will help in preparing the Airport budget for next year. If there is no job description this will help them to develop one. They also would like to have contact numbers for anyone doing Airport work.

Ron had talked to John Nusser about a card pump for the Airport. John has some figures that it will cost approximately \$20,000.00.

The Commissioners discussed the need for credit cards for County employees for the purchase of fuel only. These cards would be checked out with vehicle keys when an employee is going on long-distance, out-of-town trips for County business. When the keys and card are returned, if the card was used the employee needs to turn in the receipt at that time. Bob made a motion, seconded by Ron, that the County have two credit cards for this purpose.

The County received Pay Application #17 in the amount of \$59,614.00 to Orr Construction for the Civic Center. Motion was made by Allen to approve payment. Ron seconded.

The Commissioners reviewed three e-mails that had been received from Bryan Young regarding the Assisted Living project. One of the e-mails was about an ice maker. A call was made to Leonard Hernandez at the hospital. He is out of the office this day so the call was transferred to Jeff Weaver. Jeff had not heard about his problem so he was going to talk to Quint Harn and get back with the Commissioners.

After some discussion, Ron made the motion to approve Pay Application #15 rev. in the amount of \$141,227.00 to Orr Construction for the Assisted Living project. The second was made by Allen.

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

Bob made a motion, seconded by Allen, to sign the KDOT application to reconstruct the apron connecting taxiway at the airport.

Charles Hull came to the meeting to discuss a burn ban for Morton County because of high winds and no moisture. Ron made the motion that he put an ad concerning this in the paper this week. Allen seconded.

Charles also brought a capital outlay budget request form to be signed by the Commissioners. This is a request to purchase bunker gear for the Fire Department in the amount of \$2100.00. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Allen, to approve this purchase. Charles mentioned that a pump on one of the tankers will need to be rebuilt.

At this time representatives of the Area Mental Health came to the meeting. Present were Ric Dalke, Marshall Lewis, Vern Janzen and Johnnie Denton. Ric presented the annual report and introduced Marshall as the regional director. Ric also made a request for an increase in the budget for the coming year to \$27,120.00. Bob thanked Ric and Marshall for all they do for the Area Mental Health programs.

Bob made a motion, seconded by Ron, to make the budget amount for 2009 for the Area Mental Health \$32,000.00.

The Commissioners thanked Johnnie for accepting the appointment to the Board; Johnnie is replacing Mary Ann Price. Vern was congratulated for 19 years of service to the Board.

A call was placed to John Nusser. He was not in at this time but will call when he returns to his office. They will advise John to get on the agenda for the May 19th meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed the FAA Grant Offer to update the Airport Master Plan. Allen made a motion to accept this. Ron seconded.

A discussion was held regarding the capital improvements that need to be made at the airport. One of the suggestions was to paint and improve the hangars. Also discussed was multi vs. single hangars and terminal improvements, such as showers, TV, etc. No action was taken at this time.

Brandi Fleming came to the meeting. She thanked the Commissioners for hiring Rena Witcher to help out at the Health Department. There was discussion about the contract between Brandi and the County for days in June she would work; she will be unavailable a couple of those days. Both parties agreed that Brandi would not be held to that contract and would come only if contacted by Rena.

Brandi asked if she should continue to advertise for the nurse position. The Commissioners said yes.

Brandi stated she will contract with Richard Everett, Regional Director for Bioterrorism, to finish the paper work and conduct the exercise that is due in August and September.

Virginia Johnson and Terri Ryman came to the meeting for the Library Board. Carl Herrman and Mike Wieggers will be going off the Board because of term limits. The Board is recommending that Sharron Jones and Randy Lewis be appointed to fill those positions starting June 1st. Allen made the motion, seconded by Bob, to accept those recommendations.

Mike Wieggers came late to the meeting. He thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve on the Library Board. On behalf of the Commissioners, Bob thanked Mike for serving and for a job well done.

Jeff Weaver called back after talking to Quint Harn. They do not agree with the ice maker proposal and have advised against signing a change order.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:00.

Charley McKinley and Jack Thompson came to the meeting for the purpose of opening bids for two new trucks. The bids were as follows:

Westphal O'Dell – Mack	\$155,393.70
Peterbilt of Garden City - Peterbilt	153,440.00
Kansas Truck Center – Freightliner	143,248.00
Bruckners – Mack	161,708.00
Liberal Kenworth – Kenworth	160,412.00

After the bid opening, each sales rep came individually to the meeting to answer questions. Following the question and answer time, Charley, Jack and the

Commissioners had a discussion. Following this discussion, Charley recommended the County accept the Freightliner bid with upgrades, making the final price \$154,000. Bob made a motion, seconded by Ron, to buy the Freightliner trucks.

Charley thanked each of the bidders for their time.

Charley talked with Jim Heft this morning and they are ready to deliver the asphalt. Charley also told of his meeting with the Richfield City Council about their paving project.

Charley, Tim Hardy and Curtis Hauser drove North Street. Tim wants an engineer to review this but the City of Elkhart doesn't have the funds to do the project. After discussion by the Commissioners, the consensus is that this project is too big for the County; it is a City project. Charley will give this message to Tim.

Charley reported that Don Ediger has given his two week notice.

Charley reported he talked with Quint Harn about the parking for employees at the Health Care facilities; nothing will be done at this time.

Charley gave a copy of his April Road Department Report to each commissioner.

Leon came to the meeting and told the Commissioners about a grant that the Federal government wants the landfill to get to help with treating tamarack on land that borders the government land. Leon is still checking on this grant but is not concerned with the amount of tamarack there.

KDHE has a cost share program with the counties with regards to disposal of paint and household chemicals. This is to try to keep these materials out of the landfills. These items would be put in a special dumpster and then transported to Liberal. At this time it is not mandated. The Commissioners suggested Leon talk to surrounding counties and see how they feel about it.

Leon reported he still has a lot of concrete and more coming in from the Streetscape project. He has called Seaboard and CRI Feeders to see if they would be interested in purchasing some of the material. They have not gotten back with him about it.

Leon said the Road Department now has wireless internet through ETC. ETC has said they can get the connection on to the Landfill/Weed department. Landfill/Weed departments would then share the cost with the Road department. Bob excused himself from this discussion. Ron made the motion to do this. Allen seconded.

Kevin Shook came to the meeting to give a report of the golf course. Don Grasz has been in and out of the hospital lately but is now back at work. The summer help should be starting next week. The tournament schedule is in full swing. Kevin has been busy

spraying and will be seeding next week and hoping for rain. The benches are in and look very nice.

Justin Holliday reported that he had two applications for the part-time dispatch position. He has conducted interviews and is now recommending Allison Peterson be hired. She can start as soon as she is hired. Justin recommends a starting pay of \$9.00 per hour. Allen made the motion to hire Ms. Peterson and Bob seconded the motion.

Justin said he had ordered the cameras for all units and they should be in next week. After looking at the units, Bob Doepp, Undersheriff, believes he can install these cameras as they are similar to ones he has installed in other units.

Justin reported that the battery in Adam Carey's unit had fried and was in a shop in Hutchinson. The cost will be \$254.65 and they will not release the car until they receive payment. Wanda told Justin the checks should go out at the end of this week.

Justin has tried calling Tom Brennamen about the dog but has not received a call from him. Justin has talked to Troy Briggs of Satanta and he said there should be no problem getting the money back on the dog. Troy is a dog trainer.

Justin has not received any bids for the security update of the courthouse.

The equipment from VIP should be received in 7-10 days.

Justin said the department will need a new dispatch radio in the future. He said a new one would be approximately \$30,000.00. The Commissioners advised Justin he should budget for that for next year.

Charley Tucker reported the rummage round-up went well. There were 14 vendors and 22 booths. Approximately 580 people attended. Left over clothes will be donated to a charity. Left over goods will be taken to an auction.

There are not many events scheduled for May. People are still walking in the evenings. The sound system should be here by mid-month.

The floor refinishing has not been scheduled. The Commissioners advised Charley to call Mark and have him come ASAP after May 19th.

Charley mentioned that he was contacted by a floor company regarding equipment to maintain the floor. The Commissioners advised Charley to check on prices for this equipment.

The water system for the landscaping seems to be doing fine. Charley said he did not receive a manual for this system but he will call Kevin to get advice on how to work it.

Charley wanted to know who does the upkeep on the landscape. He was advised that the golf course will do the big mowing but the area around the building will be the responsibility of the Civic Center.

Dana Baldwin did two walkways of crushed cement for the Fair Board.

The Fair Board had asked Charley if they could attach a board to the wall in the Civic Center. The Commissioners told Charley he needs to advise them to get a board on wheels because nothing is to be attached to the walls in the building.

Charley asked if the Commissioners have set a date for the dedication of the building. They said they hope to have it before the Fair.

Tomorrow will be a planning meeting for the Little KAC to be held in Morton County on October 8th.

Charley had questions about the beer license. After some discussion, and on advice of the County Attorney, beer will only be sold at Civic Center functions. Charley said he would be adjusting the fee schedule and contracts for functions selling beer.

The screens and projector have been ordered.

The fire suppression system was inspected and parts replaced.

Charley McKinley called the Commissioners to say that he visited with Tim Hardy about the North Street project. Charley also told Tim the cost of the engineer would be the City's responsibility. Tim will take this information to the City Council's next meeting.

Justin Holliday and Shelby Chapman brought a bill to the meeting from Pioneer Communications. This bill is a one-time charge for the connection to the Intrado database for E911. Morton County's share of this bill is \$12,133.33. This bill will be paid from County General.

Bob made a motion to pay the \$35,000.00 engineering services for the Airport from County General to keep the grant going. Second was by Ron.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ron and seconded by Bob.