

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 MORTON STREET, ELKHART, KS  
April 27, 2015

Teresa called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with open doors.

Present: Teresa Harder, Chairperson; Jay D Coen, Vice-Chairman; Randy Bane, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney and Gina Castillo, County Clerk. Traci Bitner with Tri State News also in attendance.

Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting approved with corrections on a motion by Jay D, seconded by Randy. April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Randy, seconded by Jay D.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the following: Abated order 2014 #151, 2 A/P warrant register, P/R form and warrant register, Release of Mortgage from Big C's micro loan, Golf Course Application for Gary Ellis and Cimarron Basin .

Greg Wellbrock—Landmark Appraisal. Presented the preliminary assessed values. Oil & Gas has taken a big hit. Hearings for Oil & Gas will start in May.

Melissa—District Court. Asked to purchase a biz hub copier from SPC. She budgeted for Court recording items but she won't be doing until next year and she would like to purchase copier this year for \$5719.55 with 5 year contract of service and toners. Approved on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy. Kayla Espinoza entered with an updated quote from SPC with the added fax figure \$636.00. The motion by Teresa was rescinded, seconded by Randy asked to get other bids. SPC was contacted they added the fax and removed another feature for \$5719.55, Commissioners approved.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. He attended the fire academy, will find out in about a month if he passed certification. The active 911 fee of \$5600 can be paid out of 911 fund. He presented information on mass notification from 3 different vendors, after researching he prefers Code Red \$6610.( they may still offer the discount of \$5360) Civic Ready \$5445. Airbus \$8180.34. Approved on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy to go with Code Red 3 year agreement. EMfusion working on infrastructure and generators.

Larry—Maintenance. Needs to replace a tire on work pickup. Currently it has 10 ply tires on it, Commissioners stated it does not need that type any longer put regular tires on and give those to Road Dept. He would like to purchase a new edger for the lawn, Commissioners said to get prices from local businesses.

Tausha—EMS. They will have State inspection on Thursday. She is looking at purchasing some more shirts and will also look at jackets they may have to pay for those

or a portion of. She needs to get tires for the Expedition will try the 6 ply. Little Britches rodeo is coming up they will be working there.

Commissioners discussed a concern by citizen regarding the requirements when reserving the Civic Center.

Supervisors entered Gwen, Tausha, Charley, Kevin, Larry, Dusty, Rhianna, Susie and Vicki.

Dusty completed 2 weeks of fire training certification.

Larry has had a couple grass fires and a structure fire. A garage fire in Rolla and a house fire by Dermot. He needs to have air bottles inspected. He also purchased 3 tires so all stations will have a spare.

Gwen had a tree fire. Received the chemical and getting close to time to spray noxious weeds.

Kevin had a JV tournament with 52 golfers and the Booster club tournament this weekend. Glad to have rain and had been spraying last week.

Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup> half taxes are due May 10<sup>th</sup>. The tax search is up on the website now. She has a new employee Veronica Ramos.

Tausha been busy with transfers and CPR classes. Next week is EMS week and she may do some extra activities.

Charley getting the shop cleaned out and working on mowers and equipment. Dana is out blading county roads.

Susie has Greg Welbrock, the appraiser in today. Oil & Gas assessed value is down drastically. She is doing data entry now.

Rhianna been doing a lot of immunizations and really working on State changes. Doing a logo search contest with prizes.

Eric has been staying pretty busy.

Gina working on budgets and went over the Pizza Hut customer appreciation discount cards for all county employees.

Commissioners—Jay D said he and Randy are going to meetings regarding budgets and Commissioner topics. Teresa stated that this year's budget will be a hard one to work with, may have to have tax increases and discuss what the top priorities are. Support shopping at home it helps the County. The Hospital CEO and board have to make very tough decisions and we are supporting them. Randy said this is a very hard time to

become a Commissioner and he really appreciates everyone and we will all work together.

Teresa made a motion, seconded by Jay D for a 15 minute executive session for Attorney-Client privilege at 11:45. Back in session at 12:00. No action taken

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

Charley—Road. He had a board member from USD 217 talk to him regarding the mobile home just across the railroad tracks in between Elkhart and Rolla about fixing the road. The County is unable to provide a service to fix this. Mowing season is fast approaching. He will be glad to use Larry's pickups 10 ply tires as spares for his pickups. When the weather gets hot he will get the Civic Center parking lot cracks and holes patched.

Bill Cotter, Reid Shrauner, Jason Willey, and Darren Buck entered for the Airport Board. A conference call will be tomorrow with a gentleman from DoubleCheck that worked for P.B Hoidale . Discussion took place regarding details of the fuel pump. They will work at trying to find a fix to the circuit board now and a fuel pump when the new 2017 requirements take place.

Kevin—Golf. Garden City telegram contacted him about doing a golf card program that people can use the cards at participating golf courses for the remainder of the year. Commissioners approved this as it may get people to come to Elkhart and support our community.

Justin—Sheriff. Thanked the County Attorney for use of Diversion funds to purchase the body worn cameras that will be mandatory in the state of Kansas. He has a policy in place for Morton County for the use of these cameras. Discussed concealed carry license or no license, he hopes people that carry will have the proper training and safety. He will evaluate the area and situation regarding putting up "Children playing" sign and may be discussed at a later date.

A motion to adjourn 3:09 by Jay D, seconded by Randy.