

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
December 2, 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; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Minutes of the November 18th 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; Accounts Payable Warrant Register; Added/Abated orders.

Teresa updated the Commissioners on the Ks. Natural Resource Coalition and the upcoming Judicial Hearing Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> in Garden City. She will attend this meeting and we will need to decide how much longer to stay in the coalition.

Commissioners have reviewed the Evaluations, raises and discussed budget issues.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to go into executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege for 15 minutes at 10:00. Back in regular session at 10:15, no action taken.

Stacy and Kirk entered at 10:15 and discussed insurance coverage by the Hospital, and County's KCAMP and KWORC (work/comp). The hospital merger and insurance is falling into place will have a copy of agreements in place. Will take place after 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Has received 1 application for the Paramedic/Ed. Coordinator position, he has interviewed her and she has accepted. Approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Teresa to hire Julie Talbert at \$41,000/yr. and start January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. Melinda Rankin had back surgery on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and will be out 4-6 weeks. Discussed the EMS building door still has not been repaired; Commissioners suggested to call daily until repaired. Stacy discussed with Steve Rice, CPA the Special Equipment Capital Outlay fund to move approximately \$20,000 to Commodities for items needed for the ER merger, a motion to make this transfer by Ron, seconded by Bob. Need to order 10 new pagers at

approximately \$4,000 and 6 GPS units approximately \$150/each. Stacy's 4 door F250 needs emergency lights approx. 1000-1500. KCAMP's Grant incentive can cover the lights. They have researched ambulances discussion took place; he wants to plan a replacement plan for these. Commissioners asked him to get some bids. A motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel, a motion by Bob, seconded by Ron at 11:00 back in session at 11:05, no action taken. A motion by Ron, seconded by Bob to approve the purchase for new ER insulated doors from overhead Door at approximately \$11,000 out of County Building. A motion to raise Kirk, Assistant EMS Director to \$39,530/yr by Teresa, second by Bob.

Charley—entered to discuss Purple wave auction will end tomorrow. Starting dirt work caliche for the open ended hanger, he was told they would have to do a soil compaction test. Some of his employees are taking year end vacation. Was considering getting bids on a front end loader, but cancelled for now. Discussed with Charley the approvals on his department raises.

Commissioners discussed the Landfill and possibly purchasing land close to the landfill. Bob discussed with Ed Johnson the Airport Papis have been out for about a month. Warren Struckel has had health problems so maybe we should find a backup person. A call was made to Stevens County Airport, they also work with Struckel but have contacted a Company out of Nebraska and will be working on their airport this week and we will be contacting them as well.

Jerry Craig Kreklau entered at 11:30 asking about the Property the Hospital and County are selling.

A call was placed to Commissioners by Chris Flageolle/Lochner. The County will need to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to review the contract. He will get the Clerk the information. The County has used Neil Rood a retired aviation consultant out of Colorado. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Bob to proceed with this.

A motion by Bob, seconded by Teresa to adjourn at noon.