

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
August 13, 2013

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 July 23rd and 29th meeting were read and amended. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to approve as amended.

The Commissioners signed the following: The Payroll Form; Payroll Warrant Registers; 3 Accounts Payable Warrant Registers; Lesser Prairie Chicken Resolution 2013-7; 2013-8; Capital Outlay Request EMS; Great Plains Semi-Annual Report.

Kirk entered at 9:30 asked if the budget was approved. Commissioners stated the budget hearing is at 10:00 today. Amerigroup is not accepting KCAMP standard insurance liability limits for Medicaid reimbursements. Clerk e-mailed Tom Job with KCAMP, he stated these are standard liabilities and Kirk will be checking into this further. Purchased 4 monitors at \$30,000 they are in and saved approximately \$37,000. Capital outlay request to pay for repairs on the Ford Ambulance in the amount of \$3,200; while in route to Amarillo it broke down a motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to pay for repairs while in route to Amarillo it broke down. Emergency Preparedness building weeds have been sprayed and they will be mowing. The new door at EMS building is leaking when it rains, Commissioners stated to contact Stan Parker, who did the installation. A motion by Ron, seconded by Bob to allow EMS carpet to be cleaned at approximately \$250.

Vienna entered at 9:40. Ron with Pioneer Communications called to see if we are still interested in the advertising partnership in the Fall. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Bob to enter again for \$500 from Economic Development. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron for executive session for personnel with Vienna at 9:40 for ten minutes. Back in at 9:50. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron for 5 additional minutes. Back in session at 9:55. Commissioners instructed Vienna to give a 2 week suspension without pay.

Budget Hearing started at 10:00. No public attendance. Commissioners approved budget unanimously.

Karen Jones entered for the Little Britches Rodeo and asked if Commissioners would approve their use of Rodeo arena and parking behind the Civic Center, approved by Commissioners unanimously.

Commissioners discussed Hospital concerns and budget issues; Lesser Prairie Chicken legal council is going to be costly. Ron said he discussed Airport terminal cleaning with Bill Cotter.

Hospital Board entered at 10:50. CFO Butch Forrest and Board members Vern Janzen, Ed Richards, John Milburn, Shannon Whisennand, and Carla Blackmore. Butch stated in the short term thru September it is going to be extremely tight. Topics discussed were MAP charges, lunch charges that will be corrected 8-19, 87.3% of revenue being spent on salaries, lack of policy and procedures. Cash flow issues will be discussed on the 15th with the new CEO and whether to keep Keyes Clinic open, should know more by end of August.

Bill Cotter entered at 11:40 gave a proposition to build his own hangar at the Airport in the space between current hangars asking Commissioners for approval. Commissioners unanimously approved and County Attorney will draw up the lease for land rent.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 1:00. Drove by the Airport hangars.

Charley entered at 1:00 said with all the rain, they are busy mowing. Ron asked if they could put a sign (No traffic beyond this point) up on Jim Sagebiel's property, which gives access to RC flyers field.

Kevin entered at 1:30. His summer help are done for now except Skyler Houtz. He only ended up with 1 part-time person; the other person took another job. Superintendents meeting September 11th in Hugoton, he will be getting more information later.

Commissioners discussed Sr. Center new hires. Teresa made a motion to appropriate funds to Council on Aging, it died for lack of a second; Ron made a motion to keep as is and put employees on payroll, seconded by Bob. Head cook Adam Bolt will be paid 11.37/hr assistant cook Iris Scruggs will be paid 10.00/hr. Shawna Martinez will be paid \$900/mo and no more than 20 hours/mo at \$10.00/hr in cleaning. Frances Richardson will be

paid \$540/mo and \$30/day for Frances, Gene, Wes for driving van. Approved on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron. A motion by Bob, seconded by Teresa to pay \$15/hr. to Dee Lusk for hours worked and \$12/hr. to Vada Farrington for hours worked.

Gwen entered at 1:45 discussed damages done at the Landfill. Sheriff's office will be getting the report to the clerk to turn into KCAMP. Gwen will call and get locks changed. Ron told her for now the Commissioners decided to not replace that position. Stated she and Deb will be going to State fair on a weekend and work a booth no expense or time off to County.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Bob to split FSA crop payments between both school districts. Commissioners also discussed the Airport hanger repairs and doors, Ron will contact a gentleman he knows. Also discussed was the Hospital. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teresa to pay legal council for the hospital from the Commissioners Fund. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron for a 5 minute executive session at 2:25 for Attorney-Client. Back in at 2:30, no action taken.

A motion by Ron and second by Bob to pay hospital past due meal bill out of Sheriff Budget. A motion by Ron, seconded by Bob Teresa Harder as KWORCC Voting Delegate. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to adopt resolutions 2013-7 and 8 Lesser Prairie Chicken.

A motion by Bob, seconded by Ron to adjourn at 3:00.