

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
September 11, 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.

JW opened the meeting with prayer.

The Commissioners signed the following; 1 Payroll Form & Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers; and Resolution 2017-6.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve the minutes as amended. The Commissioners chose an employee evaluation form. They reviewed the airport lease for Tri-Rotor and looked at the increased water rates, requested a letter be sent to Tri-Rotor. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the 2018 Holiday schedule with the additional date of Monday, Dec. 24th just for 2018.

Dusty—Emergency Management. He stated that in talking with the Stanton County EM, the recent storm had straight line winds which caused damage in Morton County with Pioneer Electric therefore we need to pass resolution 2017-6 a proclamation for state of local disaster. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to pass resolution 2017-6.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He will take the prairie dog test on Sept. 29th. The 953 C is getting the tracks put on and he will coordinate with the road department if they have time to send someone to pick it up or have Foley bring it. SWANA conference is coming up and he is asking to register he and Todd at approximately \$756. Commissioners tabled this until later this afternoon. He needs tires on the pit truck at approximately \$600. A motion by JW seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the purchase of the tires. Interview with Chris for Weed/Landfill supervisor position. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim to go into executive for personnel. At 9:55 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:05. No action taken.

Kevin—Golf. The electrical part for the pump went out and it's in Liberal being repaired, he is using the spare right now. The approximate cost is

\$2500. The clubhouse roof is being replaced today from the hail damage. They discussed the standing water on the concrete by the club house, Kevin suggested cutting out some of the concrete and putting in a grate. The Commissioners will go by and look at it this afternoon. Discussion took place regarding the water bill on the pond and the course. They are hoping all the trees survive these last few storms.

Dana—Road. Discussed a concern about a bladed county road. Dana went and looked and checked into it. He explained the situation to the Commissioners. He, Sheldon and Chris are going to Wichita and look at CAT's rebuild equipment as an option for Graders. If he has the funds at the end of the year he would like to get bids for a new one. 2 are running now and the warranty is up already. He also has older ones he can sell. Dana says he worries that the pay for employees is too low, doesn't want to lose anyone to other jobs. Commissioners stated they will review wages. Since Tannan has been in the hospital he is not going to attend the Federal fund exchange class he will send Bob Fillpot. Stevens County is making asphalt this week, so hopefully we can start patching which is a lot cheaper.

Vienna—Civic Center. We have been accepted to be a finalist in the E Community, there will be another meeting on Oct. 5th. The wind energy meeting went real well, PSO is the company that is doing the electricity and will be in Guymon in September, Becki will attend that meeting. She and Becki have talked with the strategic planning committee about rushing to get a marketing package ready to get to them. Amy has accepted a full time position at the coop, but would still like to work some nights and weekends. Vienna would like to see if this will work.

A motion by Randy, second by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel and interview with Pete Milburn for 10 minutes at 11:00. Back in regular session at 11:10. No action taken.

A motion by Randy, second by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel and interview with Jesse Drew for 10 minutes at 11:12. Back in regular session at 11:22. No action taken.

Mark Isley with HUB International, entered at 11:30 to have a working lunch to go over a comparison of our current SEHP BCBS health insurance and the proposal by BCBS of Kansas Plan.

A motion by Randy, second by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel and interview with Randall Robertson for 10 minutes at 1:15. Back in regular session at 1:25. No action taken.

Commissioners left to go tour the Hospital at 1:30. Back at 2:30.

Commissioners discussed the health insurance options further. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to accept the proposal by BCBS of Kansas Plan, similar to current plan but 12.2% cheaper.

County Attorney updated the Commission on the Library Roof. He received the professional opinion stating the negligence and problems. Attorney sent a letter to Roofmasters Sept. 7th.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel to discuss today's interviews for 10 minutes at 3:02. Back in regular session at 3:12. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to hire Chris McCammon for the Weed/Landfill Supervisor position at \$21.50/hr.

Jim Tucker left the meeting at 3:15.

Discussed KLPG meeting and KCAMP insurance.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW to adjourn at 3:31.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, CMCC