

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
July 24, 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. Jayme Stricker with Tri State News

Pastor Denny Huebner opened the meeting with prayer.

Reviewed the agenda. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of July 10th with corrections. Commissioners signed the following; 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers; 2 Road Permits from Pioneer Electric County Road Z and Road 22.

Matti—District Court. Asked for approval on the Capital Outlay form to purchase the server in the amount of \$2276.71. Commissioners approved as this was in the budget.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV for a 15 minute executive session at 9:33 for personnel. Back in regular session at 9:48. No action taken.

Rhianna—Health. Discussed that she met with Dr. Caga-anan and he has agreed to continue to be the County Medical officer. She met with the Commissioners for the monthly **Local Board of Public Health**.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for Personnel at 9:50 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:00. No action taken.

Greg Welbrock with Landmark Appraisal entered at 10:00. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV for a 15 minute executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege with Greg. Back in regular session at 10:15. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:25. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:30. No action taken.

Dana—Road. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to approve Mike Hollis along with Dana and Bob for the HH signage Committee. Dana asked the Commissioners to sign the caliche Pit agreement. Chairman

Bane signed the agreement. If we don't overlay county road 16 he will have to do a lot of patching at approximately \$60,000.

Vienna—Civic Center. The strategic planning committee has completed an application to become an E Community, for \$50,000 in tax credits for clients and businesses to apply for by August 4th. There will be a luncheon tomorrow with accountants to go over the details. Next year they can apply for more credits. The air conditioner had quit working, Boaldin electric repaired it. The relay system that we were considering unhooking needs to be in place, it shut down since there was a small fire in the microwave. Only half the hall is working and overworking the other unit. Commissioners suggested calling Lynn's out of Liberal to look at the A/C unit. Vienna asked about an issue on being at the Civic Center when requested by clients, then they do not show up for quite some time. The commissioners asked her to revise the contract and send it to County Attorney for review. She updated the Commissioners on the individual that was upset about passport information, she has worked with her and helped her understand and explained passports take some time so it's hard when waiting until the last minute.

Supervisors—Gwen, Tracie, Stephanie, Larry, Dana, and Vienna.

Stephanie—Ordered a new CIC server. A new program will be installed August 4th and they will receive training on that. Working on scanning and indexing.

Tracie—Ordered a couple department servers to install. Received the laptop for Greg to monitor the HVAC unit.

Dana— Started mowing the Fair and Airport area since the Fair is fast approaching. Getting roads prepared for patching.

Vienna—Getting ready for the fair in a few weeks. Been busy with summer events. Discussed being an E Community and receiving tax credits. If interested come to the Civic Center tomorrow for luncheon.

Larry—A few wrecks lately. Highway 51 seems to have more wrecks. Only 1 small grass fire right after the 4th of July.

Gina—Just working on budgets and dealing with the valuation change and making the best of it.

Gwen—Found a new thistle in Morton County and will have a tough time controlling it as it went to seed. Thanked the Commissioners for the Picnic it was a good time.

Commissioners—JW explained the error in our valuation numbers that was just noticed and it affects our budget and hopes everyone understands that we are not as comfortable as we first thought. Jim thanked all those that helped with the picnic. Randy encouraged everyone to try and be positive even though we are working with change in valuation. The County picnic was not paid for by County funds and we appreciate everyone.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:30. Drove by Golf Course, Airport and Civic Center. Returned to regular session at 1:00.

Steve Rice, CPA entered to discuss the error in valuation with the Commissioners and also discussed the Budget.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for Personnel at 2:28 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:38. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:48. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:53. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to adjourn at 2:57.