

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
November 18, 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 November 4th 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; 2 Accounts payable warrant registers; Resolution 2013-12 Issuance of No Fund Warrants.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron at 9:20 for a ten minute executive session for Attorney-client privilege, back in regular session at 9:30. No action taken.

Mary Carson entered representing Bond Council for No Fund Warrants Hospital. Discussed Resolution 2013-12 Authorizing Issuance of No Fund Warrants in the aggregate principal amount of \$500,000. Approved on a motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa.

A conference call with Nardos Willis and Dan Wilson with the FAA, Chris Flageolle—Lochner engineer to discuss the 2014 Airport project details.

Kirk—EMS stated runs are at 275, usually runs average 300 a year. Looking at curriculum to cross train people. Still waiting on Amerigroup daily. Working on Oklahoma Medicaid. Asking to approve Treasurer to submit a cancelled check for reimbursements. Commissioners approved.

Supervisors—Stephanie, Kevin, Kirk, Tracie, Charles, Charley, Gwen and Rhianna.

Stephanie—Not a lot of activity this month. Keeping a watch on the Mortgage fee, Bankers are asking that it become a mortgage tax.

Kevin—Getting things winterized. Club house is being rented out for some Christmas parties.

Kirk—Busy getting EMT class wrapped up and will have an instructor teaching hazmat operations if Fire Department is interested as well.

Tracie—Still getting computers upgraded. New firewalls are being installed. More communications with the 911 groups.

Charles—had a couple small fires. Nothing major.

Charley—been busy patching the pot holes. All bridges passed the inspection.

Gwen—Went to KAC had a great learning experience.

Gina—November Tax abstract finalized Friday.

Eric—update on Hospital, the no fund warrants are in place.

Rhianna—very busy.

Commissioners—Teresa last week attended the court proceedings regarding the Lesser Prairie chicken and the possible devastation this can cause. KAC was real good this year. We have great departments in Morton County. Ron discussed the Mineral Trust fund the Governor had decided to cut each county amount in half for 2013, These counties have went together to file a lawsuit unless the legislature decides to pay out the remainder. Bob said we had great meetings at KAC.

Gwen—Brought in the bids on meals for Christmas Party. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teresa to go with Archuletas. Asked to send Deb to STAR training Dec. 4-5 in Harper, KS. No charge for class just 1 nights lodging. Approved on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron. Discussion took place regarding full time employees and part-time employees.

Tim Hardy—City Administer entered to give the Commissioners an opinion of probable cost for a handicap ramp at the Library and asked if we could do a cost share of half with the City of Elkhart. Bob made a motion to pay 50% approximately \$9134.00 by the Cities engineer, seconded by Ron.

Rhianna—asked if there is any possible way to get help with the billing. Either by hiring another part time person to assist with this, or surrounding

offices close on Friday afternoons. Commissioners unanimously agreed to close to the public on Wednesday afternoon's in order to maintain billing and paperwork.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 reconvened at 1:10. Drove by the Library to look at the ramp location and the Airport.

Charley entered at 1:00 to discuss the road department. Purple wave auction is under way and will be final Dec 3rd. He also discussed the open ended hangar and possibly contacting a cement company on what material they suggest for under the concrete.

Kevin—entered and stated he will be on vacation all next week. He will be going to the turf grass conference, but really does not have much the rest of the year. Larry Simmons will be showing him the details of the snow blower for when he is off. His budget looks fine for the rest of the year.

Larry Sharp with KCAMP Insurance entered for his annual visit. He discussed some ways to use the \$2000 Risk Avoidance Grant Program. Morton County has a 4 year average loss ratio of 25%, which is pretty good.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Bob to rent timeclocks thru Paytime Inc. Ron opposed.

Justin entered and updated the Commissioners on the washer/dryer installation in the Sheriff's Department. The dryer required so much electricity that it would need it's own line or use gas and since there is already gas in the garage he chose to hook into that. He will be checking into a policy regarding inmate medication fees.

Commissioners reviewed the evaluations and discussed wages for next year. A call was made to Steve Rice, CPA to discuss the budget, Steve was in town and came and discussed our budget. Tabled until the next meeting.

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