

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 MORTON STREET, ELKHART, KS
March 11, 2016

Present: Teresa Harder, Chair; Jay D Coen Vice-Chairman; Randy Bane, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney and Gina Castillo, County Clerk. Also in attendance Carla Blackmore with Tri State News, Dusty Brillhart, Bill Cotter and Reid Shrauner for Airport. Kevin White with Foley Equipment.

A special meeting to discuss the Fuel Pump at the Airport.
Teresa called the meeting to order at 3:00 with open doors.

Discussion took place regarding the County taking over the management of cost & revenue from the fuel sold at the Airport. Chris Flageolle, engineer with Lochner for the Airport reported back to the County that he feels we are in compliance with the FAA and it should not be a problem. Clerk said the current fuel tank is owned by the County and on our insurance. Commissioner Coen had visited with John Nusser owner of Nusser Oil regarding services to the Airport for fuel and what the County is looking at as an option. A letter was submitted to the Commission and the Airport board from John Nusser. The letter stated that Nusser Oil will discontinue servicing the 100 LL Aviation Fuel to Morton County Airport effective 3-31-16. He would still like the opportunity to bid on fuel along with other fuel vendors. After much discussion it was apparent the County will proceed to be the FBO for fuel at the Airport. Morton County will be operating the pump and be looking at vendors.

KDHE will have to send an application to change to a larger fuel tank; this process will take approximately 3 weeks. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Teresa UYV that Morton County will take over the fuel operations and request bids by local area vendors for fuel and the purchase of 1000 gallon tank. Commissioners instructed Dusty and the Airport Board to contact 4 vendors in the area for prices of a larger tank as well as on quotes for fuel prices. Dusty will be able to purchase fuel at the best price going forward to make sure fuel is in supply.

Kevin White with Foley gave the Commissioners an informational update on the 2 dozers at the Landfill. The County's newest dozer was laid over and is being repaired, that County insurance will cover, along with the rental fees. The 2002 953C dozer has transmission overheating problems and is no longer under warranty. Currently the county is renting a dozer and Kevin gave some quotes and went over lease to purchase options. The dozer the County is renting is on Foley's burnout list (inventory that is rented out and can be sold at lower prices). He will get more detailed information and email it to the Clerk for the Commissioners to review at the next scheduled meeting.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV to adjourn at 4:47.