

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
August 28, 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.

Pastor Keith Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 9:02 for 20 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:22. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:27. No action taken.

Reviewed the agenda. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to approve the amended minutes of August 14th and Special meeting August 18th. Discussed the bills.

Rhianna—Health. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes for **Local Board of Public Health**, Attorney Client Privilege at 9:45. Back in regular session at 9:50. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:55. No action taken.

Kevin—Golf. Discussed the remaining golf tournaments for the summer. He also said the school asked to have the League Cross Country Meet at the golf course, the course would be closed that day and have parking arrangements in place.

Dana—Road. Presented one applicant that he would like to contact. Jim said he received a phone call with a compliment that county dirt roads are in good conditions. They will start patching pot holes soon. He asked if he and Bob could attend a one day class for Fed funds on Sept. 13th. Commissioners approved.

Supervisors—Tausha, Stephanie, Tracie, Chris, Kevin, Dusty, Susie, Vicki, Larry, Dana and Rhianna.

Dusty—Straight line winds did do some damage at the Airport. But it's in the process of getting everything fixed. KEMA conference in Mid September.

Kevin—Just had Knights of Columbus tournament, with a couple more in September. He was interviewed by Steven Randle, director of chapter outreach for Golf Course Superintendent Association the article of how GCSA benefited its members may be in the Golf Course magazine with pictures of Point Rock Golf Course.

Shelby—They had a bike rodeo for the kids right before school started in Elkhart and Rolla. And will do it again at the year end to get kids ready for summer safety. Currently about 8 inmates.

Chris—Been busy with people hauling stuff from the weather. The rain has kept them busy trying to keep things accessible. Appreciate the road department's help, while 1 dozer was in the shop.

Tracie—Been setting up several new servers, one at Register of Deeds and also District Court. Helped Dusty with the Airport fuel pump communications that went down during the wind storm.

Stephanie—Stated that with Tracie setting up the server it has saved about \$3000. There has been a few houses sell recently.

Tausha—Working on the changes with a medical director, as he is not in the county. Fixing to start football season standby and worked with a Sandhill Orthopedic who gave helpful info.

Vicki—Beginning Aug. 1st they started a Federal ID compliant driver's license from the state, it is not required but if you want to fly and travel you may want this federal ID. 28 vehicle tags have been tagged in Morton County from out of the County to date.

Larry—Issued a few burn permits, but it has not been busy.

Dana—Rain has kept them very busy mowing and maintaining the roads. He would like to patch road 16 next week.

Rhianna—busy doing school and daycare physicals. Surge in STD's lately. Pam will be gone, as will Dana keep them and Tannan in our prayers.

Susie—This time of the year they are editing, there has been a lot of changes in the royalty owners. Right now they work on past year, current

year and upcoming year. Merit has about 900 leases and they will be working on that. Jeff went out and did 17% of the Real Estate re-inspection appraisal requirements.

Gina—Receiving all the budgets from Schools, Cities, Cemetery's, and Townships. Getting ready to start the process in setting the levies.

Eric—Working with Shelby with 8 inmates there.

Commissioners—JW said we made it through the budget hearings, which was new to him and Jim. We all still need to be conservative. Jim appreciates everyone saving money where they can, it shows we have a good crew. Randy said it's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. He went over the names of the social committee and asked who wants to step up to be chairman.

Tausha—discussed the medical director position. She has visited with a Doctor through the telemedicine services, he may accept this position. Quarterly the medical director reviews random amount of reports. They discussed compensation; Commissioners want to leave it at the prior amount of \$1800. Tausha will discuss this with the Doctor and let the Commission know.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to approve Dana's recommendation for the Road department new hire of Brian Sheppard with a CDL at \$12/hr.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:45. Reconvened at 1:00.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to approve road permit from Merit Energy.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session with Chris for Personnel at 1:25 for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:40. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:50. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:55. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:00. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to adjourn at 2:09.