

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
September 30, 2013

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

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

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting were read and amended. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to approve as amended.

The Commissioners signed the following: Voided A/P Warrant Register; A/P Warrant Register; Trittech 911 (revised) contract; Cimarron Basin FY 2013 year end; Benesch Consulting Service Agreement; KCAMP Bylaws Resolution 2013-9; Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution 2013-10.

Commissioners discussed the meeting with Chris Flageolle with Lochner going forward with moving Airport open hangar and 2014 project; Sr. Center running good. Chuck Oldacker with KDOT looked at the entrance to the HWY 56 property with Bob and Teresa, he stated that the current access road will have to come out and have 1 entrance to those properties off HWY 56.

10:00 opened sealed bids: Present Debbie Worth and Javier Gomez.

Virgil & Debbie Worth bid lots 2, 3 and 4 combined amount of \$16,000. Use would be for Ag purposes.

Javier Gomez bid lot 3 only \$15,000 and bid 2, 3 and 4 for \$40,000. Use would be for Current Roustabout business and possible tire & mechanic shop.

Commissioner made them aware of the Black Hills pipeline running under those lots, so they may have to do some checking before building. And the frontage road being changed to 1 entrance. Javier offered \$80,000 for all 3 lots and Debbie will talk to Virgil but does not think he will go higher. Commissioners said they will discuss this and get back with them.

Commissioners discussed the Hospital, No-Fund Warrants, CFO has been terminated and selling Real Estate property. There are no updates so far on the EXXON/Mobile lawsuit or on the RR crossings.

Stacy and Kirk (EMS) entered at 10:25 to discuss the 1996 Ambulance, the oldest, has broke down not sure of the damage yet, electrical maybe more. Commissioners suggested to have Jeremy at Road department look at it. Gave an update on Hospital/ER merger they have been working with CEO Joe Duerr and Mae head of nursing, they want to get it up and running on Nov. 1st. Requesting to use money in EMS budget to purchase bins and things for the updated ER. On the equipment side of the ER, he would like to update 2 transport IV pumps, approximately \$2400.00. Kirk is making progress with Amerigroup. Accounts to be sent for collection in the amount of \$2948.00 was approved on a motion by Teresa, second by Ron send to collection and for the delinquent bills on County Employees, the County Attorney will send a letter to authorize Wage withholding. Stacy has rescinded his resignation.

Rhianna has concerns that she will not have enough funds in Commodities and Contractual to make it the rest of the year. She said she could use Capital Outlay Fund, but intended that to be there for next year. Commissioners asked when she gets a figure needed to let them know.

Vienna—Susie Bitner has discontinued her lease. She asked to attend an Economic Development outlook conference in Dodge City, Oct. 24th approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron. Passed out October Calendar. SPC maintenance contract is due for \$1100.00 she did not put this in her budget. Approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Teresa.

Supervisors—Vienna, Kevin, Stacy and Kirk, Rhianna, Charley, Vicki, Tracie, Justin and Stephanie.

Kevin—Rain is keeping things green. October is great month to play golf.

Introduced Lance Brown as the new forest ranger for the National Grasslands.

Charley—Graders are out, hauling over the interstate crossing it's been washed out.

Vienna—Hosted PREDCI board meeting and thanked the County for dinner and golf about 7 in attendance. Coming up is a wedding and flu clinic.

Tracie—working on getting computers updated.

Vicki—Tax season is coming up quick, statements will be going out right after November. MV system is still having problems. Jan 1st will start changes on Commercial vehicles.

Stephanie—2 new wells that Linn Energy will start drilling soon. Getting Orion in ROD office to do inquiries.

Kirk and Stacy—Kirk attended EMS expo while on his vacation. Busy with the merger of EMS and the Emergency Room at the Hospital.

Rhianna—Flu clinic is being held tomorrow at the Civic Center.

Gwen—real busy at the landfill. Still finding more things missing after the break-in. Tomorrow starts wildlife control, with everything green may wait a week or so. Worked at the State Fair in Hutchinson for the Weed Dept.

Gina—Explained insurance open enrollment with BCBS and KPERS is the month of October.

Eric—Hospital is keeping him real busy. He has hired Adam Cary, who recently passed his bar exam, in his office.

Justin—been busy.

Commissioners—Teresa we took bids today on the HWY 56 properties. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone wanting to serve on boards we have several open positions. Continued support for the Hospital is vital for our community. Ron little KAC is on Nov 10th and KLPG on the 3rd 4th. Bob thanked everyone for all they do and keep up the good work.

Gwen—Asked to send Frank to solid waste management conference and operator course, Nov. 6-7 approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa.

Charley—Bridge inspection was presented and signed by Chairman, Bob Boaldin to fix 10 bridges at \$185 each for \$1850. Kirkham Michael sent in a suggestion that the curve can be submitted as a High Risk Rural Road application. Ron asked Charley about getting ready to level and put caliche and sand down sometime before the 1st of the year at the Airport. He said today they started back on 5 days a week 8 hours.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 to 1:00. Drove by looked at Airport Terminal building and Hangar space, the space in between the Health

Department and Emergency Preparedness building, Hospital properties for possible sale.

Commissioners discussed Sr. Center. There was a meeting with Janet from Eldercare, Elkhart Sr. Center board and Commissioner Harder last week. Ed Johnson entered and the Commissioners asked if they would start sending the monthly minutes to the clerk to keep on file. He said there is also a Morton County Council on Aging all 3 towns combined meet every 4 months as well. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to sign Tritech 911 contract. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to sign KCAMP bylaws Resolution 2013-9 and Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution 2013-10.

Kevin—Methodist Church pastor has asked if the Golf Course could over seed the church property. Commissioners had said the County does not do personal projects. He will be gone next week a couple of days. They will spray the weeds by the Airport terminal building and between the Hangars.

Joe Duerr, CEO of Morton County Hospital entered at 2:30. He has asked the Hospital board to put a \$2,000 spending limit on CEO now and going forward unless brought to the board for approval and to also do away with the contracts with the nurse's aids. He is looking for a full time accountant CFO, with experience or can be trained. Morton County EMS is working with Hospital getting the ER up to where it needs to be. Dr. Paige has moved, and Dr. Posey's last day is Oct. 31st. He is looking at charts discharged and need to be addressed quickly. He is looking at guidelines for critical access. He is in touch with St. Catharine's in locating a 2nd psychiatrist.

Pat LeClerc entered at 3:00. Gave an overview since 2011 with an overall savings of an average of 32% each year. Discussed the new changes, which were minor and discussed setting a date for employees open enrollment meeting.

Justin—There was a storm on the Sept. 18th and struck the tower and destroyed it, on top of the building. Contacted G&G to repair, so far approximately \$1500, give the invoice to the clerk to send to KCAMP. They need to get a hold of the Motorola representative, Commissioners said to talk to Tracie.

KAC meeting to be held in Wichita Oct. 29-31 was discussed and completed forms for voting delegate positions for those meetings.

A motion at 3:30 to adjourn by Ron, seconded by Bob.