

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 13, 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 approved as presented.

Minutes of the June 15, 2009 regular meeting were read and approved as amended on a motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposal from Monroe Construction to install a new back door at the Rolla Senior Center in the amount of \$885. Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Teresa, to accept this bid. A discussion took place concerning the fact that in the future the door may have to be changed to a "panic" type door.

The Commissioners reviewed two proposals for work to be done at the Elkhart Senior Center. It appeared that the two were not bidding apples to apples. The Clerk was asked to contact the Center and have them make sure the bidders are giving bids on the same projects.

At this time Kelly Funk, Kelly Funk Agency, met with the Commissioners. Mr. Funk told the Commissioners a little about himself and his job. Mr. Funk works with retirement accounts; mainly fixed accounts. One of the companies he works with is ING. Following a discussion the Commissioners agreed to allow information to be distributed to the employees and to attempt to schedule a time to meet with the employees. Mr. Funk indicated he would be in contact with the Clerk. After Mr. Funk left the meeting the Commissioners asked the Clerk to contact Steve Cross and ask about the fixed accounts that Mr. Funk works with and report back at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Deb Schnurr met with the Commissioners and requested approval to attend an Image Trend meeting in Garden City on software for the EMS charts. The meeting will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-5:00. Approval was given on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron.

Deb requested approval to purchase batteries and needles, plus kit carrier cases for the Power Driver, a device for urgent I.V. access. Motion to purchase the equipment out of the Special Ambulance Fund was given on a motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa. Deb mentioned that EMS demonstrated the Power Driver to the hospital staff in ER and they now have one in ER. Consensus of the Commissioners was that there is no need to get approval to replace the needles. Deb stated EMS will now have a Power Driver in the

transfer unit and also one in the Rolla ambulance. She also stated that only Paramedics can use the Power Driver.

Deb reported that the helicopter pad at the hospital is on hold at this time. Eagle Med moved from Guymon to Liberal where they will utilize a fixed wing plane for transfers.

The Commissioners approved Tracie Nixon, IT Manager, to purchase the LogMeIn software in the amount of \$799.20 on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron. This software will allow Tracie to do some routine maintenance on computers from her office and on weekends from her home. She will not have to travel to off-site offices to install some updates and perform trouble shooting. It will be a great time saving tool.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll forms, the Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrant Registers, the Change Order from the Appraiser's Office, the insurance form for crop damage, and the Capital Outlay Request Form for the Register of Deeds to purchase a new copier.

Tom Fuhrmann and Susie Lewis met with the Commissioners and gave an update on the installation of Orion in the Appraiser's Office. Morton County is scheduled to generate the 2010 values utilizing Orion if all of the current issues can be resolved soon. PVD is working on problems with the speed of Orion. The State also hopes to upgrade routers to help the situation.

Tom addressed the fact that the County's valuation is down due to a drop in Oil and Gas, and State Assessed Utilities. It is difficult at this time to tell where the valuation will be next year; there is not much new production taking place. Indications are that new production will be down next year.

The Commissioners appointed Tom Fuhrmann to serve as Morton County's Appraiser for the next four years. The appointment of an Appraiser is to be done every four years in July, according to KSA 19-430.

Dick Rodriguez entered the meeting and discussed the EHS Alumni Reunion to be held next year (classes 1917-1975.) Dick stated he visited with Charley Tucker, Civic Center Director, and the Committee is trying to negotiate a better rental fee to use the Civic Center for the event. The Commissioners said they would be meeting with Charley this afternoon to review the entire current rental costs and that the costs would probably be reduced. It is the intent of the Commissioners that the Civic Center be used as much as possible. Dick said he has a meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> so if he could hear something back as soon as possible it would really help.

The meeting recessed at 11:30. The Commissioners went to the Civic Center to view the Fair Board office and entrance. At this time tables and chairs are blocking the north entrance where the Fair Board would usually enter the building. The Commissioners asked Charley if the tables and chairs could be moved to the southeast corner of the exhibit hall to allow better access to the Fair office. Charley said he would see that they are moved. The Commissioners indicated the Fair Board is anxious to get in the office

area but there are still Christmas items in the office that need to be moved out. Charley said he thought Justin wanted some of the items for the Sheriff's Department and he will contact him to come and get what he wants right away.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Henry Hemke, SKADAF (a substance abuse center), met with the Commissioners and expressed his appreciation for Morton County's past support of SKADAF. Henry requested SKADAF be included in the 2010 budget. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Henry for all the work he does on behalf of the County. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Teresa, to include SKADAF in the Morton County 2010 Budget.

