

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
March 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. Jamie Stricker with Tri State News and Pastor Terrell Giddens.

Pastor Terrell Giddens opened the meeting with prayer.

Reviewed the agenda. Minutes of March 13th were read and amended. A motion by JW to amend the motion in the minutes regarding the tarped loads taken to the Landfill, seconded by Jim UYV that affective April 15th the Morton County Landfill will no longer accept unsecured or uncovered loads upon proper notice given in the Tri State News, Morton County Website and posted onsite. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the minutes of March 13th as amended.

Public Comment—Terrell Giddens stated he is praying for the Commissioners decision for the Road Supervisor position. He also suggested that maybe Becki Richardson with Economic Development could include the landfill secured load or any other information in her monthly letter. He also asked about the County paying retirees/Commissioners insurance, discussion took place regarding the policy, cost and number of retirees currently.

Rhianna—Health. She has asked that Pam attend the Kansas Governors Public Health Conference on April 25-27 in Manhattan, this is required and paid by grant funds. Commissioners approved. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV for a 15 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 9:52 for **Local Board of Public Health**. Back in regular session at 10:07. No action taken.

Greg—Maintenance. Greg entered for Kevin to discuss the cracked concrete at the airport. Kevin needs to pour concrete at the golf course in August, if the airport can wait that long it will be cheaper. The courthouse roof was sealed by Cactus Roofing, with the recent rain it is still leaking. He will call them to come back and look at it.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. He introduced Cathy Hernandez, the SW Kansas Emergency Manager. She explained the process that took place in Clark County with the grass fires and the chain of commands. She and Dusty gave an overview of reimbursements, mutual aid, incident management and State assistance. He will get some prices on 800 MHz radios for him, Fire Chief, EMS and Rhianna. April 13th will be storm spotter training.

Supervisors—Tausha, Shelby, Dusty, Charley, Stephanie, Vienna, Vicki, Larry, Gwen, Rhianna, Crystal Bashford and Tracie.

Dusty—Glad we received some rain. The airport fuel sales have been good lately.

Larry—All of the firetrucks are now back in service, which is a good thing. One had been in Hays since January. Scott Power transported one truck at no cost to the County. He has had a lot of calls regarding burning since it has rained, he said not until the Commissioners lift the ban.

Gwen—She and Chris attended the basic school a few weeks ago, there was good information. Discussed some of the Noxious weed legislative bills currently for review in the House. Still waiting on the go ahead for the new pit. Commissioners explained the amended motion on secured loads effective April 15th.

Tracie—Turned in the annual expenditure report for the 911 fund. Been busy updating the County servers.

Shelby—She and Mandy attended the jail summit in Topeka. She has sent 2 officers to narcotics training. She will have one new county officer and Elkhart will hire 1 officer as well.

Tausha—Been busy lately. Also she was able to contact Cactus Roofing and they will be there this afternoon to look at the sagging insulation.

Vienna—The Chamber banquet is this week and upcoming prom. They are doing a Morton County Chamber membership drive, if anyone is interested.

Vicki—Has had a lot of questions regarding the vehicles and trailers tagged in the County. Interest rates are improving on CD's.

Charley— He has a few guys out hand patching. Grader operators are out, with the little moisture we just received.

Rhianna—Still seeing low levels of flu.

Crystal Bashford--This week she will be attending the meeting in Stevens County about redistricting.

Stephanie—Not a lot happening, some small residential mortgages. Revenue is up a little from last year.

Commissioners—Stated everyone's doing a great job. Also be thinking about the budget preparation a little earlier this year.

Gina—Just watching the Property tax lid in legislation and possible changes to that.

Eric—Staying busy.

Gwen—Landfill/Weed. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV with Gwen for a 10 minute executive session for Personnel at 11:27. Back in regular session at 11:37. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:42. No action taken.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:50. Reconvened at 1:00.

Charley—Road. Entered at 1:00. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:15. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:25. No action taken. He presented the report on the Culvert & Drainage Class Bob Fillpot attended. He said Daniel Dunn went out to talk to Lance about the gravel pit, Lance and Shilo were both out of the office. They have hauled gravel to the scenic overlook area. Dana has bladed the Dairy Road and they will watch it.

Bob Whetmore with Great Plains Development. He discussed the programs they offer for Economic Development with the new Commissioners. Loans and CDBG grant funds.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting to go to the Sheriff's Department and tour the facility from 2-3.

Commissioners scheduled 5 interviews for the Road Supervisor position.

Bob Fillpot entered for an interview. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV, to go into executive session for Personnel at 2:47 for 15 minutes with Bob. Back in regular session at 3:02. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 3:12. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 3:22. No action taken.

Sheldon Pippin entered for a job interview. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV, to go into executive session for Personnel at 3:25 for 20 minutes with Sheldon. Back in regular session at 3:45. No action taken.

Dana Baldwin entered for an interview. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV, to go into executive session for Personnel at 3:48 for 15 minutes with Dana. Back in regular session at 4:03. No action taken

Larry Bitner entered for an interview. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV, to go into executive session for Personnel at 4:25 for 15 minutes with Larry. Back in regular session at 4:40. No action taken.

Commissioners discussed the following; The Budget workshop in Garden City. EMS and Health Dept. have requested monthly/bimonthly pesticide spraying instead of quarterly, Commissioners approved. BCBS email in regards to all types of coverages.

Troy Coen entered for an interview. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV, to go into executive session for Personnel at 4:55 for 10 minutes with Troy. Back in regular session at 5:05. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive for 15 minutes at 5:08 for Personnel. Back in regular session at 5:23. No action taken.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to adjourn at 5:24.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, County Clerk