

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
December 22, 2014

Ron called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with open doors.

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

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Minutes of the December 11th meeting were read and amended. A motion by Ron, seconded by Jay D to approve as amended.

The Commissioners signed the following: Payroll Form; Payroll Warrant Register; Added/Abated Orders 2014 110-114.

Shannon Whisennand and Bill Cotter entered to discuss the idea of having an Airport Board. County Attorney will check into options for the Commissioners tabled until the next meeting.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. He and Traci attended a meeting with AOS, 3 counties have joined with AOS. A representative is going to come evaluate our setup and give ideas and prices. They also have a mass communication portion, so will table Code Red. Regarding communications, Commissioners stated to work together with the Sheriff. He also presented a bid from Ghumm's Auto. Tabled. Ed Johnson entered and discussed with Dusty some Airport items, PAPI's not working properly, inspection sheets need done, and keys made.

Kevin—Golf. Budget is fine for this year. He will be buying the paint from the Lumber Yard for inside the Clubhouse right after the first of the year.

Kristjan Laumets—talked about emergency preparedness readiness. Golf Course and Airport being popular here. Moving forward on a Machine Shop and on the idea for Landfill recyclable items.

Commissioners discussed Department items Sheriff, Road and Ty Young road options.

Supervisors—Gwen, Bobbie, Kevin, Dusty and Tausha.

Kevin—thanked the road department for working on a vehicle. The Club house is going to get painted. Gwen will get him some bait for a gopher.

Dusty—Looking forward to having AOS come out and look at replacing console for 911.

Bobbie(Road Asst.)—the culvert has been ordered for the Airport project. The Grader is in and waiting on the Loader.

Gwen—Thanked Commissioners for Christmas Party. Met with KDHE site engineer and needs to request a buffer reduction. Asked to sell the Earthmover on Purple wave. They really need a loader. Commissioners stated maybe she needs one of the Road dept. loaders. Presented information on a machine to cut tires to use as a pit cover its \$12,150. Her spray truck needs extra repairs, they have \$7,425 in grant money to help pay for this.

Tausha—After the first of the year they will be getting ready for inspection. Will also be taking vehicles to the road department to get them serviced.

Gina—Working on year end budgets getting ready for 2015. Just a reminder inventories will be due in February.

Commissioners—Jay D stated the floor on the open ended hangar is done, still have the approaches and sidewalk to do. Thanked everyone for help with the Christmas Party. Ron said this is his last meeting with supervisors and has really enjoyed working with everyone these years.

Bobbie—Road assistant. Presented some information regarding the road Ty Young is requesting. Norm Bowers has given a lot of input and Bobbie put a binder together with some information for putting in roads.

Adjourned for lunch at noon. A reception for Commissioner Ron was held at the Courthouse covered dish luncheon. Reconvened at 1:10.

Lance Brown and Bob Filpot entered to discuss the Road Ty Young is requesting. There are 2 options; 1) county easement or 2)request for road use permit from the forest service. Bob stated the culvert came in but another piece will be coming.

A motion by Ron, seconded by Jay D for a 15 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 2:00. Back in at 2:15. No action taken.

There were 3 bids received for contract cleaning of the courthouse.

1. Brenda Riley \$600/mo.
2. Kristjan Laumets \$525/mo.
3. Marcos Espinoza \$450/mo.

The Commissioners tried to reach Brenda Riley regarding her bid. The Clerk will call her and report back to the Commissioners on the 31st. A motion by Ron, seconded by Jay D to approve the handbook revisions.

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