

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
February 27, 2017

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

Present: Randy Bane, Chairman; JW Finn, Vice-Chairman; Jim Tucker, Commissioner, Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo and Jayme Stricker with Tri State News.

Pastor Denny Huebner opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 9:03 for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:18. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to reinstate Gwen's salary to the full 100% as of March 1st. She has completed all the physical therapy, once the Doctors final notes have been received the job description will be revised accordingly.

Commissioners discussed the vehicle tag statute and notification to Morton County residents. Commissioners signed the following; Road Petition by Pioneer 18-31S-42W Co Rd AA; 2 A/P Warrant Registers; 1 P/R Form and Warrant Register. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the minutes from February 13th at corrected.

Rhianna—Health. The backup refrigerator went down on Friday; she is requesting to get a new refrigerator and will use the current one as the backup, moving the new one to the primary vaccine refrigerator/freezer. Months back she checked with Circle D to replace her current vaccine refrigerator, she will follow up and check other possibilities if needed. She asked if she and Kendra could attend the Women's Health symposium in Overland Park, April 5-7, and is also inviting Haley to attend. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV they attend. The LEPC meeting is set for March 9th, and she has updated the COOP agreement as of Jan. 30th and renewed the MOU with the civic center. Rhianna- Local Board of Health. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV at 10:11 to go into a 5 minute executive session for **Local Board of Health**. Back in regular session at 10:16. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:22. No action taken.

Shelby—Sheriff. She would like to hire Ron Frazier as he has worked previously in Morton County, and will only need to update certification, not the 14 week academy. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to approve Shelby's new hire at \$16.50 as he has 20 years of law enforcement experience. Discussed the notification of residents vehicles over 90 day's in the county need tagged in Morton County.

Kevin—Golf. We will still need to order 50 lbs. of buffalo grass seed at approximately \$400 for the airport. Commissioner approved the purchase. Dusty had talked with Darren Buck, he was only going to order it not purchase it, Kevin will order it from his supplier. They also talked about gravel around the hangars instead of so much mowing and spraying. They will have a golf board meeting tomorrow. Memberships and cart shed fee billing will go out next month. There are about 20 less members and available cart sheds. He and Greg will be doing maintenance on the courthouse lawn and look at trimming the dead out of the trees. JW will get with them later in the week about what services to use to get the branches at the top.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. He attended the 5 states Emergency management meeting. He also attended the Forest service fire drill training. He has been getting tier 2 reports on hazardous material, with the company and location, he has to file and keep reports. Airport customers had asked him if the fuel could be cheaper to be lowest in the area and possibly sell more. Dusty gets a 65 mile radius price average. The Commissioners suggested that he continue the way he has been purchasing and pricing the fuel as the County has expenses to cover. He is looking at some information on natural disasters for kids. The KCAMP Risk grant covers upcoming Active shooter training.

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Dev. She had decreased the rug services for the Civic Center to once a month. They gave her 2 contract options; a 3 year or a 5 year, she would like to go with the 5 year plan as approved on a motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV. Vienna asked about getting bids on refinishing the foyer floors, they have not been done in several years. Commissioners stated to get bids. Morton County will be hosting KREDA next week.

Supervisors—Tausha, Shelby, Kevin, Vienna, Charley, Stephanie, Dusty, Larry, Chris, Rhianna and Tracie.

Dusty—Been busy with meetings. The LEPC meeting will be March 9th.

Larry—Feb 20th they attended a fire drill with the national grasslands. There will be a meeting today for the AOP with the grasslands. He is hoping the pumper truck will be out of the shop this week.

Chris—They are hoping that within a few weeks the new pit will be ready to use, once the State approves. They have a backup plan if it takes longer. The dozer is still in the shop, they have the rental again.

Tracie—Been helping in all departments.

Shelby—Busy since she has taken office. Going over policies with her staff and making some updates.

Tausha—Nothing new, just starting to get ready for inspection.

Rhianna—been attending lots of meetings. She has seen more flu A recently. We are fortunate to have a community that chooses to vaccinate. Still busy doing clinicals.

Kevin—Greg Stiver had been hired to replace Larry Simmons and is under Kevin's supervision, if something needs done get hold of either one of them.

Vienna—explained Becki McCrae speaking to the community and toured the County. Last week was 4 days of intense trainings with IDM on how to make the County and Communities better and get strategic planning underway. KREDA will be hosted here on Thurs and Friday. She attended a house committee meeting at the Capital for the possibility of industrial hemp being grown and manufactured in Kansas.

Charley— Still hauling caliche and trying to smooth out the roads. A crew is in the caliche pit making caliche.

Commissioners—JW appreciates everyone's patience as we are learning this process. Jim expressed open communications is great and he also wanted to update everyone on the statute of vehicles being tagged in Morton County if you're a resident and have been here 90 days. Randy shared to

Gina—Staying busy, nothing pressing.

Eric—Staying busy and working with Shelby.

Gary LaRue—entered to ask about the parking on the highway that the County sold to Javier for wide load haulers and semi-trucks. He is losing business by having the road blocked off. The County will do some checking into this.

Carolea Wellen—entered for the Elkhart Cemetery Board. The board asked her to follow-up on the original bylaws or how to go about getting them drawn up. The County Attorney stated he will ask Pat Vandervort if she has the originals, if she doesn't then the board will have to reorganize according to the statutes.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV for a 15 minute executive session for personnel at 11:46. Back in regular session at 12:01. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 12:06. No action taken.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:10. Drove to the Airport and looked at the open ended hangar dirt repairs. Reconvened at 1:15.

Charley entered at 1:15. Commissioners accepted Charley's letter of resignation effective 4-27-17 as he will be retiring. Charley submitted his Proposal for replacement. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV at 1:21 to go into executive session for Personnel for 15 minutes with Charley. Back in regular session at 1:36. No action taken. The Commissioners asked him about rock/gravel for around the Airport hangars, he has some out there and can look at it while we are out there. The conference for Kansas Highway Association is in Salina May 8-10. Due to budgets being mandatory meetings only, Commissioners prefer the Road Scholar Program already signed up for. Adjourned to go out to the Road Department at 1:50. Back to the Court House at 3:00.

Hospital—No attendance. The Commissioners requested to meet with the Board, Rich and Barbara at the next Commissioner meeting. Clerk will contact them.

Commissioners discussed the following; Greg received one bid on both; the 2007 Van tires and the roof leak in the East Hall by the handicap exit. The Commissioners want one more local bid for the next meeting. Commissioners approved the purchase of a new scanner for Elections \$982.53.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to adjourn at 3:58.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, CMCC