

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
November 13, 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.

JW opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners signed the following; 2 A/P Warrant Registers; 1 P/R Form. Added/Abated Orders 2017 1-9.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for personnel for 5 minutes at 9:40. Back in regular session at 9:45. No action taken.

Tausha—EMS. JW, seconded by Jim UYV to send \$1902.70 to collection. 2006 ambulance has been repaired both alternators' were replaced. Stryker has a sale on power lift and cot at \$35,990 savings of \$4500. Tabled for now. EMT classes are going good. Discussed in length transfers that are not done. The County is only required to do 911 responses. Commissioners discussed not purchasing equipment right now and look at run reports in the future to see if the County needs are additional equipment or employees. Tausha will get run/transfer reports and the Commissioners will look at this more closely.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. He has received 3 applications for the part-time position and would like to do interviews. Should have a recommendation at the next meeting. The 953C is repaired and they will start running it this week and see how it performs. Discussed the email from Mike Selm.

Kevin—Discussed waiting on a bid for the concrete from Benny Levario, he will get it soon. Golfing season is slowing down and we can get this taken care of by Spring.

Tim Hardy—Elkhart City Administrator entered the meeting, wanted to confirm the City Election results.

Dana—Road. He asked about the possibility of donating his flex time to Pam since she is out of time off. The Commissioners will look at policies by

the next meeting, but approved him to cash in his flex now to help them for a while. The mowers will be done in the County today. He is going to fix holes and put caliche 2 miles on State line road. The scenic road on the National Grassland is bad and wash boarded, the commissioners wondered if the government would help with this. The newest grader was purchased in 2014 and he has 5 with over 9000 hours. He would like to purchase a new grader this year and trade-in the John Deere and 06 Volvo. Commissioners would like to discuss this purchase with Steve Rice this afternoon.

Vienna—Civic Center. Economic Development is promoting shop small in our community; it starts the Saturday after Thanksgiving. She asked if Economic Development could contribute Elkhart bucks, there are about 26 participating businesses and all participants who shop and complete a passport receives a \$20 in Elkhart Bucks. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to approve a \$200 contribution. She needs to purchase batteries for the floor cleaner from Purozone and they will install them, the last time purchased was 2013. Commissioners approved. Vienna asked to attend the World Ag Expo in California with Becki Richardson representing KREDA in February 13-15. She will get the Commissioners information and costs by the next meeting. She asked if it's possible to use her remaining vacation time and close the Civic Center Dec. 19-29. Approved on a motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV.

Dusty—Emergency Management. Discussed the night approaches at the Airport, This was supposed to be resolved. He is going to discuss more of this with the Airport board. He will see us at KAC as he is speaking for Emergency Management on Wednesday.

Rich Bergling, CEO and Barbara Anderson, CFO—Hospital. The cost reimbursement will start in January and the new doctor is here now. Audit report will be at the next meeting Monday night.

Traci—IT. Entered to discuss her classification as far as exempt/nonexempt position. County Attorney checked with the DOL and she is classified as non-exempt.

Steve Rice—CPA entered for a question from the Commissioners regarding purchasing a road grader. There is enough funds in the Special Road Equipment fund to do the purchase this year.

Shiloh and Adam—Forest service. Discussed the road agreement and look at possibly updating it. Shiloh introduced Adam to the Commissioners.

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

Rhianna—Health entered at 1:05 asked for an executive session. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 1:05 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:15. No action taken.

Teresa Harder entered to discuss the latest information from KNRC.

Shelby—Sheriff. She would like to discuss a couple items. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes at 1:25. Back in regular session at 1:35. No action taken. She will advertise for an open position. Also she has received 1 quote on a vehicle. She should have another from KSA this week and will bring 2 bids to the next meeting.

Commissioners discussed the purchase of the grader further and approved on a motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to purchase the CAT 2018 12M3 with the trade in of the '06 Volvo and John Deere \$178,949.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to adjourn at 2:04.

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Randy Bane, Chairman

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JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

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Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest:  
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Gina Castillo, CMCC