

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
June 27, 2016

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

Present: Teresa Harder, Chair; Jay D Coen, Vice Chairman, Randy Bane Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Special meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes approved on a motion by Randy, seconded by Jay D UYV. Minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with corrections on a motion by Jay D, seconded by Randy UYV.

The Commissioners signed the following: 2 PR Forms and Warrant Registers; 2 AP Warrant Registers.

Larry Dunn—Fire. Discussed 3 trucks need repairs. The pump on the Richfield truck will be about \$5,000 and will take about 10 weeks. The Rolla Truck has had recalls and was looked at by the Ford Dealership in Guymon, it keeps dying, and the Road Dept. mechanic thinks it is the emission controls and would like to remove it. Larry stated emergency vehicles are allowed to remove the emissions, Commissioners approved. The big pumper in Elkhart did not pass the pump test; Weis Fire Equipment is sending a mechanic out to look at it. It works and can still be used, just needs more pressure. The tanker in Rolla had an oil leak and may need to be looked at it in the future. Larry wrote a public service notice on notifying the correct county before doing a controlled burn and discussed recent fire in Stevens and Morton was called.

Larry—Maintenance. Getting used to the new air conditioning system. He is pretty busy now and will replace tiles in Dr. Grahams County rental building in the fall after the roof is completed. Southwest Glass submitted the bid of \$400 to repair the glass on the door at the Graham building and also look at the doors in the Courthouse that need repairs.

Dave Bozone, Stevens County Commissioner stopped in and Commissioners asked if Stevens County has a resolution regarding controlled burns

Dusty—Emergency Manager. Airport both fuel tanks are hooked up and Kent Boaldin has ordered some supplies for that. The fuel pump is dispensable but the card reader is not working properly and PB Hoidale will send someone down to work on it. He has quotes for fuel and needs to know details on that. The beacon needs repaired at and he will contact Ronnie Anderson, before contacting Jerry Miller. He also has a meeting the middle of July for his Emergency Manager certification.

Gwen and Chris—Landfill/Weed. Oliver Vargas has resigned. Discussion took place regarding this position and landfill hours of operation. The Commissioners approved the Landfill to close at 1:00 Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Commissioners approved to have landfill hours until noon on Saturdays effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion took place regarding hiring a part time person. The Commissioners decided against hiring currently. Gwen asked that she and Chris attend CWDAK meeting Aug. 9-11 in Hays. Commissioners approved; Chris will be back Wed night the 10<sup>th</sup>. The service tracker on the older dozer will be approx. \$1000 annually.

Tausha—EMS. Had an EMS call, and had to leave.

Vienna—Civic Center. Presented a flyer to give out at the fair for Morton County Job Fair on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> put together by Economic Dev., Epic Touch Economic Dev. And Kansas Workforce. She has not heard from Knipp and is hopeful that Boaldin Electric can help with the A/C compressor before the Fair. Ribbon cutting for Doric Theater last Friday.

Supervisors—Larry, Vicki, Charley, Kevin, Stephanie and Vienna.

Vicki—Sent Delinquent tax notices. We have collected 98% taxes. MV taxes are going up July 1<sup>st</sup>. 3 oil/gas companies that have filed bankruptcy have paid through 2015 taxes.

Stephanie—Chesapeake has a filing. Lots of activity on the online services with 3-4 companies.

Larry—They have only had to assist Stanton County on a fire. So far none in Morton County. Lots of equipment needing repairs. Fireworks will be next week.

Charley—Going to start filling pot holes as soon as they can, but with the rain again this weekend they are going to have to keep working on the roads. Sheldon Pippin the mechanic is very busy with fire and road equipment.

Vienna—Staying very busy with Summer activities booked through July and Fair week 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Commissioners asked if she would get prices for a larger projector screen.

Kevin—Jr. golf starts tomorrow and is sponsored by the Recreation Commission. The Civic Center helped them with ice during the 4 man scramble. Still waiting on Toro for the pump.

Gina—Working on budgets and collecting them. Received the certifications from the Appraiser to get estimates out to municipalities. Working on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Election.

Commissioners—Jay D we are hopeful there will be a good turnout for the town hall meeting to discuss County valuations, budgets and taxes. Thanked everyone for staying positive and cutting budgets during these hard years. Randy has encouraged people to attend this meeting. We are all taxpayers and understand the concerns of the public. Teresa encouraged supervisors to attend this meeting as well. We are hoping the public will express what services are priority.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 1:00

Charley—Road. New John Deere loader has 700 hours on it and it has no cooler on the fuel. Charley has called Murphey and this loader was originally built for service in Canada and they have picked it up to try to fix and left a loaner. Lance Brown, Forest Ranger entered; he and Charley discussed the gravel pit and the test samples that have been done are not showing material available. They will try different directions, but will need permits and more time. Bob Fillpot has completed and submitted all the papers for the Federal Fund Exchange.

Bob Wetmore with Great Plains Development entered along with Vienna. Discussed services that are for low to moderate income grants or loans that requires a match.

Kevin—Golf. Jr. Golf is starting tomorrow. He is still waiting on the component board for the electrical pump, it may be easy enough they can do it or it may have to be replaced by Toro.

Greg Wellbrock, appraiser from Landmark. Presented the budget numbers. He also went over requests individuals have asked for regarding the change from commercial to residential values.

Justin—Sheriff. He would like to hire Christine Lozano for the jailer position at \$12/hr. as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioners approved his recommendation. He wanted to make the Commission aware that if EMS needs to use the Razor ATV they are more than welcome to it.

Jan Rodriguez entered for Housing Authority. Discussed damages that were done to the commons area in the facility. The police officer that was on the scene stated approximate damages of \$3000. Juveniles painted and spilt paint all over the basement. Jan would like the juveniles to clean up the mess and repaint. Jan will work with the County Attorney.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D UYV, to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for 10 minutes at 3:45. Clerk stayed in attendance. Back in regular session at 3:55. No action taken.

Vicki and Gina discussed budget items with the Commissioners. Insurance quotes were reviewed on several county buildings. July 11<sup>th</sup> town hall meeting agenda and next meeting.

A motion by Jay D, seconded by Teresa UYV at 4:43 to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 4:53 a motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 4:58 a motion by Randy, seconded by Jay D UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 5:03. No action taken.

A motion to adjourn at 5:06 by Randy, seconded by Teresa UYV.