

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 9, 2009

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

Present: Bob Boaldin, Chairman; Ron DeGarmo, Vice-Chairman; Teresa Harder, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Mary Gilmore, County Clerk

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

A discussion took place concerning the bid process for new windows at the Hospital. Eric stated he will further investigate this situation.

Bids for the construction of the Apron Connecting Taxiway at the Airport were opened at 10:00 a.m. with four companies represented. Bids were opened as follows:

*Tarbet Base: \$256,577.00
 Base w/Alternate #1: \$275,653.00
 Base w/Alternate #2: \$271,749.00

*Klaver Base: \$381,513.95
Construction Base w/Alternate #1: \$402,768.25
 Base w/Alternate #2: \$390,753.91

*APAC Base: \$384,464.50
 Base w/Alternate #1: \$404,788.00
 Base w/Alternate #2: \$393,397.50

*Bryant/
Bryant Base: \$407,281.69
 Base w/Alternate #1: \$438,075.58
 Base w/Alternate #2: \$423,926.50

*Engineer's Base: \$292,364.00
Estimate Base w/Alternate #1: \$333,849.00
 Base w/Alternate #2: \$314,512.00

All of the above will now be sent to Bucher, Willis & Ratliff for their review and recommendation to the Commissioners. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Teresa, to notify Bucher, Willis & Ratliff that they would accept Tarbet's proposal.

Tom Fuhrmann entered the meeting at the Commissioners' request. A discussion took place concerning the January 20, 2009 letter received from the Department of Revenue concerning the 2007 Sales Ratio Study. A lengthy discussion took place.

Teresa discussed information she received regarding prescription discount cards available through the National Association of Counties (NACO.) She will distribute copies of the poster to the newspaper and other venues.

Teresa asked if Morton County had planning and zoning. The Commissioners stated there is none at this time. Teresa stated that there are a lot of counties who do have it and it might be something we would want to consider.

Teresa reported she received a complaint that there is an on-going problem with people using County Road B to go to the Landfill. In the process trash, falls out or blows out onto the road and is not picked up. This could be a big safety issue. This will be further discussed with Charley and Leon.

Ron mentioned he would like to have a flashing light installed at an intersection south of Rolla on 2nd Street Road. This will be further discussed with Charley.

The Commissioners signed the following: Payroll Form; Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrant Registers; Notices of Appointment for Emma Patrick and Sonny Jones (Golf Advisory Board) and Kent Hagman (Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board); the Added/Abated Orders; the Shared-User Agreement for KDOT; and the Cereal Malt Beverage License Application from Homero Pando, Jr.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Wolters Construction, LLC, indicating they plan to be at the Assisted Living walk-thru on February 16th.

The Commissioners reviewed the following: Email from Secretary Deb Miller regarding the Economic Stimulus Package; information from the Treasurer regarding the top taxpayers in Morton County, the 2008 tax status, the Report of Idle Funds Investments, and the 5-year revenue and expenditures average; upcoming meetings and seminars; the 2008 Department Inventories (per Statute); and information on AirNav.com regarding the Morton County Airport.

The Commissioners received a report that there are still some employees smoking in the county vehicles. This will be discussed further at the next Supervisor's Meeting.

The meeting recessed at noon for lunch. Following lunch Commissioners DeGarmo and Harder and the County Clerk went to the Civic Center to look at the floor project. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Charley McKinley met with the Commissioners. Charley gave the Commissioners a copy of his January 2009 Road Department Report and reported they have started hauling rock from Holly (200 tons a day.) Charley also reported he had received three complaints

of cracked vehicle windows caused by trucks hauling rock from Holly, CO. Charley stated the complaints eluded to the fact that the truck(s) were white. Charley said he verified that all of the Morton County Road trucks were tarped.

Ron asked Charley to look at the parking area at the golf course; maybe it can be sealed along with the other sealing projects this summer.

Charley reported that Danny Fisher has turned in a letter of resignation, effective immediately.

Teresa asked if Charley could have some of his staff drive Road B on their way to work and check on any trash that may have blown off trailers on the way to the Landfill. If items are too big they should let the Landfill know so the trash can be picked up to prevent safety hazards. Eric will look for the statute that would permit the County to assess a fine for leaving the trash in the road; this could be published.

Ron asked Charley to look into installing a flashing light south of Rolla on 2nd Street Road.

At this time motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action taken after coming out of executive session.

Jim Lavielle entered the meeting and requested consideration to utilize the Civic Center for the Western Kansas Child Advocacy event to take place on either April 18th or 25th, depending on when Prom is. Motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to approve using the Civic Center at no charge for this event.

Leon Ellis met with the Commissioners and distributed a copy of the January Landfill/Weed Work Log.

A discussion took place concerning the meeting to take place on February 18th in Garden City. The Commissioners indicated they will try to go but will let the Clerk know and she can let Leon know.

Motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. After coming out of executive session motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to send a Weed Department employee to Weed School in March with the stipulation that if he doesn't pass it he will have one more chance to pass the test or he will be terminated; being certified is a requirement of this employee's position.

Bids to install a dropped ceiling in the janitor's closet between the two bathrooms at the Civic Center were opened as follows:

*Monroe Renovation	\$1123.55
*Stiver Construction	\$1900.00

Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Teresa, to accept the bid from Monroe Renovation in the amount of \$1123.55.

Vienna Lee entered the meeting and discussed the Regional Innovation Grants currently available. Vienna explained the framework of the grants as well as some of the prerequisites and allowable use of the funds. Vienna asked if the Commissioners would be willing to write a letter of support. Consensus was to have Vienna draft a letter of support for their review.

Kevin Shook met with the Commissioners and reported Don is still in the hospital. Kevin also mentioned that a special Advisory Board meeting will probably have to be held to work on the plan for those who do not follow the standards of golf etiquette. It is hoped this plan will be ready to present to the Commissioners at their next meeting.

Kevin stated that Monte Monroe will install the Kitchen door at the Clubhouse tomorrow. He will then be gone for a week and will finish the remainder of the doors when he returns.

Rhianna Shaw entered the meeting and reported the copy machine at the Health Department is too old to renew the service agreement. Motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to approve termination of the service contract while Rhianna shops around for a new copier.

Approval was given for Pam Baldwin to attend the Breast Feeding class in Wichita on March 6th on a motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa. This class is a requirement of Pam's job.

Approval was given on motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron, for Rhianna and Kendra to attend the HIV Counselor Level 2 training in Wichita March 5-6, if accepted (enrollment is limited.)

Rhianna reported that the State is pushing for health departments to get accredited. They are shooting for 2011; at this time it is voluntary.

Rhianna mentioned that February is Heart Health Month. The Health Department is offering a series of blood tests for \$20 during February.

Vienna entered the meeting and presented the Commissioners a sample letter of support for the Regional Innovation Grant program. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to sign the letter.

The Clerk recommended, after carefully reviewing the application, not applying for a Wright Express Business fuel card. There is a \$45.00 annual fee, a one-time \$40.00 account setup fee and a charge of \$2.00 per card, per month. The Commissioners were in agreement with this recommendation.

The Clerk reported a copy of the Morton County Health System Accountant's Report and Financial Statements, December 31, 2007 and 2006, is on file in her office.

The Commissioners reviewed a report from Dave Bozone outlining the financial activity of WEKANDO for 2008.

At this time Justin Holliday, Tony Hoyt, Tracie Nixon and George Reust, Jr. entered the meeting to review information for a new radio dispatch console for the Dispatch Office. Following a lengthy discussion motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to approve the purchase of a Motorola MCC 5500 radio dispatch console with touch screen capability in the amount of \$53,700. The Commissioners encouraged Justin to try to get assistance for this purchase through grant(s).

Tony reported that six EMTs have been accepted for the State Grant for the Intermediate EMT class.

Justin reported on the status of the patrol unit that was damaged last year. He has been in contact with KCAMP, the County's liability insurance company, in an attempt to get the unit back in service as soon as possible.

The Commissioners asked Justin about the possibility of having more officer visibility at night. A discussion took place.

Teresa asked Justin about a warrant that wasn't served before being published in the newspaper. The mother of the person involved had contacted her and was very upset. Following a discussion with the County Attorney and Justin, it was determined that it was not a warrant but a summons. Eric explained the process and indicated it was very possible that this can happen.

Bob mentioned that he visited with Charley Tucker. Charley was concerned about not being able to be at the Civic Center because he needs to be with his Mother in Amarillo following his Dad's accident. Bob stated he told Charley to stay in Amarillo and take care of things there. Consensus of the Commissioners was to have all Civic Center calls forwarded to Amy's cell phone and asked the Clerk to contact Charley and let him know this was going to be done. The Clerk asked how they wanted to handle Charley's timesheet. Consensus of the Commissioners was that sick leave will be used first and then vacation. If Charley runs out of sick and vacation time he can apply to use Family Medical Leave.

The Clerk reported that the District Court Clerk had mentioned to her that the State is considering having the Court Clerks take a day of furlough per pay period without pay. Information only.

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