

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
October 9, 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 opened the meeting with prayer.

The agenda was reviewed. Commissioners signed the following; 2 A/P Warrant registers; 1 P/R Form and Warrant register. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the amended minutes of September 25th.

Tim—Elkhart City Administrator. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for 5 minutes with Tim at 9:30. Back in regular session at 9:35. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:40. No action taken. Tim also discussed the current water service at the airport provided to the spray pilots.

Willard and Dustin with Stanfield Roofing entered to discuss the maintenance program they provide for Commercial roofs. They have looked at ours after the hailstorm, since it was determined this building had no damage due to the hail but we do have several leaks. They analyzed it and have a 3 year maintenance program to fix current leaks at approximately \$8500. Then next year they will come out twice a year and walk the roof and address any issues at \$1250 annually for 2 years. Commissioners tabled to review contract and discuss further.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. Commissioners asked if he had passed his Prairie dog test; he should hear this week. The survey update is at the State level. Chris has a quote from ETC about putting a phone line in the pit shack; the cost is approximately \$600-700. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, to approve the phone line JW abstained. He is also asking them to consider going back to Terracon for the ground water samples instead of Benesch. They will do some research of both. He is also asking to attend the STAR meeting. Discussed the Seward Co Solid waste mgmt. meeting

and the topic of fees. He would like to hire a part time person. Commissioners approved to advertise.

Vienna—Civic Center. We were approved to be an E Community. She would like to attend the SW Economic Dev. round table on Oct. 27th at Dodge City. She will need to close the Civic Center to attend this, Commissioners approved. Discussion took place regarding the revolving loan funds for businesses in the Network Kansas and Terri Ryman possibly assist with the application fees as she has done in the past. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to commit up to \$1200/yr to assist with the application process by Southwest Tax. Vienna needs to purchase batteries for the lift, Commissioners approved. Update on the windfarm, Becki will attend the meeting in Guymon on Oct 19th. Have information printed and hopeful that Morton County has things to offer.

Tausha—EMS. One of the ambulances is having some problems with the injectors and turbo, it's the one they use primarily for transfers and is in the shop right now. She presented a work sheet on volunteer pay that was gathered by KEMS. Commissioners will review. We now have a medical director over EMS. The annual inspection is coming up.

Rich Bergling, CEO and Barbara Anderson, CFO—Hospital. They are working with a consultanting group for billing on their own. Rural demonstration reimbursement will start Jan. 2018 this will help on salaries and billing. Working with a lab company where we process labs and receive good reimbursements on tests. Starting out with a 90 day contract.

Shelby—Sheriff. The Dermot dinner hosted by the Sheriff department was very good. The roof is leaking in dispatch and has been leaking on and off since she started. Commissioners said since the Stanfield roofing men are here today they will have Greg talk to them about this leak as well. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve Tatro bill for new sinks in the jail at \$5,904.67 out of County building.

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

Commissioners discussed the request by the Conservation office for new blinds and the key pad is not working properly. Commissioners asked for the Conservation office to get quotes on the blinds. County Attorney reviewed the warranty by Cactus roofing on the EMS building and it should be covered for the leaks they are having now. He also reviewed the Stanfield Roofing 3 year contract, there is a paragraph he suggests

we add and if they allow that it should be alright to sign. County Attorney will add that and send it to Stanfield and also send a letter to Cactus regarding the leaks at EMS. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve Barbara Rich to serve on the SW Ks Area Agency on Aging board. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to transfer from Bond & Interest \$188,535.03 back to County general.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 1:59.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk