

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
February 12, 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 and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Jim opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the A/P Warrant Vouchers listed below. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the minutes of Jan. 22nd and special meetings of Jan. 23rd and 29th as amended.

General	\$88,455.92
Road/Bridge	\$19,923.59
Noxious Weed	\$85.52
Airport	\$2,312.41
Employee Benefits	\$2,817.18
Ambulance	\$3,948.51
Health	\$3,938.45
Fire	\$8,330.86
County Building	\$7,119.57
Spec. Econ. Dev	\$460.49
Sales Tax Hosp.	\$15,590.82
Payroll W/H	\$4,729.40
Treasure M/V	\$176.05
Emg. Preparedness	\$2,387.99
Co. Att. Diversion	\$164.99
Civic Cntr Dep	\$2,005.00
Mental Ret	\$2,800.00
Totals	\$165,246.75

Dusty—Emergency Management. Discussed the e dispatch service that alerts to the staff by cell phone notification to report to an emergency. This will not replace the current pagers; basically act as a backup. The approximate cost is \$1747 one-time fee this is for the cost of using the equipment and service for 1 year. We can discontinue at any time, after this year it will be \$129/mo. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to approve purchase. At the 5 state regional meeting, Dusty was asked to attend a meeting to speak on Emergency Management in Colorado Springs February 26-28. He will receive 24 credit hours. Commissioners will discuss this and get back with him this afternoon.

Lori and Stacy with LARC entered to discuss the Domestic Violence, sexual assault and stalking services they provide for the 6 Southwest Kansas counties.

Tausha—EMS. She presented the January report of runs. She also presented a cost estimate of wages for volunteers. Commissioners discussed services going into Texas County, OK we may need to get our Emergency departments together with Oklahoma's and discuss facts and how to proceed with reimbursements.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. Presented a contract with KDOT for treating highways. He will check with surrounding counties and see what they charge. We have always charged \$45. He will report back to the Commissioners. He presented a list of needs at the landfill, scraper tire (\$1651), fencing for wind to catch trash, A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to purchase the tire and list the remaining on next year's budget.

Kevin—Golf. He received a call from the High School Principal about hosting Regional golf on May 16th. He agreed and there is also a tournament the Saturday prior to this. Membership dues will be mailed at the end of this month.

Dana—Road. He presented a list of equipment to put on Gavel Auction on March 20th. With the money they get from the sales he would like to purchase a mechanic pickup, and 2 snow blades. He would also like to get a price on a grader. There was lengthy discussion regarding complaints on the road grading west of Elkhart, caliche is being put down in effort to improve the road. He also had one employee turn in a 2 weeks' notice. He received a proposal of \$466,389.60 for County Road 16

for 7 miles, grind road 8 inches deep, mix cement with it then seal it. The Federal Fund exchange money has come in for \$47,565.

Mike Horton entered.

Larry—Fire. He entered to discuss the 5 year fire agreement. The reimbursement starts after 12 hours, he would like to see about getting that changed.

Hospital—Rich Bergling, Barbara Anderson and Mike Horton. Just started receiving income for the Lab project, and Rural Demonstration. The additional provider has really helped and have not had to transfer people out. They want to receive as much in patient costs as they can and that will determine the amount for the Rural demonstration in the next 4 years. The Commissioners expressed how happy they are with the work the Hospital staff has done. Mike asked the Commissioners about IT support with their website. Commissioners stated, Tracie may be able to answer some questions, but they may need to look at a professional source for continued support.

Forest service--Tom Eikenberry and Larry Dunn, fire chief entered to discuss the fire agreement. Commissioners asked about the burn ban and the prescribed burns that they advertised to be done. Tom said they will work hard with the County to not burn while the burn ban is in effect or when it's bad, the federal government can burn regardless.

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

Angela Eichman--Seward County Appraiser and Susie Lewis entered to discuss appraisal services. There would still need to be a contracted service for a consultant. Angela will talk with Seward County Commissioners and the consultant and get some information back by the next meeting.

A conference call was made to the Stevens County Commissioners. A motion by Randy, seconded JW for executive session for Appraiser personnel at 1:41 for 15 minutes on the phone. Back in regular session at 1:56. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 2:06 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:16. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:21. A motion to extend 5 minutes by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV. Back in regular session at

Chris—Landfill. Came in and clarified the fees for spraying the highways is \$45/person plus mileage and chemical reimbursement. Commissioners signed contract.

Commissioners discussed the AIP information for the Airport, Credit Card use and setting the next substance abuse meeting. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve Dusty to attend conference in Colorado. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the EMT/Paramedic volunteer increase per Tausha's recommendation starting the next pay period.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 3:27.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk