

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
July 10, 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. Representative Reid Petty, with Jerry Moran's office entered at 9:35.

Pastor Denny Huebner opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners signed the following; 2 A/P Warrant Registers; 1 P/R Form.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV for a 15 minute executive session for personnel at 9:03 Back in regular session at 9:18. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:23. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:33. No action taken.

Dusty—Emergency Management. LEPC will be 19th -23rd. He asked the Commissioners if they had thought more about purchasing the backup repeater. Discussion took place and decided to talk this over with Steve Rice later this afternoon. \$64,081 out of 911 Fund and \$64,959 out of Local 911 Fund for a total of \$129,040.

Tausha—EMS. A motion by Jim seconded by Randy, UYV to send accounts receivables to collection in the amount of \$2,112.54. Commissioners approved to pay \$899.97 for 3 Samsung tablets out of Special Ambulance. She presented a quote from Southern Office for the copier in 2018 budget in the amount of \$4,656.23. EMT class will be in the fall.

Gwen—Reported on the 2 dozers. The 953 C had an oil leak that was fixed. The 953 D is not climbing and the cost for repairs is approximately \$1800. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to proceed with these repairs.

Kevin—20 kids enrolled in Jr. Golf. He is calling today on the pump. The woman's golf tournament went well.

Opened sealed bids at 10:00 for County Road 16 overlay. 3 were submitted. Steven Collins with APAC and Larry Wolf with J & R Sand were present for opening the bids.

J & R Sand—2 plans #1 \$822,553.90 and #2 \$984,931.60
Venture Corp—2 plans #1 \$945,778 and #2 \$1,187,897.00
APAC—2 plans #1,011,157.65 and #2 \$1,216,034.95

Plan 1 is 1.25" overlay on patched sections, followed by 2" overlay
Plan 2 is 2 consecutive 1.5" overlays for the length of the job.

Dana and Bob—Road entered to discuss the details on the bids, tabled until this afternoon and review with Steve Rice, CPA. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session with Dana for personnel at 10:43 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:53. No action taken.

Bob Fillpot explained the High Risk Rural Roads, a KDOT program for a signage grant on N 2/3 of the County. This is for program year 2019; with the upfront costs in 2018 of approx. \$197,450. County will be reimbursed by the State. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to proceed with the grant and advertise any interest to be on the committee. He will advertise 1 position as he had an employee give a 2 weeks' notice.

Shelby—Sheriff. Asking to advertise an open dispatcher position. Commissioners approved. Discussion on the out of county tag, there is a list of those that have received a warning; time is up now tickets will be issued. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes at 11:13. Back in regular session at 11:23. No action taken.

Greg—Maintenance. Discussed the roof bids received on the hail damage on May 3. Museum buildings; church and school have had 4 bids turned in. Golf club house there were 3 bids. Ready Roofers, Aqua Shield and AR Roofing. Table until we receive KCAMPS adjusters quotes. County Attorney has heard from the Expert opinion for the Library roof the cost for that opinion will be approximately \$5,000. And he can be here next week.

Nancy Brewer—Acting Dist. Ranger for Cimarron National Grasslands entered in place of Lance Brown to give an update on Personnel and Lance being out on detail for up to 4 months. The current restrooms at Middle Springs are being demolished and replaced with newer facilities.

Due to the blizzard and hail the Lesser Prairie Chickens nesting wasn't as successful this year.

Adjourned at noon for lunch at the Elkhart Sr. Center and then toured the facility.

Met with Steve Rice at 2:30 to discuss the preliminary budget numbers. Steve went over all budgets in detail because this is the 2 new Commissioners first budget. There was much discussion on large items of the Hospital, Road Department and roofs on County buildings. Commissioners are going to review and go over numbers and asked for time to be allotted at the next meeting to go over questions or adjustments each may have. Steve suggested making the transfers for 2017. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to approve transfer of funds; \$150,000 from County General to Special Equipment and \$331,500 from Road to Special Highway Equipment. The total to fully convert to 800Mgz. backup repeater, radios and pagers is \$64,081 out of 911 Fund and \$64,959 out of Local 911 Fund for a total of \$129,040. After talking with Steve Rice, Randy made a motion, seconded by JW to approve this purchase. No vote by Jim.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of June 26, 2017 as corrected. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to approve minutes of Budget hearings June 28th & 29th.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to adjourn at 4:48.