

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
January 22, 2018

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

Present: Jim Tucker, Chairman; JW Finn, Vice-Chairman; Randy Bane, Commissioner, Eric Witcher, County Attorney; Gina Castillo, County Clerk. Jenny Parker in attendance.

Randy opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; P/R Form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers listed below. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> as corrected.

Russell Child Dev.	\$	1400.00
General	\$	179470.54
Road & Bridge	\$	12996.90
Hospital	\$	947041.05
Fair	\$	56425.27
Noxious Weed	\$	562.00
Soil conservation	\$	15752.32
EMS	\$	1166.91
Employee Ben.	\$	43456.84
Council on Aging	\$	57020.29
County Building	\$	5812.00
Spec. Econ Dev.	\$	1000.00
Library	\$	125409.57
Extension Council	\$	65626.32
Historical	\$	65089.07
Payroll W/H	\$	4446.78
911	\$	1176.65
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A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for personnel for 15 minutes at 9:07. Back in regular session at 9:22. No action taken.

Rhianna—A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel/salaries for 10 minutes at 9:36. Back in regular session at

9:46. A motion to extend 5 minutes by JW, seconded by Randy UYV. Back in regular session at 9:51. No action taken. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for attorney client privilege for Local Board of Public Health for 15 minutes at 9:53. Back in regular session at 10:08. No action taken.

Tausha—EMS. Presented information on a Core conference in Dodge City, April 20-22. Currently she has 2 people interested and may have more. She will let the Commission know final count by the end of March. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV for a 10 minute executive session for personnel/salaries at 10:14. Back in regular session at 10:24. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:29. No action taken.

Dana—Road. Dana asked the County Attorney if he had reviewed the signage contract. He asked if he and Bob could attend the road scholar continuing education courses. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV for them to attend courses March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> . He updated Commissioners that he will be out in the afternoons taking Tanan to Liberal for treatments.

Vienna—Civic Center. They have a meeting coming up on active volunteerism. She and Becki have been busy with mailers. She feels the wind farm company is confident in getting approval in March to proceed. She asked to purchase a portable power point screen for \$595, approved on a motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV. She asked to close the Civic Center and attend the PREDSI meeting, commissioners approved. They asked if she has advertised the part time position, she is reviewing the job description.

Supervisors—Dusty, Crystal, Susie, Kevin, Vienna, Dana, Chris, Larry, Tausha, Vicki, Stephanie and Tracie. Also in attendance Lori Rogge with Gavel Roads an on line auction company to give a short presentation.

Dusty—He said we should be receiving 1 more check from FEMA. He met with the Airport board and they have talked to an engineer that they would like the Commissioners to talk with.

Crystal—She and Rhianna recently had a dining with diabetes class, with a good turnout.

Stephanie—Installing the new micro film machine.

Rhianna—Seeing flu A & B cases. Respiratory and stomach bug seems to be going around. Staying busy with that and people can still get flu shots.

Tracie—Microsoft updates and that leads to antivirus updates.

Vicki—Made it through tax season collections are already 63%, Farm trucks and equipment renewals are going on right now.

Tausha—A little slower this month. Able to get some things finalized with the medical director.

Larry—We were lucky with one fire by the bridge that the wind didn't switch directions. He suggested we issue a burn ban. He also suggests that we look at the mutual aid agreement maybe at the next meeting.

Chris—Has a lot of end of the year reporting he is working on. 10 tons a day was the average last year.

Dana—Hard to fix road with it so dry. They will need to push some caliche when the dozer is out of the shop.

Vienna—Since she was not here last month, she thanked the Commissioners for the Christmas Party. The Chamber has 3 Ribbon cuttings on Thursday. E Community funds packets are ready to go out; this will help small businesses in the community.

Kevin—Working on equipment, polishing and painting the signs.

Susie—Personal property information was just mailed out. Willena has been released to come back to work. Oil/gas rendition letters will be going out soon. Valuation notices will go out, and then hearings will begin.

Eric—Juvenile law has had changes again, which makes it harder and harder.

Gina—Busy learning payroll and getting ready to do interviews for the payroll position.

Commissioners—Randy stated the importance for the supervisors meeting is to hear from you and what you're doing in your departments. Jim expressed communication is so valuable amongst each other. We should finalize reviewing the salaries, increases to begin in February. JW added he's grateful for your patience in working with new Commissioners, you've been in your positions longer than we have. We appreciate you working with us, as we are putting a lot of time into decisions being made.

Dusty—Presented the Kirkham Michael engineering firm that the airport board has spoken with and would like them to look at.

Kevin—Golf. He would like to go ahead and get bids on a turf mower as he has not gotten one the last 2 years due to budget restraints. He said we definitely need to look at this. He has had money in capital outlay for this. Commissioners approved him to get the bids.

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

Susie—Appraiser. Entered to discuss salaries. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV for a 5 minute executive session for personnel/salaries at 1:08. Back in regular session at 1:13. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:18. No action taken.

Rhianna & Dusty—Entered to discuss FEMA funds reimbursement. Big C's Restaurant fed people during the disaster; that amount was cut out of the FEMA reimbursements. So they are asking to reimburse the restaurant through Rhianna's disaster grant funds. Commissioners approved. Dusty also talked about a repeater that went down.

Terry, Tom and Cindy with Landmark Appraisal entered and asked to go into executive session. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV for a 15 minute executive session for personnel at 1:33. Back in regular session at 1:48. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:53. Jim Tucker left the meeting at 1:55 for an appointment. Discussion took place about the interim appraiser position for 6 months and preparing the Resolution and paperwork for this.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy that the EMS, Health and Appraiser employee salary adjustments are effective Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy to enforce the burn ban effective immediately per resolution 2001-1. And advertise in all media.

A motion by JW to adjourn by at 2:49, seconded by Randy.

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

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Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest:  
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Gina Castillo, County Clerk