Mike Weigers, Epic Touch, met with the Commissioners and reported he could find no perfect solution for the Orion problems in the Appraiser's office. Mike said there is not a good "single" solution at this time. A discussion took place.

Charley McKinley entered the meeting and reported that Tom Myers and Dale Logan have been working at the Airport sealing cracks on the runways. Charley also distributed a copy of his June 2009 Road Department Report. Teresa said she really appreciates Charley's monthly report since she can't always get out in the County. Bob mentioned that the roads up north of the river look great. A short discussion took place concerning the rock put on the Airport/Golf Course road.

Charley mentioned to the Commissioners that Foley Caterpillar would like to invite any or all of the Commissioners to Illinois in September. Foley will provide Amtrak transportation for the event. Charley will pass along more information as it becomes available.

Leon Ellis met with the Commissioners and discussed proposals for a new Gator. He mentioned that no one wants to give much for the old one and requested the old one be kept at the Museum; the Civic Center can also use it as they need it. Bids for the Gator were as follows:

American Implement	\$6168.60
Golden Rule	\$7821.00

Motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Ron, to purchase the equipment from American Implement. Leon stated he was not sure if the above bids included a trade-in or not. The motion was withdrawn and tabled pending further information.

Leon mentioned that he would like to replace the site manager's shack at the Landfill. He looked at one in Guymon but he and Charley said it would be too difficult to get it off the property. Leon said this is an item he would like to pursue in the future.

Leon reported he still has about 3000 tons of crushed concrete for sale at the Landfill.

Kevin Shook entered the meeting and reported there was no Advisory Board meeting in July so they could not approve the June Minutes. He also reported they are busy getting ready for the Individual Tournament to be held this weekend.

Kevin stated he has been asked, and has agreed, to be the Junior Varsity Golf Coach for Elkhart. This should only take up a couple of hours a day in April and May.

Charley Tucker met with the Commissioners. Charley presented two short term special event insurance forms for the Chairman's signature. The Clerk will forward these forms to KCAMP and KCAMP will forward them on to an underwriter.

Charley and the Commissioners reviewed the rental fee schedule for the Civic Center. Charley also presented information he had gathered after doing research on what other venues charge for use of their meeting rooms. A lengthy discussion took place and changes to the Civic Center rental fees were made. There will now only be one fee schedule to be used for both profit and non-profit groups. Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Bob, to adopt the rental fee schedule changes and to have only one fee schedule. Charley said he will see that this information gets on the County's web site.

Charley asked the Commissioners if they wanted to go ahead and schedule the Civic Center for the Employees' Christmas Party. The Commissioners settled on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Party.

Charley reported that the Civic Center is rented for a family reunion on July 18<sup>th</sup>, a wedding reception on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and to Tri-County Electric on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Justin Holliday met with the Commissioners and reported he had a total of 11 applications for the vacant Deputy position. All but one applicant were interviewed. Following the interviews Justin recommended hiring Scott Werkmeister from Turpin, Oklahoma. Scott is not certified so will have to attend the Academy. Teresa asked if Scott can work prior to attending the Academy. Justin indicated he can work for up to one year before going to the Academy. He will, however, find out when the next class is and try to get Scott in that class; the course is 14 weeks long and the employee will be paid wages and any overtime earned. Motion was then made by Ron, seconded by Teresa, to hire Scott Werkmeister as a Deputy in the Sheriff's Department. The Clerk asked Justin to contact Payroll to schedule a time for Mr. Werkmeister to do his pre-employment paperwork.

Justin mentioned the Dispatch audit came out pretty good, there are some things that still need worked on. Rita will return on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The computers will be audited as a separate unit. Since Tracie Nixon is the IT Manager it is recommended that she attend the August 5th training with Tarah and Jennifer. The training is through the State.

Justin said he is planning on attending the September training to get NCIC Certified. He would then be able to fill in as a Dispatcher in the event of an emergency.

Justin reported that the new Dispatcher, Pat Vandervort, is doing well and catching on quickly. They are staying busy, and having more calls. There have been no major problems in the jail lately.

At this time the Commissioners attempted to call several Commissioners from the WEKANDO Counties to discuss how the CVR monies will be determined, either by mill levy or a specific amount. They were able to visit a little with Marty Long and Matt Traster about this matter. Other Commissioners were not available. There will be a special WEKANDO meeting held in Ulysses on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Library.

Steve Rice and Rod Hay met with the Commissioners to review the proposed changes to the 2010 Morton County Budget. A discussion took place. Steve was asked to make additional changes to the budget. He will make these changes and get the information to the Clerk to be reviewed again. The Budget will then be ready for publication next week.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Bob, seconded by Ron.