

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
December 29, 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(Absent); Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

JW opened the meeting with prayer.

Reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; 2017 Added/Abated orders 32-75, 1 P/R forms and warrant register, 3 A/P Warrant Register listed below and 1 voided A/P Warrant Register. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve minutes of December 11th.

General	\$	36391.11
Road & Bridge	\$	211660.08
Airport	\$	504.26
Noxious Weed	\$	280.00
Health	\$	8748.97
EMS	\$	563.25
Fire	\$	2564.88
Employee Ben.	\$	976.67
County Building	\$	14067.3
Spec. Equip.	\$	1626.24
Treas. M/V	\$	195.00
Payroll W/H Fund	\$	6710.67
Emerg. Preparedness	\$	306.99
Sales Tax Health Sys.	\$	17698.85
<u>ROD Tech</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>12549.00</u>
		317,030.46

Commissioners extensively discussed and reviewed salaries, the departments and the process to get a structure in place.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session with the County Clerk for HR at 9:54 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:04. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV for the Clerk to advertise the payroll position.

Vicki, Stephanie and Gina were asked to discuss office salaries with the Commissioners. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV for 15 minute executive session for personnel at 10:10 with the 3 elected officials regarding employee salaries. Back in regular session at 10:25. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:35. No action taken.

Chris—Landfill. He received bids on the garage door. Elkhart Lumber presented 2; \$5642.10 and 4742.10. Shannon Whisennand for 4518.00. Overhead Door for 2; \$ 7135 and \$7620. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to accept the Elkhart Lumber bid \$5642.10. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV for 15 minute executive session for personnel at 10:45. Back in regular session at 11:00. A motion to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:02. No action taken

Supervisors—Chris, Larry, Tracie, Dusty, Tausha, Shelby, Jeff, Dana and Stephanie.

Randy informed the Supervisors of his health issues, but after the 1st of the year he will not be Chairman and plans on finishing his Commissioner term.

Shelby—Still needing to hire a deputy. She is pricing speed limit signs that flash the speed, with grant funding. The generator is being worked on. She is also researching what to do about cable services for inmates when Epic Touch discontinues service, as she has to provide a source of news to them. Thanked the Commissioners for the Christmas Party.

Tausha—Things have slowed down, not as many runs. Individual certifications are up at the year end and they are helping them get recertified.

Dusty—We received the FEMA funds \$16,556.24 and \$37,423.69. It was a learning experience. We were docked because the pictures weren't sufficient for them but will know for next time.

Tracie—Setting up computers for dispatch in the Sheriff department. Set up the digital scanner in Register of Deeds office.

Larry—The County south of us has had a burn ban. He does not feel we need to issue one yet. Has only had 1 person request a burn permit.

Chris—Kelly Lopez has started. She is the part-time person for the Landfill. She and Todd have really cleaned up the shop it looks nice. They started treating prairie dogs.

Stephanie—Revenue is about what they were last year. Next year the fees go up again and that is the last year of the increase. She is setting up the digitizer; this will work better than the scanner.

Dana—He is working with a skeleton crew as everyone is taking the last of their vacation days. He thanked the Commissioners for the new grader.

Jeff—He and Randy attended Appraiser Greg Wellbrock's service. There will be a big transition in the Appraiser area.

Commissioners—JW we really appreciate everyone, helping us through this 1st year. Evaluate the Commissioner forms were completed, thank you for taking the time to do those. Jim agreed with JW, and also noted the top priority right now is wages and addressing the structure of salaries there is a lot that goes into this.

Gina—The new insurance cards are not here yet, I will let you know as soon as they are. There is a letter with our group number and can be used until we receive them. Also, wanted to let you know Mary Hutchinson, payroll clerk will be transferring to the Appraisers office. I will be doing payroll, so please have patience with me.

Dana—Road. He has a 2003 John Deere dozer that has went down and to repair it the cost will be approximately \$41,000. It has to be repaired and will have a 1 year warranty.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:45 reconvened at 1:00.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to do year end budget transfers of \$100,000 from EMS and \$125,000 from Health into County General.

Kevin—Golf entered to discuss salaries. He gave his input.

Shelby—A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to replace key locks at the Sheriff's department at approximately \$5,000 from County building. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 1:45 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:55. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license for 2018 for Homero Pando Jr. Southwest Downs. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve Kinney glass bid on automatic door for \$7410.00 for the Court House.

A motion JW, seconded Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 2:50 for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 3:05. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve recommendations to make wage adjustments by the following supervisors; Sherriff, Treasurer, Clerk, Golf, Register of Deeds, and Landfill effective Feb. 1st. Starting base pay will be the same at \$10.30. All other departments will be reviewed in the Jan. meetings. Supervisors and Elected Officials will not see an increase in Salaries for 2018 but will be reviewed by the Commissioners at the end of 2018.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to adjourn at 3:34.

Randy Bane, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Jim Tucker, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, County Clerk