

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
March 24, 2014

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 March 10th meeting were read and amended. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to approve as amended.

A call was made to Attorney John Frieden to get an update on the status in the Exxon Mobile litigation. He stated he will be meeting in Wichita on Wednesday to try to decrease the amount.

The Commissioners signed the following: The Payroll Form; Payroll Warrant Registers; Resolution 2014-4 Issuance of NFW Morton County Hospital; 4 Public Road Petitions Linn S22/T325/R40W crossing CR 22, Cimarron Valley SW/4 S1/T35/R40 to the NW/4 S12/T35/R40, Hancock Electric Rd M and Rd 25, Oxy NW/4 S30/T33/R42, Benesch proposal.

Rhianna-entered at 9:45 to have a local board of health meeting with the Commissioners and discuss social media marketing such as facebook. Ron made a motion for executive session for personnel, seconded by Bob for 15 minutes at 10:00. Back in regular session at 10:15. No action taken. She presented upcoming meetings to attend; April 8th in Hugoton table top exercise, April 7-13 is Public Health Week, Governors Public Health April 29th – May 1 required attendance Pam and 1 Nurse, and May 1-2 Women's Healthcare Symposium (benefits receiving family planning grant) for Kendra, Rhianna and Haley. Commissioners approved attendance to these.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa at 10:25 for a 15 minute executive session for attorney client privilege, back in regular session at 10:40. No action taken.

Kirk entered at 10:40. He presented accounts to be sent to collection in the amount of \$3424.00. They will have the 2 bids for the ambulance by

the next meeting. Asked to purchase 4 portable suction machine \$1026.59 each out of special ambulance. A motion by Ron, seconded by Bob to purchase.

Vienna—entered and said she has talked to the man from Edmond, Oklahoma about the polish on the floor approximately \$1200.00 but will be getting a bid from him.

Supervisors—Stephanie, Kirk, Gwen, Charley, Vienna, Susie, Rhianna.

Vienna—Reminder Chamber Banquet on Thursday.

Susie—Valuation notices are out and receiving quite a few phone calls with the Ag land increases. Not a lot of hearing scheduled.

Stephanie—Filed a large mortgage. It is looking like the Mortgage Registration fee will go away and they will increase the cost of pages filed. Still in legislation.

Rhianna—Changes in public health that they are working on. A meeting in Hugoton in April will help them with receiving grants.

Kirk—a very busy weekend with house fire and car accident. Storm spotter training is coming up.

Gwen—Thanked Commissioners for letting them attend annual conference. Deb did well on testing. Prairie dog treating is completed. Noxious weed changes are coming that she is staying on top of.

Charley—started hauling seal rock to the Dermot elevator. Ditches are getting filled up with the blow dirt. FSA is wanting to burn in April and he is hoping this does not happen.

Gina—Try to update employees time off on time sheets every few days. Healthquest is April 16th 7-noon at Civic Center encourage employees to make appointments. Upcoming Elkhart city election and a pre-retirement KPERS meeting next week in Ulysses.

Eric—Been busy with Sheriff they are full and having to house some inmates in Johnson also.

Commissioners—Teresa informed every one of the sale of Oxy Petroleum, employee handbook will be updated annually, random drug testing is a county policy, please respect the person administering. Bob thanked

everyone and we'll see what happens with all the legislation and hope for the best.

Adjourned for lunch at noon. Drove by the golf course, library handicap ramp. Reconvened at 1:00.

Bill Cotter entered at 1:00 to show the Commissioners his finished airplane hangar. Informed them of upcoming events he has planned. He has asked the Commissioners to pay for a portable bathroom at \$35/month at the flying field. Approved if approved by the forest service as well.

Charley—Road entered asked to attend the Ks. County HWY Association Spring Conference in Dodge City on May 5-7 \$100 plus room. Commissioners approved. He will order 1 light to try and he would like to order a sign and Gina will contact KCAMP and see if it's covered.

Kent Boaldin entered at 1:20 to discuss hooking into the Gas line for the generator at the road department; he has done the one call. Commissioners approved him to dig 2 ft. trench.

Becky Ellis—Museum entered to discuss 14th Annual Grassland Heritage Festival. A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to sponsor at the FBI Agent level of \$1000.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to sign and have Benesch continue services for Groundwater monitoring. A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to sign Resolution 2014-4 Issuance of NFW Morton County Hospital.

A conference call was made to Chris and Kyle with Lochner and Nardos with FAA regarding changes to the pavement runway 4/22 project. Commissioners do not want to make any changes, just proceed as planned.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to adjourn at 2:50.