

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
April 28, 2014

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 April 14th meeting were read and amended and approved an amended portion of March 24th minutes. A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to approve as amended.

The Commissioners signed the following: The Payroll Form; Payroll Warrant Registers; 2 A/P Warrant Registers.

Discussion regarding the Quilt guild reserving the Civic Center and are questing the rate of rent \$185/day, they thought it was \$125/day. Commissioners will look at the contract. Another issue for the Civic Center is the City wants to have a dance on 4th of July outside but open the east garage door for the band and access to the bathrooms only there is a midnight cutoff. Commissioners suggested the Fair Pavilion for longer hours, the Civic Center they would have to be done at midnight.

County Attorney updated the Commissioners on the status of the Hospital. They want to hire Doctors. The Hospital Board has made a motion to ask for another million in NFW that they foresee needing by the end of the summer. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to proceed and Eric will contact them.

Vicki Hubin with Western Kansas Child Advocacy did not show.

Stacy and Kirk entered at 10:30. Stacy gave information pertaining to the job description for Emergency Manager. Kirk has the final amount for the ambulance of \$234,992. Approximately 8 months to receive. Volunteers like the weekend incentive.

Supervisors entered at 11:00. Stacy, Kirk, Rhianna, Gwen, Kevin, Charley, Stephanie, Traci, Kevin and Gina.

Stephanie—Still not sure what or when the changes will be on the mortgage tax fee. Everything is still going steady, no filings with Oxy or Merit yet.

Gwen—attended the district meeting last week. The noxious weed law is being looked at for changes. May 8th is the State meeting in Hutchinson.

Rhianna—State changes in all their programs. Preventative health changes and trainings that are coming up.

Traci—attended a 911 meeting, received contact information for getting equipment fixed through Tri Tech. Vertical switch went down. Staying on top of what needs to be done if equipment fails until a decision has been made. The new AS400 is installed.

Charley—Blade men out moving tumbleweeds. Signs have blown down with bad winds.

Kevin—Booster club tournament this last weekend and have several tournaments in May. Just trying to find times in between tournaments to spray and mow.

Stacy & Kirk—Received a perfect score on the State Ambulance evaluation. Storm spotter training was held last week a good turnout. A new ambulance has been ordered.

Gina—Had the April election will have another one in August and November. Been attending conferences.

Eric—Just staying busy.

Commissioners—Teresa had attended the LEP meeting in Hugoton and working on fulltime Emergency Manager job description/position. Ron attended a meeting in Hugoton regarding land values, State wide Ag values have went up. Bob thanked everyone for their hard work.

Rhianna—Local board of Health Meeting to update the Commissioners. Sign in front of the Health Department is missing letters asked if we can get bids to replace that. Family planning based training is June 11-13 in Ks. City for Kendra and Rhianna. A motion by Ron, seconded by Bob to attend. Still having time clock problems. She has had several complaints on the Healthquest screening that it is not confidential. She is working on details of the Preventative Health maintenance pilot trainings.

Adjourned for lunch at noon. Drove by the health department to look at sign. Reconvened at 1:25. Darrell Smith, Ronnie Boone and Terry Lewis also in attendance.

Charley—Road entered to discuss an oversized load 240,000 lbs. requesting to use County roads. We have a resolution not to use County roads unless doing business in the County. He has discussed it with him in detail that they will need to pay a \$500,000 bond and drive before and after to discuss if there were damages. To rebuild 3 miles is approximately \$300,000. Tire rubber oil is not available, so he will use a different type and is hoping it is good. KCAMP Risk avoidance grant will cover the sign, South of Rolla on Highway 24.

Kevin—Still having a little trouble with the water well and has installed updated equipment so that it will not run all night. Commissioners told him to go ahead and fix the water well. Also discussed golf cart leases, membership dues and new hires.

Lance Brown with Forest Service and Andy Chappell(biologist) entered and discussed updates on previous topics since he last met with Commissioners. Lance and Andy had open discussions with all present and presentations for the Grassland Plan and ESA(Endangered Species Act) Process LEPC(Lesser Prairie Chicken). Commissioner Boaldin left at 2:45.

Justin and Shelby entered to let Commissioners know they have hired a Jailer and has looked at the job description and salary. Approved by the Commissioners to start her at their recommendation of \$1900.00 month. He has the agreement that states we take over all 800 mgh radio systems upkeep from the State, signed by County Attorney. Presented the 2015 grassland agreement, and noted the County will be receiving \$5700.00, it was \$6500.00.

Tracie—gave an update on the 911 meeting; they may have a vendor by the end of summer. Getting information for the backup plan. Discussed the time clocks and how much of a cost increase, she said it is minimal and not all departments.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to adjourn at 4:25.