

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
September 12, 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. Cliff Blackmore with Tri State News entered at 9:25.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

Minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Randy, seconded by Teresa, UYV.

The Commissioners signed the following: Voided A/P Warrant register; 3 A/P Warrant registers; 1 P/R form and Warrant register; Anadarko consent; 2 part-time golf applications.

Discussed the following, KNRC meeting attended by Commissioners Harder and Coen last week. Also discussed the County paying the Elkhart/Morton Co. Fire Department's telephone, siren service and TV cable.

Gwen—Weed/Landfill. Received the pull behind mower and it works nice that was purchased with grant funds. Discussed the requirements by the State for spraying weeds. Chris will be testing next week for general chemical license, and will still need his C licensure. The landfill is looking a lot better, both loaders are back. The site boundary survey is complete. They will have to have all the requirements from KDHE done by Oct. 31st so they will be working on some items this week and next. Commissioners requested to have only 1 phone and fax line for Landfill and Weed departments.

Dusty—Emergency manager. LEPC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29th. The Airport fuel pump and the credit card reader are working, but receipts are not printing all the time. The septic system by the terminal building was leaking; Clink's Plumbing worked on it. There is a lateral installed on the golf course side. On the airport system dirt had settled and the riser was extended and will haul in dirt to fill dirt that had settled. He discussed the NDB with Jerry Miller and it was decided to leave it there for now. Dusty inspected the hole patching on Runway 4-22, he thought it

looks good. The airport may need a new beacon at approximately \$5,000. Received quotes on fuel, Nusser Oil was the lowest. He has been working with Justin on doing a lease to purchase option for handheld radios and the unit in the Sheriff's office. On the 10 pagers he received 3 quotes, P&W Service Center 367.20 each, G&G 415.00 each and TBS 400.00 each.

Larry—Maintenance. Southwest door said we have 3 options for the doors. 1 prop the doors open, buy new doors, order cylinders at approximately \$500/each. We need to get the one lock fixed for sure. He will be going on vacation 15-28th.

Tausha—EMS. She has ordered the power cot and it should be here by the end of October. She had to replace 2 tires and Commissioner Coen suggested getting an alignment. They suggested to call Cactus about finishing the repairs and check with them on the guttering.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV to go into a 10 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 10:48. Back in regular session at 10:58. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:03. No action taken.

Vienna—Civic Center. She presented a proposal for strategic planning by IDM for Morton Co. Economic Development the project cost is approximately \$23,000. Epic Touch Economic Development is committing \$10,000. The Commissioners will review this proposal by the next meeting; Vienna stated they would like to get started in October if approved.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Went to look at the Airport Runway 4-22, filled holes. Reconvened at 1:00.

Charley—Road. Charley would like to hire Greg Stiver, he has a CDL. Commissioners approved at \$12/hr. They should be finishing patching County Road 16 soon. Commissioner Coen asked if he would look at the Airport septic system and provide dirt to fill hole with Kevin's loader tractor. Charley asked for approval for Bob Fillpot to attend Road Scholar Gravel Road Maintenance in Jetmore on Sept. 20th. Commissioners approved.

Kevin—Golf. He received one estimate from Water Right Irrigation for pulling a pump @ \$4.25 per ft. He is not sure of the measurements; he will get that when he has time. The last tournament this year is this weekend. Then Seaboard rents the course at the end of September as they do annually.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV to transfer \$10,500 from County General into Noxious Weed to cover chemical and year end expenses. It's possible there will not be enough revenue from Chemical sales to reimburse the general fund.

Lance Brown—Forest service. He updated the Commissioners on Recreation Technician position available, 5th graders from Elkhart, Rolla and Yarbrough will be going to Middle Springs on Sept. 28th, Lesser Prairie Chicken update, Oil/Gas bankruptcies and coordinating with the BLM.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy, UYV to adjourn at 2:59.