

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
September 26, 2016

Teresa called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Teresa Harder, Chair; Jay D Coen, Vice Chairman, Randy Bane Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney entered at 11:45; Gina Castillo, County Clerk. Cliff Blackmore with Tri State News entered at 10:01.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved with corrections.

Minutes of the September 12th meeting were approved with corrections on a motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy, UYV.

The Commissioners signed the following: 1 PR Form and Warrant Register; 2 AP Warrant Registers; 1 Voided A/P Warrant Register; Hay, Rice and Assoc. 2015 Audit.

Gwen—Weed/Landfill. Presented the cost estimates on the KDHE cleanup sites to date, still have more to do. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D UYV to go into a 5 minute executive session for Personnel at 9:56 with Gwen. Back in regular session at 10:01. No action taken.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. He presented his Emergency Manager certificate. Dusty is looking at quotes on a replacement beacon. Commissioners approved his recommendation to purchase 10 pagers from P&W. He and Rhianna may move the LEPC meeting to the first week of Oct. He has been in contact with a woman here that is trying to help the County get set up for GSA purchasing of used Government items. Dusty is going to mow around the lights at the airport, as Kevin is real busy right now with not much help.

Vienna—Civic Center. She gave an update on the Economic Strategic Plan that was presented at the last meeting, currently it is on hold as she and Becki Richardson will be meeting with another individual with a plan as well and they can compare. She also updated that the County is not responsible for half of the cost, there are other businesses that want to pay a portion. Discussion took place on having a Facebook page for Economic Development; it's a good source of communication for the public. She can work with Traci to get this started.

Supervisors—Larry, Gwen, Traci, Charley, Bob Fillpot, Kevin, Dusty, Kendra Walsh, and Vienna.

Larry—Not a lot happening. One house fire and a bad wreck this month. Still assisting out side the County as well.

Gwen—Brought an example of a weed that they are trying to make a noxious weed. The new pit is almost done.

Traci—Busy finishing updating the antivirus. Windows 10 has come up with a service pack.

Bob Fillpot—Presented an update on the First Aid Database for medical cabinets and once he and Traci look at this. They can train all that have cabinets on it. EMS will order our supplies.

Dusty—Has received his Certificate as an Emergency Manager. The Fuel pump at the airport is all complete now.

Kendra Walsh in for Rhianna. Stated that they will have a flu vaccine clinic on Oct. 6th at the Civic Center.

Charley—They hauled dirt to the Airport and sand to the golf course. They also got the locations cleaned up that were on the KDHE list for the Landfill requirement.

Vienna—Busy. Has been busy with Economic Development, attended a KREDA meeting and Morton County will host the meeting in March.

Kevin—He has been very busy. Thanked the Road dept for hauling in sand for the course. Also thanked Traci for the printer and her work. Seaboard will be renting the golf course.

Gina—Getting ready to set the levies as soon as the appraiser gets the final updates by Oct. 1st. Reminder to Supervisors to talk to employees about Healthquest points and Open Enrollment in October for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Eric—Explained some of the new changes in Juvenile correction laws.

Commissioners—Teresa discussed importance of Healthquest. Asked Traci about helping Vienna with Economic Development facebook page to communicate with the public. The Commissioners will attend the annual KLPG meeting this year in Dodge City. Thanks for working together well on

some cost savings. Jay D has been out talking to constituents about things going on in the County, and he has been able to give County employees the credit for pulling together. Randy has 3 items, he has noticed over the last year there are things we cannot do any longer with less funds and we are all making changes, communication is so important, he is thankful that the County has emergency service employees to take care of the people in our community that mean so much to us when they are involved in accidents.

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

Charley—Road. Presented 2 job applicants, 1 has a CDL. Charley will talk to the one applicant. Skyland grain has made 2 extra driveways there and Charley has talked to them about not doing this, so this afternoon he is going there to close them. Charley also inquired about the bill he sent to A-Z Land Surveying Co. and has not received payment, only a letter disputing the bill. County Attorney said to send another bill, then if nothing received he will write a letter. Next week they go back to 5, 8 hour days. County road 16 is all patched now, a couple holes have appeared, they will take care of those soon.

A motion by Jay D, seconded by Teresa UYV at 1:45 to go into executive session for personnel with Susie Lewis for 10 minutes. A motion by Jay D, seconded by Teresa UYV to extend 10 minutes at 1:55. Back in regular session at 2:05 a motion by Jay D, seconded by Randy to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:15. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:20. No action taken.

Hospital—Rich Bergling CEO, Barbara Anderson CFO and Rodney Johnson, Clinic manager entered. The financials look better this month. When they get the Rural Health survey completed it may help the bottom line. No surgical procedures will be done after October 1st.

A motion by Teresa, seconded by Jay D UYV to transfer \$9,000 from the General fund to Airport to cover expenses until amended grant funds are received. A motion by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV to amend the minutes of Sept 12th funds transfer of \$2,000 to \$10,500 from County General to Noxious Weed.

A motion to adjourn at 2:57 by Teresa, seconded by Randy UYV.