

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
July 8, 2013

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Bob Boaldin, Chairman, Ron DeGarmo, Vice-Chairman; Teresa Harder, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting were read and amended. A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to approve as amended.

The Commissioners signed the following: The Payroll Form; Payroll Warrant Registers; Landmark Appraisal Maintenance Contract.

A motion by Bob, seconded by Ron at 9:10 for 15 minute executive session, attorney-client privilege back in session at 9:25. No action taken.

County Attorney asked for a 5 minute executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege, a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron at 9:35. Back in regular session at 9:40. No action taken.

Discussed County Appraiser contract, a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron to appoint Landmark Appraisal and Greg Wellbrock as County Appraiser.

Discussion took place regarding COA and ElderCare, some changes with Payroll reimbursement with ElderCare and ACA laws effective July 2013. Steve Rice, CPA came in to discuss Payroll and Appropriation options.

Stacy and Kirk (EMS) entered presented 1 bill to send to collection in the amount of \$524.00 approved on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron. They have about 17 people signed up for EMT classes. They will be back at 2:30 to have their budget hearing; they will be teaching classes during regular budget hearings.

Tracie brought in 911 Inform Support Agreement from TRITECH and Invoice in the amount of \$7653.00 for service from 8-16-13 to 8-15-14. County Attorney will review the contract before August. Bob suggested Tracie contact Walt, regarding new hardware vendor information. Currently a separate bill for Stansel.

Vienna entered asking permission to go to Garden City SW Economic Development Round Table meeting July 19<sup>th</sup>, approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Bob. 4<sup>th</sup> of July they had lots of vendors set up. Elkhart and Rolla Centennials had great turnouts. Airport has been cleaned, cabinet and supplies ordered to keep in the terminal building.

Commissioners discussed, tree trimming at Golf Course to be paid from County General and future waterfall expenses will be discussed as they come up. The State House county map flooring project will cost each county \$1000/each, Bob personally paid this for Morton County. Ron attended the Lesser Prairie Chicken meeting and was appointed to be on the Committee, he stated he or Teresa would be on the Committee. Also discussed the protest for Environment studies, this will really effect our area.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 1:00. Looked at the Airport Terminal Building and taxiways for weeds.

Charley (Road) presented CAT invite to attend Motor Grader Factory Tour August 6-8 in Arkansas. They have finished the sealing project last week. Need to check into weight limit signs on bridges, may just remove them. Steve Cowser was about to be released from shoulder surgery, but had another injury to the other shoulder may need to be on FMLA.

Kevin (Golf) Don Grasz will have cataract surgery Tuesday probably back on Thursday. Dick Leffingwell decided he did not want to work at Golf Course any longer. Kevin asked to advertise to hire a part time club house attendant. Commissioners approved to advertise.

Commissioners discussed the applicants for the Hospital Board position. There were no applicants from the Rolla area, one interested but did not submit letter for this appointment. No new applicants; discussed those previously interviewed. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teresa to appoint Shannon Whisennand to Hospital Board.

COA Board members Ed Johnson, Don McCallion, Elkhart site supervisor Shawna Martinez, Head cook Jodie Corbin entered to discuss the changes that Elder Care and the County are making in payroll.

Stacy and Kirk came back to discuss Budget information.

Steve Rice, CPA went over preliminary budget figures.

Justin and Shelby (Sheriff) wanted Commissioners to know that Charley McKinley helped a lot blocking the road in Rolla during the Centennial Celebration. No major issues in Elkhart or Rolla during the 3 day event. Purple wave auction ends tomorrow. They would like to purchase an industrial washer and dryer. Purchased a Cross cut shredder for \$549.98. Discussed some budget issues, budgeted for a new vehicle to replace Pickup this year. Personnel discussion on how to figure pay per years of service, just asking for some guidance.

A motion to adjourn at 4:15 by Bob, seconded by Ron.