

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
December 11, 2014

Ron called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Ron DeGarmo, Chairman; Teresa Harder, Vice-Chairman; Jay D Coen, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo, County Clerk. Also in attendance Kristjan Laumets.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Minutes of the November 27th meeting were read and amended. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D to approve as amended.

The Commissioners signed the following: Payroll Form; Payroll Warrant Register; A/P Warrant Register; Voided A/P Warrant Register; Added/Abated Orders 72-109.

Kristjan Laumets—Wanted to announce he is starting his own company. He will also have a report on a tire business after the 1st of the year.

Commissioners discussed agenda items. Reviewed the changes in the County handbook/policies and procedures, tabled until next meeting.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. LEPC has not officially been recognized through the State, he and Rhianna are finalizing the papers and will send to the State. There are grant funds available about February. Table top exercise coming up in January for cattle stock movement if there are quarantined cattle. The Code Red representative will give us a ½ price discount on weather and a discount if we sign up now. Commissioners stated that since he is attending a 911 meeting tomorrow, to discuss if these capabilities are going to be available with the vendor or should we go with this service. He was able to get bids on a better fuel economy vehicle, Commissioners asked him to also get a local bid and they will review then. Setting up getting a speaker to come after the first of the year on suicide prevention. Will be checking on prices for internet upgrade and service provider options.

Myrna and Gene entered for the Museum. Commissioners stated that their board needs to be appointed by the Commissioners per their recommendation. She will get us the current board members with 3 year terms. The annual meeting is in June.

Tausha—EMS discussed Dr. Perido is retiring as of January 2015, we will need to appoint another Medical Director, as soon as she has a confirmation from Dr. Caga-anan she will let the Commissioners know. The new Ambulance will be here mid-February instead of the end of the year. The ER being in the ICU Unit is a more convenient location, currently moved there during the floor renovation.

Vienna—Economic Development/Civic Center. The freezer went out, Kent has looked at it, should not cost too much. Asked if there is a fee for Ron Wilson funeral service, Commissioners agreed that there should be a fee. She is still trying to get a key for the back part of the Graham building. The County Attorney stated the contract is fine for us to make additions. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D that the 2 main street property renters have all utilities put in their name as of March 1, 2015. Dr. Grahams building has several rentable rooms(one office the County does not charge for County services by Compass Behavioral Health) so the rental rates will go up on those leases individually and \$600 for the larger office(Dr. Graham) a motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D. Smaller offices not occupied and will be tabled. Dec 26th she needs to schedule someone to work, Commissioner suggested asking about golf part-time help they may be able to work and they support what she comes up with.

Larry Sharp with KCAMP updated the Commissioners on Morton County's numbers in loss ratio and the benefits of belonging to the Multiline Pool. Reviewed items in the Risk Management Programs.

Ty Young entered to discuss the property that he purchased NW of town, he put a house there and considering a cattle processing plant. He has talked to adjoining land owners regarding modest improvements to the road. Asked if the County would be able to help with clean ditches from blow sand and top dress the County Road with caliche. Commissioners stated they would talk to the road supervisor and get back with him.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:05. Went to look at the new flooring at the Hospital. Drove by the open ended hangar. Reconvened at 1:00.

A motion by Ron seconded by Jay D to approve the addition of sidewalks around the open ended hangar at the same cost per square foot.

Charley—Road. Presented the road sign Proposal for Engineering Services, upon Attorney review they need to sign and submit. He has looked at the Airport cement project and will haul caliche in around the building. Commissioners discussed with Charley the map that Ty Young presented earlier, tabled until

Charley checks with Forest service and other details. He received 3 bids for the Wheel Loader and 2 bids on the Grader:

1. Foley CAT—2014 Wheel Loader Caterpillar 950K \$295,594 buy back \$105,000
 2. Murphy John Deere—2014 Wheel Loader John Deere 644K \$255,756 buy back \$67,500 (deduct \$2,500 for the spare tire)
 3. Berry Tractor—2014 Wheel Loader Komatsu WA380-7 \$265,700 buy back \$68,900
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1. Foley CAT—2014 Grader Caterpillar 140 M2 \$269,900 trade in \$70,000 (\$199,900) buy back \$125,000
 2. Murphy John Deere—2015 Grader \$253,983 trade in \$71,500 (\$182,483) buy back \$143,631

Discussion took place with each vendor regarding their equipment.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa to accept bid by Murphy John Deere for the Wheel Loader and the bid by Foley CAT for the Grader, the John Deere Grader did not meet the specs.

Rhianna entered to discuss hiring another nurse and salary comparisons she is requesting \$7.00/hr raise for herself and \$5.00/hr for Kendra. Teresa proposes \$37/hour for Rhianna and \$26/hour for Kendra. The State has 14 new requirements. A motion by Ron, seconded by Teresa for a 15 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 2:37 back in at 2:51. No action taken.

Commissioners discussed Chris Flageolle with Lochner stopping by when he is in this area to discuss future airport hangars. They want Charley, Lance Brown and Ty Young to get together and discuss the details on the road. The County Handbook was reviewed and corrections were made, tabled for approval at next meeting. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Ron to raise the rate for Morton County Health Nurse to \$37/hr. her assistant to \$26/hr. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Ron to give all County Full time and Part time employees a 3.25% raise. 1 employee and Commissioners no raise for 2015. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Teresa to raise weekend incentive pay to Paramedics \$250/mo. in 2015, stay at \$200/mo. for EMT.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Jay D to transfer \$10,500 from General Cash to Council on Aging fund as budget shortfall.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Jay D to adjourn at 4:52.