

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
June 12, 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. Jayme Stricker with Tri State News.

Randy Bane opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners made additions and corrections to the agenda. They discussed the Grassland Heritage Festival which was very nice; the warning period on the out of County tag residents. Commissioners asked Shelby, Sheriff to come discuss this. She stated they are still making stops for inquiries. The Commissioners suggest compiling a list, the warning period has lasted long enough.

Commissioners asked Tracie, IT to enter to discuss her opinion on the additional 911 console. Discussed the space needed for it and additional items to assist with it. She said there are cheaper ways to have a backup. Commissioners suggested discussing these things with Dusty; she will get in touch with him.

Gwen—Weed/Landfill. She gave the County Attorney the Terracon engineering agreement to review, to be signed by the end of the month. They explained people are still calling the old phone line so it will have a message that this number is disconnected, gives the new number and the call transfers to the correct line. She has talked to all entities' about the amendments needed for the plat; this should be done by the end of this week. Reported the 953 C dozer still needs constant repairs; she will put in the budget the cost of a replacement. She is also looking at directional arrow signs for when they are spraying that can be paid with by grant funds. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to approve getting the directional signs. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to approve the purchase of 6 new tires at approximately \$1000.

Kevin—Golf. Talked about the hail damage at the golf course, some greens tore up, windows broke and trim damage. Junior golf will be starting toward the end of the month. The board will meet this week to finish up the budget. The pump is not working very well, Boaldin electric

has looked at it, may just need wires spliced together, if that doesn't work Torro will have to replace it. Discussed the hail storm and the KCAMP adjuster coming down and working with Greg. Estimates are being done on vehicles and windows.

Dana—Road. Presented the bid sheet from J & R Sand. Oil prices are half of what they were when the County did the overlay project in 2012, he thinks bids will come in between 6-\$700,000. For County Road 16. He would like to get bids to see what the amount comes in at and open the bids on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners suggested contacting Kirkham Michaels to discuss the engineering, costs and doing the bid for this project. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to send the bid sheet out to asphalt companies. Randy said Ron DeGarmo offered to donate the use of his loader to haul off limbs in Rolla to the landfill. He presented the two bids on oil from Hampel Oil and Elkhart Coop. We can purchase the equipment for \$8,900 approved on a motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV. Dana recommended hiring Bill Carlile, he has a CDL and then he will have a full staff. Commissioners approved his new hire.

Chris Lund with City on a Hill and Dr. Brenda Ridgeway is here in place of Chris. She presented their financial report. They appreciate the support they have had from Morton County at \$2,900 and are asking for an additional \$2,100 for next budget year if possible.

Rich Bergling, CEO; Barbara Anderson, CFO and board members Brian Mitchell and Jay D Coen entered for the Hospital. Barb went over the financial report and the battle ship reports. A motion by Randy, Jim UYV Attorney/Client privilege and personnel at the hospital at 11:18 for 20 minutes with Rich, Barbara, Brian and Jay D. Back in regular session at 11:38. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:48. No action taken. A special meeting with the Commissioners and the Hospital Board to discuss budget will be prior to the hospital scheduled meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Shiloh Benton with Forest Service entered and discussed the happenings on the Grasslands, the fishing derby had a great turnout. The annual managers meeting held in Elkhart/Liberal was well attended from managers all over the United States. They have a fire engine out of the area assisting other areas. The gravel pit area will be reviewed by an archeologist to try to get this expedited to expand the gravel pit authorized area. The caliche pit permit expires this December, there was a public comment in the paper, they have heard none as of today. So this process is ahead of schedule.

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

Dusty—Emergency Manager. Tracie, IT and Shelby, Sheriff entered to discuss the 911 backup consoles. Dusty has reached out for another quote, that company said since the state has went to Motorola they really can't beat the other. He presented a spreadsheet with cost estimates and 911 fund balances. They also discussed Tracie's suggestions earlier. Commissioners agreed that we will keep looking at these suggestions, but we do need to go ahead and proceed with the 800 MHz repeater at approximately \$20,402.16.

Commissioners toured the Civic Center.

Commissioners discussed the Hospital, hail damage on County properties, Landmark Appraisal. Commissioners set Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> for the County Christmas Party. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to approve corrections to minutes of May 22, 2017. Commissioners signed the following; 1 P/R form and warrant register; 2 A/P warrant registers.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW UYV to adjourn at 4:03.