

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
January 8, 2018

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 and Gina Castillo, County Clerk. Jayme Stricker with Tri-State News.

Jim opened with prayer.

At this time the election of officers took place. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW to nominate Jim Tucker as President for 2018. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim to nominate JW as Vice President for 2018 UYV. Minutes of the December 29, 2017 were approved with corrections on a motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to go into executive session at 9:10 for 5 minutes for Attorney Client Privilege. Back in regular session at 9:15. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:20. No action taken.

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to transfer funds from the General Fund to Special Equipment Reserve; Noxious Weed to Special Noxious Weed Equipment; Road and Bridge to Special Highway Equipment and Road and Bridge to Special Highway Improvement.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to designate the Tri-State News as the official newspaper for Morton County. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, Jim abstained to designate Heartland Tri-State Bank of Elkhart and TBK Bank as the official depositories for Morton County.

A motion was made by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to sign Resolution 2018-1 (A Resolution Adopting Standards for Financial Statements and Reporting.) Commissioners also signed the following; Abated Orders PUP 2017 76-92 and the A/P Warrant register as listed below.

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| General | \$ | 12403.38 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ | 250.51 |
| Airport | \$ | 184.91 |
| Employee Benefits | \$ | 1200.33 |

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| Health | \$ | 300.00 |
| EMS | \$ | 240.06 |
| Fire | \$ | 133.26 |
| Spec. Econ Dev. | \$ | 527.41 |
| Treasurer M/V | \$ | 176.05 |
| Payroll W/H Fund | \$ | 898.56 |
| Emerg. Preparedness | \$ | 102.99 |
| Diversion Fund | \$ | 164.99 |
| Civic Center | \$ | <u>680.00</u> |
| | | 17,262.45 |

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He discussed with the Commissioners about a call he received on treating prairie dogs in the Richfield area. The annual Weed conference is in March in Wichita, and he would like to attend. A motion to approve by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV. He needs to set up an account with Harris Gallery to get gas for the welders. Discussion took place regarding using Todd's welder at the landfill. Eric will draft up a rental agreement for this.

Kevin—Golf. Membership dues are going out soon. He will also advertise in the paper about available cart sheds. He will be taking bids for a mower in the spring. Working on reels and granite signs just maintenance around the course while it's cooler weather.

Dana—Road. He gave the County Attorney the signage papers for review. A salesman was in with some information regarding an option to overlay the roads with ground up asphalt with cement. Commissioners agreed we need to look at all options. KCHA has agreed to pay 1st time road supervisor to attend the spring meeting. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to attend conference May 7, 8 & 9. A motion by JW, seconded Randy, UYV for 15 minute Executive session for personnel at 10:40. Back in regular session at 10:55. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:05. No action taken.

Rich and Barbara—Hospital entered they have 15 days of cash on hand. Clinic A/R is added to the report. Hospital has progressed this year with some cash at the first of the year. Swing bed is back up again, census is picking up. Also hired Dr. McGroarty to work in the ER and walk in clinic a few times a month.

Shelby—Sheriff. Discussion took place about having news available to inmates. Since the last meeting she has discussed with an official regarding jail guidelines and that has changed. Having cable is good for keeping inmates busy as well. She is comparing all cable options available for this area.

Tausha—EMS. Gave the Commissioners an updated report that she has been working on and discussion took place. For 2017 they had 311 runs.

Shiloh—Forest Service. This is the last meeting he will attend for about 4 months, John Linn will be in attendance until Shiloh returns or they fill that position. He has emailed the clerk the county road map and information in Morton County and will be working on the Road agreement going forward, if the Commissioner will review this and submit any suggestions for adjustments. The Commissioners asked about the gravel/caliche pit status, he stated that we are fine on that permit for now; it is in the reauthorization process.

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

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Development. She asked about an individual wanting to be a Morton County Contractor, after discussion this pertains to Dusty being the person that inspects the septic wells. Instructed them to call Dusty. They have collected all the tax money of those that participated in the E Community. The Committee will meet and discuss how to scale the loans. She gave an update on the wind farms; Cimarron County, Oklahoma had several attend the State legislature in support of this project and hope to know by March. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV for a 10 minute executive session for personnel at 1:15. Back in regular session at 1:25. A motion to extend 5 minutes by JW, seconded by Randy UYV. Back in regular session at 1:30. No action taken.

Tim Hardy—Elkhart City Administrator. Entered to inform the Commission that KDOT is here to do the highway 56 project. He will notify the public as soon as he knows any closures and dates.

Commissioners discussed salaries. Approved Vienna to advertise to hire a part-time employee.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV, to transfer \$235,424.27 from County General into Bond & Interest for the Feb. 1st NFW payment.

A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV to adjourn at 2:28.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk