

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
March 13, 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, County Clerk and Jamie Stricker with Tri-State News.

Pastor Terrell Giddens opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners signed the following; 2 A/P Warrant Register; 1 P/R form and warrant registers; Added/Abated orders 2016 98-102.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 9:14 for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:29. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:34. No action taken.

Public Comment—Terrell Giddens stated the Commissioners will have a difficult upcoming decision to make on the replacement of the Road Supervisor Charley McKinley. He thinks Dana Baldwin would be good for the job.

Tausha—EMS. She presented a quote from SPC on a copier. The one they have is no longer under warranty and parts are hard to get. She will also get a quote from Southern office.

Gwen and Chris—Weed/Landfill. Also in attendance were Tim Hardy, Elkhart City Administrator; Charley McKinley, road supervisor they met to discuss the Annual Solid Waste Plan. In 2016 they completed the SEP from 2015 violations. The County had previously purchased the 40 acres next to the landfill. Still waiting on KDHE to approve the new pit. We also need to consider charging fees for unsecured loads, and cost for dumping by weight. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV that effective today we do not accept unsecured or uncovered loads. The flooring in the pit shack is starting to come up; we will need to repair this in the future. The dozer is back, and seems to be working good.

Kevin—Golf. Membership dues notices have been sent out. Kevin went to the road department, discussed the rock with Charley, he will try to get

that picked up next week and put around hangars. He asked to advertise to hire 2 summer help positions. Commissioners approved. They have trimmed the trees at the courthouse, but will need to trim some more. JW asked to have Greg look at the concrete that was broken on the open ended hangar.

Dana and Bob with the road department entered to update the Commissioners on Charley's retirement party details.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for personnel for 5 minutes with Gwen at 10:45. Back in regular session at 10:50. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:55. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to approve Chris McCammon to attend the Weed Directors Basic Training school in Manhattan on 3-27 to 3-31.

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Dev. She presented 2 bids for the foyer floors to be stripped and waxed. Barrigas Cleaning is \$2500.00 and Mirror Image is \$720.00. She also reminded the Commissioners of the meeting at noon on Thursday for the action teams on the strategic plan. With summer coming, the Air conditioning needs fixed, Commissioners asked her to contact Kent Boaldin for a bid on what he had previously discussed with them.

Greg Wellbrock, Tom Furman and Terry Lawhon with Landmark Appraisal Inc. Terry updated the Commissioners on the history of Landmark working with Morton County. He also gave a report on the breakdown on the billing R/E and O/G. Commissioners asked if there was any area the County could save money on what we pay Landmark, they stated that Susie already does 17% of real estate appraisals annually and that is a savings.

Vicki—Treasurer. Discussed with the Commissioners a notice she would put in the newspaper informing the public on vehicle tags and money staying in Morton County. Currently, there are approximately 3750 vehicles tagged in Morton County.

Larry—Fire. He asked the Commissioners about putting a burn ban on, Commissioners approved. Commissioners approved the sale of the pickup that was given to the fire department years back and put the radios in his personal vehicle.

Lance—Forest Service. Gave an update on the Lesser Prairie Chicken.

Adjourned at 12:10 for lunch. Reconvened at 1:15.

Approved bills. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve minutes of Feb. 27th as amended.

Charley—Road. Charley passed out a resume of a current employee, so the Commissioners are aware of his qualifications. Charley also recommended hiring Chad Chapman with a CDL at \$12.00/hr. Commissioners approved. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for 10 minutes for personnel at 1:31. Back in regular session at 1:41. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to extend 3 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:44. No action taken.

Greg—Maintenance. Entered to answer questions on the bids received. Replacing the water fountain for \$675 or go to the bottled water for approx. \$23/mo. There were 2 bids on the roof maintenance leak; Cactus Roofing for \$315 and Aqua Shield for \$800. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW UYV to accept the bid by Cactus Roofing. Commissioners decided not to purchase a water fountain or bottled water at this time. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy to purchase 4 tires from Done Right Auto Care for \$530.

Commissioners left the meeting at 2:00 to go to the Emergency Management facility and tour the Airport. Back at 3:00.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to issue a burn ban pursuant to Resolution 2001-1 effective immediately.

Hospital Board members Brian Mitchell and Steven Brillhart; Rich Bergling CEO and Barbara Anderson CFO entered to give an update on the Hospital. Barbara presented the Cash/AP report things are slowly getting better. Brian and Steven discussed a Doctor they will be interviewing in the next few weeks. They met with Frontline a few weeks ago; a good meeting with good ideas. Rich discussed the program for inpatient reimbursement, those applications are due April 12th. Brian wanted clarification on the meeting times. After some discussion, Rich and Barbara will attend once a month in the morning and the board will attend quarterly. The hospital's HVAC system is completed just finalizing the controls. The lights have been changed out so they are automatically off when an area is not in use. Commissioners asked about the surgical equipment that has been looked at being sold, Rich stated the offers are

so cheap that we are just going to keep it, with the hope of needing them in the future.

Commissioners discussed the following; Airport Hangars, overtime, handbook policies for employees' property taxes being paid and the cellphone reimbursement form.

Shelby entered for a signature on the grassland annual reimbursement agreement. Commissioners also discussed with her handbook policy regarding a few employees, she will discuss this and get back with the Commission.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to adjourn at 4:43.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, CMCC