

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
September 25, 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.

Darren Buck entered and opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes at 9:02. Back in regular session at 9:12. No action taken.

The agenda was reviewed. Minutes of September 11th were amended and approved on a motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV. Commissioners signed the following; 1 P/R form and warrant register; 2 A/P warrant registers; added/abated orders 2016 109-112; Road Permit by Pioneer Electric.

Dusty—Emergency Manager. Attended the KEMA conference, learned a lot about funding we have not participated in yet. At this conference he was asked to do a presentation at the KAC conference in Nov. he is asking permission to attend. Commissioners approved. The 800 repeater should be in this week or next. He discussed the ability to page out over cell phones instead of using the pagers and he would like to try this. Discussion took place that this was not in the original estimated backup plan or the approved bid. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to approve the purchase of 1 unit for \$1000.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for attorney client privilege for 10 minutes at 9:37. Back in regular session at 9:47. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:52. No action taken.

Rhianna—Health. She asked that Pam attend training in Wichita on Oct. 17th it's required by the grant. The generator went out, she contacted Kent Boaldin about the previous bid, he said the price would be the same at \$3,350 to \$3,600 and research the maintenance contract. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, JW abstained from the vote to purchase the

generator . A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV for a 5 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 10:08 for **Local Board of Public Health**. Back in regular session at 10:13. No action taken.

Tausha—EMS. EMT classes will start Oct. 16th, with approximately 12 interested. The EMS generator had some issues with the power surge, they cleaned the battery, changed the fuses and got it to work hopefully that's all it needs. She requested a pay increase for part time volunteers. Commissioners tabled this for now.

Kevin—Golf. Discussed the standing water on the concrete by the club house. He asked about getting a bid to cut the concrete and repair this. Commissioners approved. He has a couple tournaments coming up. Seaboard has rented the whole course for a day.

Dana—Road. Bob attended the federal fund exchange program and handed out a report. Dana, Chris and Sheldon went to Wichita and went over the rebuild option that Foley has for heavy equipment. He has 2 graders that they do not use, and he would like to get bids on a new one with these 2 as trade in. And next year participate in the rebuild option. The west half of the county has been patched.

Vienna—Civic Center. Reminder that Wednesday is the Strategic planning committee meeting at noon. October 5th at noon will be the E Community interview. Becki and Shan will attend the meeting in Guymon on Wednesday with the company that is doing the electrical lines for the wind farm.

Supervisors—Chris, Tausha, Shelby, Dusty, Dana, Stephanie, Vienna, Larry, Rhianna, Kevin, Susie, Crystal Bashford and Tracie.

Dusty—attended KEMA conference last week it was good. The 800 repeater should be here the next couple weeks. He will also have a booth with “Code Red” information at the Civic Center during the Flu Clinic.

Shelby—Been very busy lately. The Jail is full. The drug dog was at the schools last week; she feels it was very beneficial for the students.

Tracie—Helped Stephanie with new server and software. Been reading updates on ransomware. Don't open anything if you are not familiar with it.

Kevin—Several tournaments lately have kept them busy. Seaboard and League Cross Country have rented the entire course a day each.

Tausha—EMT classes will be starting soon. Standbys at the football games.

Vienna—September has been a little slower. October is filling up quick. If you are participating in the Strategic Planning there is a luncheon Wednesday. E Community interview is coming up as well. She is excited about the windfarm coming by Guymon, the group have been working on getting information about Morton County to them in hopes that it will draw people to our County.

Dana—Working on patching right now then will get to the blading. The Fed fund exchange program is based on the vehicle registrations in Morton County to help with Roads.

Larry—Getting the trucks winterized for the weather. Has not been busy and that's a good thing.

Susie—Working on editing, then the clerk will get the levies set and to the treasurer for printing tax statements.

Rhianna—Flu clinic is coming up on Oct. 4th at the Civic Center. Sr. Citizens flu clinics will be at the Sr. Centers. Traci and Dusty have helped her a lot with computer and generator issues.

Crystal Bashford—Had attended the State Fair and County Fair they were both good. There is a public listening tour tonight with Dr. Hadley. She is currently working with the CATS program and cooking with Crystal on Wednesdays. Next week is 4H week. OWLS program is coming up for kids 5th grade and up.

Stephanie—Had their new software installed in the last couple weeks. Had a couple mortgages lately.

Gina—We will have an open enrollment to go over the new BCBS policy starting 2018, make sure employees plan to attend since this is new coverage. Remind employees the OGLI coverage through KPERS is available through the end of the month. Working on Election and levies right now.

Eric— There is a current AG update out there now about people calling you saying you need to buy a cash card for a current arrest warrant. This is a false company. So be aware and double check into the facts.

Chris—It's going good, with the rain it is muddy at the Landfill. Big thanks to the Road Dept. for helping them with the road by the gate.

Commissioners—JW stated he hopes everyone will like the insurance. We understand the concern for wage increases as well, just understand it is difficult to work through all this, but we want the best for the employees. Randy was asked by constituents if the County was getting lined out. He said there's a lot that people do not realize that goes into what everyone does. He thanked Shelby and the Sheriff's department for hosting the Dermot dinner. Jim expressed how great the team work is here in the County. Chris and Stephanie have agreed to chair the Christmas party.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. Needed a signature on the Nomination for County Weed Supervisor. He would also like to pursue the hiring of part time or contract person. Commissioners will discuss this further this afternoon. Prairie dog treating is coming up and he is testing this week. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV for executive session for personnel for 5 minutes at 11:40. Back in regular session at 11:45. No action taken.

Rhianna—Health. Entered and asked for an executive session. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV for a 3 minute executive session for Attorney Client at 11:46. Back in regular session at 11:49. No action taken.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 1:00.

Shelby—Sheriff. Entered at 1:15 and asked about replacing her back door lock. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to purchase a new lock. A motion Jim, seconded by JW, UYV for a 7 minute executive session for personnel at 1:20. Back in regular session at 1:27. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:32. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for attorney client privilege at 1:40 for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:45. No action taken.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting to go to the Extension Council at 1:30 for a tour. Commissioner Randy Bane signed the 4H Proclamation while there. Back to the Courthouse at 2:20.

Greg—Maintenance. Entered to discuss the quotes on the generator for LEC and 911 system that went down during the power surge. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to purchase the transfer switch from Central

Power at approximately \$2500 and contact Boaldin Electric to install it. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to purchase the surge protector strip for the air handler at \$1085. Commissioner reviewed 2 bids on hail damage repairs to the Ford Fusion. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to have car repaired by Countryside Auto.

Commissioners discussed the farm land the County owns and Kenny Horton rents. We also discussed supervisor duties to go over next meeting. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV, to approve Road Permit submitted by Pioneer Electric.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to adjourn at 3:06.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk