

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
November 27, 2017

JW called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Randy Bane, Chairman(absent); JW Finn, Vice-Chairman; Jim Tucker, Commissioner, Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo.

Ed Richards opened the meeting with prayer.

Reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; 2016 Added/Abated orders 113-114, 2017 Added/Abated orders 10-21, P/R form and warrant register, A/P Warrant Register. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to approve minutes of November 13th as corrected.

General	\$	8,743.47
Road & Bridge	\$	6,085.21
Airport	\$	380.94
Noxious Weed	\$	285.12
EMS	\$	1,424.05
Fire	\$	757.12
Spec. Econ. Dev.	\$	200.00
Employee Benefits	\$	<u>582.01</u>
		18,403.92

A phone/video conference call was made to Commissioner Bane. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW at 9:12 to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:22. A motion to extend 5 minutes by JW, seconded by Jim. Back in regular session at 9:27 a motion to extend 5 minutes by Jim, seconded by JW. Back in regular session at 9:32. No action taken.

Greg—Maintenance. Entered for Employee evaluation. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to go into executive session for personnel at 9:41 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:51. No action taken.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. Updated the Commissioners that we are going to start being charged to pick up our oil, in the past we were paid. A motion

by JW, Jim seconded for a 15 minute executive session with Chris for personnel at 9:55. Back in regular session at 10:10. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to approve Chris' recommendation to hire Kelly Lopez at \$10.30/hr. for part time.

Rhianna—Health. Increased sick surveillance in the schools. Immunizations are being reported and the Elkhart Clinic is also able to do this now. Immunization random audits have been done and the Health Department received 100%. Jan. 30th there is a table top in Garden City all Health Dept. employees will attend and Dusty. JW made a motion, seconded by Jim to go into executive session for Attorney Client **Local Board of Public Health** for 5 minutes at 10:30. Back in regular session at 10:35. No action taken.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW for executive session for 10 minutes at 10:40 for personnel with Randy by phone/video call. Back in regular session at 10:50. A motion to extend 5 minutes by JW, seconded by Jim. Back in regular session at 10:55. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to go into executive session for personnel with the County Clerk for HR information at 10:55 for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:00. No action taken.

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

Kevin—with warm weather still mowing a lot.

Susie—Receiving a lot of phone calls regarding tax statements. Mainly edits on ownership changes.

Vienna—Busy holiday time. Recent event were the Gun show, wedding, Holly Days and Christmas parties booked. Simone Elder has been in communication with the Economic Development.

Dana—Finally completed the last mowing of the County. Putting down caliche on state line road a couple miles. All employees have received CPR training by the EMS.

Chris—slowing down now in regards to receiving shingles. Will soon start treating prairie dogs.

Larry—With everything drying out and no moisture received we are in risk for more fires. A couple wrecks.

Crystal—in November she received phone calls regarding cattle on the corn stalks and concerns about a fungus, so she was busy researching that.

Vicki—Tax statement went out and they have been receiving calls

Stephanie—indexing mainly between the way the ownership is stated.

Tracie—Busy weeding out some old software. Getty ready to upgrade some servers. Helped Greg to be able to use lap top at golf course.

Rhianna—It's a busy flu time, there's still time to get flu shots. Busy working with the schools.

Tausha—Been busy with wrecks. EMT class has 6 enrolled, and it is going good.

Shelby—She and Mark attended the KSA meeting in Wichita. There was a high speed chase last week through the County, got them stopped just into Seward County. Had a drug bust in the County, which got drugs off the streets.

Dusty—hopefully got everything to FEMA, waiting to see if they need anything else. He will attend the 5 state regional council next week. Working with Rhianna for a table top exercise at the long term care center.

Eric—Shelby has kept him very busy with all that's happened lately.

Gina—Finalized the levies. Looking at the budget for year end to determine if we need to amend the budget. The City/School election went well with one close City race.

Commissioners—JW stated we want to be upfront and honest with everyone, the County has a lot of work ahead of us, this year we will not be giving out raises or bonus. This is a hard decision, but the County also agreed to keep insurance paid at 100%. Salaries are not on a good paying scale currently and we want to look at this further and get it understandable to all. Jim explained that this is a top priority to get things worked out and a balance within the budget so that we are all on the same page. Since we've explained why there will be no raises this year, The Commissioners would like to give everyone 1 extra vacation day to use between now and March 31st. Thank you all for what you do and working with us in this process.

Rhonda—Housekeeping. Entered for employee evaluation. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, to go into Executive session for personnel for 10 minutes at 11:45. Back in regular session at 11:55. No action taken.

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

Shelby—Sheriff. While at KSA she discussed purchasing of vehicles. Superior Emergency Response Vehicles, Andover, Kansas actually has better prices than the quotes she has received. She would like to purchase 2 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 each \$47,093 for a total of \$94,186 this includes all lights and equipment installed. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW to approve the purchase of 2 vehicles from Andover.

Susie—Appraiser. Entered to discuss a succession plan in her office. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to go into executive session for personnel for 5 minutes with Susie at 2:24. Back in regular session at 2:29. No action taken.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW UYV to adjourn at 3:30.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk