

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
August 22, 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 additions.

Minutes of Special meetings Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and regular meeting August 8<sup>th</sup> were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Randy, seconded by Teresa. Jay D did not approve.

The Commissioners signed the following: 1 Payroll Form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant registers; Morton County Budget; 2 Appointed Board certifications; and WEKANDO resolution 2016-6.

Traci—IT. She would like to purchase 10 new computer towers for her rotation list, she does not feel we need any new monitors. Approved by the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Rental building roof estimate had been discussed with the adjustor and Cactus roofing, after clarification to do the whole roof. The Commissioners approved Cactus Roofing's bid for that job. Jay D gave an update on the repairs of the 953C dozer at the Landfill. There was some miscommunication, but he believes it was resolved.

Dusty—Emergency Management. Discussed part of the problem on the Fuel pump at the Airport, is using wireless or phone line connection. Dusty will find out the cost for a line from the terminal building to the pump, as opposed to the wireless box cost. He has 1 extra pager and several that are outdated and he needs 10 new ones. Motorola has a price of \$365/each and he will check with Mobile Radio Services of Great Bend and get a quote. Trying to schedule the LEP meeting for September.

Budget hearing took place at 10:00. Tim Hardy, Elkhart City Administrator entered for the budget hearing. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Teresa UYV at 10:30 to approve the 2017 budget.

Gwen—A 13 gallon tank and also a mower to pull behind the 4 wheeler, both of these will be purchased with the Grant Funds. SWANA conference will be Oct. 4,5 & 6<sup>th</sup> all 3 employees will have to attend per KDHE. Chris will take his Chemical test Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Gwen is working the State Fair again this year. The 953C is fixed and the 953D (new cab) is still having electrical problems, Foley will be fixing it today and the cost will not be on the County. DVR on the security system is not working; the Alert Alarm tech is coming out tomorrow morning.

Larry—Maintenance. Cooling system is working well; he will turn the boiler on later and see how that runs. Commissioners asked about the doors, Southwest glass tried to work on them but probably will need to have new doors installed. Commissioners said to get in touch with them again and see what they suggest for the doors.

Tausha—EMS. She has been looking at prices and grants for cots for the ambulance. The cost of a demo is \$17,750 and it will still have a warranty of approximately 5 years; plus an additional \$1800 for installation. She asked about purchasing this one out of the Special Ambulance fund. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV, to purchase the demo cot. Tausha will continue to look for grants to purchase one for the Rolla Ambulance as well. Cactus roofing has been in touch with her about finalizing the building repairs. Waiting on a quote for the sign from Janis Hollis.

Vienna—Civic Center. Asked permission to attend the SW Economic Development Roundtable in Dodge City on August 26<sup>th</sup>. On Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> KREDA meeting in Scott City, she would like to attend along with Becki Richardson, Epic Economic Development director. Commissioners approved Vienna to attend these meetings. Commissioner Coen asked that she make it a priority to get Morton County Economic Development brochure ready for the public, Vienna stated she and Becki are working on this.

Supervisors—Tausha, Vienna, Dusty, Larry, Traci, Bob, Sheldon, Vicki, Stephanie and Kevin.

Larry—There have been a few fires. More people are getting burn permits, but not burning that day they wait and do it later. He is still looking for used trucks as replacements.

Tracie—Was able to get everything upgraded to windows 10 with not to many problems.

Bob Fillpot—Introduced Sheldon Pippin the road shop mechanic. Charley wanted everyone to know the County sealing portion is done other than the striping. Bob has made a spreadsheet for stocking and tracking expiration dates on first aid kits if anyone is interested.

Tausha—Busy with concussion screenings for the schools.

Dusty—Working on Airport Fuel pump and maintenance.

Vicki—Published the delinquent property tax list in the paper, which brought people in to pay. Getting ready for the 2016 tax season. Learner permits issued for the school season.

Stephanie—Scout energy has had a couple of amendments. Nothing major coming in right now.

Vienna—Just got over a busy summer with the Fair and MMA fights. Passport Certification passed with 100%. September they have only 2 weekends booked then October is full.

Kevin—The tech was there to fix the pump station at first it didn't work. Now it does run. There were 45 couples at the couple's tournament this weekend.

Eric—Working on several prosecutions.

Gina—Completed the Primary Election. Already preparing for the General Election. Receiving municipality budgets and getting ready to calculate the levies.

Commissioners—Randy, glad to have Sheldon here. Entering the last of the year everyone is doing good staying busy. Teresa, budget hearing this morning we only had 1 person in attendance. Chris McCammon will be taking his Chemical test soon. Concerned about Kevin being by himself until he can get part time hires. Appreciate everyone being responsible with spending. Jay D, working on the budget has been top priority lately, thanked everyone for doing more with less, we really appreciate that.

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

Charley—Road. Commissioner Coen asked him about repairs on County Road 16, North of the river, those repairs will be done in the future. The priority is South of the river, due to chip sealing on County Road 16. The

2004 Ford pickup with 164,000 miles, the motor is bad, he received 2 bids \$3711.74 from Elkhart Auto Parts and \$3749 from Elkhart Ford (Napa). The Commissioners stated to accept the lowest bid by Elkhart Auto Parts. Straight Line Striping is going to do the striping for \$1000/mile; 27 total miles on County Road 24 South of Rolla, 9 miles of County Rd. 2 and County Road 16 as well. A motion by Teresa seconded by Randy UYV for a 5 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege with Charley at 1:10. Back in regular session at 1:15. No action taken.

Kevin—Golf. He has had a couple people pick up applications, but not returned yet. Discussion took place regarding the Golf Course water well, the age of it and precautionary ideas for if this should need repair or replacement.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV, to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for 15 minutes at 2:00. Back in regular session at 2:15. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Randy UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:25. No action taken.

Commissioners discussed taking County vehicles out of town and recommend all County employees be reminded that it is to and from meetings. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Randy to approve Gwen to take the County car to Hutchinson for her appointed board responsibilities. 2 yes votes and 1 no vote. A motion by Teresa , seconded by Jay D, UYV to sign Resolution 2016-6 WEKANDO settlement/amendment.

Rich Bergling, CEO and Barbara Anderson, CFO for Morton County Hospital entered at 3:00. Presented and discussed the current financial data sheets. Medicare reimbursements are coming in daily now instead of 1-2 a week. Darnell Ganley will be a new full time Nurse Practitioner.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy, UYV to adjourn at 3:45.