

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 10, 2013

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; Wanda Davis, Deputy County Clerk, Eric Witcher County Attorney entered at 10:45.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the meetings of May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup> were read and approved as corrected on a motion by Ron with a second by Teresa.

Ron made a motion to go into executive session. Motion was then withdrawn.

The following forms were signed: payroll form, accounts payable register, HIPPA form for Group Benefit specialists, abated orders and vouchers.

Ron mentioned they need to look at trees by the clubhouse during lunch.

Larry had presented a bid from Ferguson Plumbing to replace the water fountain at the FSA office. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teresa, to have Larry call Ferguson's and have them replace the fountain.

Ron presented a letter of resignation from Johnnie Denton from the MCHS board. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teresa, to accept this resignation with regret.

The Commissioners also accepted, with regret, a resignation from Charles Drew from the SDSI board on a motion from Teresa with a second from Ron.

Rena Brewer came to the meeting as a concerned citizen regarding the Morton County Health System. She was extended an invitation to write a letter of interest to serve on the MCHS board.

Vicki Hubin with the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center came before the Commissioners to explain the program and the services provided. She left a pledge form and requested the Commissioners consider making a donation.

Gwen stated that she is having issues with the spray truck. Weather has not been cooperating with spraying. She presented a report of activity from the landfill and weed departments. She requested to get a new light bar for the spray truck. All Commissioners agreed to go ahead with this as it is a safety issue. The State engineer will be here on Thursday.

Stacy, EMS, presented a guide relating to the agricultural emergency response actions relating to a livestock disease emergency. This is a State wide plan. The fairgrounds have been designated a temporary holding area in case of such emergency. He has contacted the Fair board. Teresa made a motion, seconded by Bob, to approve this plan.

Stacy also said he had been contacted by the City of Keyes regarding a mutual aid agreement. He is working on a plan and fee schedule for the 18 counties of Western Kansas. He will also work on one with the City of Keyes. He will bring these to the next meeting for signatures. He is working with the Stanton County EMS director to get the emergency management plan up to date.

Schedule changes seem to be helping with the overtime in the EMS department. Teresa asked that Stacy, Kirk, Melinda and others keep track of time used to help serve MCHS.

Vienna was inquiring about the waiver of fees. A local person told her he had been told by Commissioners that they would waive the fees for his organization. Consensus of the Commissioners was to not waive any fees.

Economic Development is in the second phase of the Public Square. Sub committees are working well together and are planning a fund raiser in the near future.

Eric came to the meeting at 10:45 a.m. At 10:55 a.m., Teresa made a motion to go to executive session for 15 minutes for attorney-client privilege. Ron seconded. At 11:15 a.m. they once again returned to executive session for 15 minutes. Meeting returned to open session at 11:25 a.m. with no action taken.

Due to the recent rains, Charles Hull has said he is unsure about a burn ban. The Commissioners decided to table this until the next meeting.

Charles said the wind had blown down the base station antenna tower in Rolla. Bob said he could send a crew to put it back up. Ron will check it this evening when he goes home.

Bill Cotter and Charles Milburn came to the meeting to present their plans for the RC Flyers landing strip. They have temporary special use permit for land on the Grasslands. They were inquiring about the County helping by using a roller. The Commissioners will give Bill's cell number to Charley when he comes in after lunch. Also Bill will contact Kevin about using some chemical to remove yucca plants from the area.

They are hoping to have a fly-in sometime in August. There are 5 or 6 local members of the club.

Bill inquired about hangars at the airport. The Commissioners told him this is will not be done until sometime next year.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch. The meeting was called back in session at 1:00 p.m.

On a motion by Ron, seconded by Bob, the tree trimming at the golf course is approved for \$1050.00 by Trent McCabe.

Ric Dalke and Heidi Brillhart came to the meeting to present numbers for the Area Mental Health Center. They are requesting \$32,000.00 for next year's budget.

When Charley McKinley came in he was given Bill Cotter's cell phone number. Charley will contact Bill and work with him on that project.

The Road department crew had patched the parking lot at the golf course this morning.

Equipment is on Purple Wave for auction.

The new grader is in and out on the job.

Plans are to start sealing next Monday on the Manter road and County Road V 2-9 for a total of 20 miles. This will take approximately 2 weeks. Charley said they will put a message on the answering machine at the office about this.

The rock is in and stockpiled.

Bob Fillpot assisted Larry Simmons with a pulley issue at the Courthouse.

An executive session for attorney-client privilege was called by a motion from Bob, second by Ron at 1:55 p.m. with Rhianna for 15 minutes. Another 15 minutes was called. Meeting called back to order at 2:25 p.m. with no action taken.

Rhianna left the meeting.

Stacy came back to the meeting. At 2:35 p.m. executive session for personnel was called by motion from Ron, second by Teresa, for 10 minutes. Back in session at 2:45, no action taken.

A discussion was held regarding the open board positions for MCHS. Consensus was to advertise starting today. Letters of interest are to be delivered or mailed to the Clerk's office until noon on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Advertising will be in the Tri-State News, on ETC Channel 2 and Pioneer Communications information channel. A special meeting will be held on Monday a.m. to review the letters and possible interviews that afternoon.

Kirk Walls grandfather, Oliver Walls, passed away this past week. A memorial donation will be made.

Discussion was held regarding the airport and hangar legal issue.

Pioneer Electric Cooperative will partner with another entity to place playground equipment in a park in the County. Richfield would like to have this equipment. The cost of the equipment would be approximately \$10,000.00 but not certain what the County's share would be. This item tabled until next meeting.

Justin Holliday came to tell the Commissioners that he had received a call Sunday night that water was running fast and deep down the river. He called Charley McKinley to place barricades at the Wilburton crossing. At this time the water has not reached that crossing.

The Commissioners asked Justin about Mandy's pick-up. The bumper appears to be damaged. He reported that Mandy had hit a deer several months ago. No report was turned in to the Clerk's office. He has talked to Ford and will talk to Ed's Paint & Body and with Countryside regarding the repairs.

Kevin had talked to Ron about attending a golf tournament in Andover. Ron made a motion and Bob seconded that he attend.

There was some discussion regarding the valuations for the County. Ron will call Tom Fuhman and ask him to come on Monday to discuss this further.

Advertisements for letters of interest for the SDSI board position needs to be in Tri-State News, Channel 2 and Pioneer Communications information channel.

No further business meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. on a motion by Bob and second by Ron.