

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
February 26, 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.

Denny Huebner opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; 2 P/R Forms and Warrant Register; 1 A/P Warrant Register listed below. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of February 12th as corrected.

General	\$	25156.20
Road & Bridge	\$	2043.13
Airport	\$	539.54
Fire	\$	29.33
Emerg Prepar	\$	181.89
Soil conservation	\$	
EMS	\$	165.63
Employee Ben.	\$	447.20
Council on Aging	\$	
County Building	\$	619.00
Spec. Econ Dev.	\$	
Library	\$	
Extension Council	\$	
Historical	\$	
Payroll W/H	\$	3228.89
911	\$	
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A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for 10 minutes at 9:05. Back in regular session at 9:15. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:20. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for 10 minutes with the Clerk regarding HR matters at 9:25. Back in regular session at 9:35. No action taken.

Rhianna— She asked permission for Pam to attend the annual public health conference, which is required for her grant funds. This will be in Wichita April 3rd - 5th. Others may attend if she is unable to go. Approved by the Commissioners. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for **Local Board of Public Health** for 10 minutes at 9:48. Back in regular session at 9:58. No action taken.

Kevin—Golf. Kansas Golf and Turf for \$38,286.00

Torro for \$ 31,129.87

John Deere 4-- 28,609 and 29,524 (2500B Model)

26,608 and 28,010 (2500E Model)

John Deere proposed quotes and lease options on these mowers. Kevin feels these are very pricey and maybe we should just use what we have until they quit, as we do have the funds set aside for a purchase.

Dana—Road. He is requesting to advertise to hire a truck driver. The Commissioners approved. Dana has also talked to the city of Elkhart about getting water to use on the roads to better assist in the grading. Matt Higgins with the City quoted him an amount of \$10 per 1000 gallons used plus a service fee, but also stated attending the city council meeting may help. He received another bid for County Road 16 a 7 mile overlay with concrete mix by Bob Bergkamp for \$522,475. Both companies have said they would do 3 miles and he will get estimates from them on that. Also discussed some procedures regarding employees using the shop and equipment after hours. Commissioners asked him to pursue the State's request to change weight limits on the bridges.

Vienna—Civic Center. She had received 2 applications and she would like to pursue one. The Rolla tax increment financing on David Light's property is being looked at again, it was utilized once around 2000.

Supervisors—Shelby Crystal, Jeff, Kevin, Vienna, Dana, Chris, Larry, Rhianna, Vicki, Stephanie and Tracie.

Shelby—Working with the schools, with school violence the topic this year.

Crystal—spent a week in Manhattan working on 4-H training. Starting to work on fair items with a meeting from the fair board tonight.

Stephanie—Working on digitizing, it really helps with documents that were burnt in the fire. Staying about as busy as last year. She is going to give her office copier to the golf course and order a new one.

Rhianna—Still a lot of cases of flu, 83 in Morton County. Working on grants, policy and procedures and preparing for the LEPC meeting.

Tracie—submitted the 911 report that is due by March 1st. Working on issues that arise.

Jeff—Fixing to send out property valuations by the 1st. Susie is hoping to be back this week.

Vicki—just sent out the 1st of delinquent tax reports.

Larry—We still have the burn ban on. He has been watching a tanker truck on Purple wave and would like to purchase if reasonable.

Chris—A phone line is now installed in the shack, so that should help with calls.

Dana—Trying to work on the dry roads and putting caliche down where there are bad spots. Road Department's used equipment is on Gavel Roads auction site.

Vienna—She would like to invite everyone to the Civic Center March 4th for the Community Engagement Event. E Community loan packages, which are put together for new or existing businesses to utilize. She and Becki had a great time at the World Ag Expo and hoping to hear from contacts made there.

Kevin—will be sending out membership dues. They have a golf board meeting tonight. He also inherited a floor cleaning machine from the road department. Our golf course will host regional golf, which is good for our course and area.

Eric—Staying busy with Shelby.

Gina—Been busy with learning payroll. Ronda is doing well, she is learning accounts payable and once I have payroll fully understood, she will then learn payroll. BCBS billing was late with the change in policy and getting it set up, it is corrected now, please let me know of any concerns or errors that you notice.

Commissioners—Randy wanted to state a few personal things; there will be a dinner for Vicki/Lanell and 4-H in Rolla both are great fundraisers. JW said just keep doing good in your departments and your mind set on budget control. It's nice how everyone works together. Jim shared that in visiting with Susie a few

weeks ago the oil/gas factor is not looking so good, we need to keep that in mind going forward.

Larry—Fire. He would like to purchase that tanker on purple wave commissioner approved purchase up to \$20,000. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV. And he will put the old one located at Rolla on purple wave later.

Chris—On the scraper, the cylinders need replaced with an approximate cost \$3-6,000. Chris discussed the trash service for Elkhart, can start early before the wind gets up or they can drive down in the pit and Landfill will pull them out. With the high winds and no fencing this needs to be done. Currently the trash service does not want to do either option, they will continue to discuss this. The wheel loader is leaking oil, he asked Sheldon, Road mechanic to look at it.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:10. Reconvened at 1:10.

A call was made to Angela Eichman, Seward County Appraiser to discuss the emails received.

A motion to pass salary resolution 2018-2 by JW, seconded by Jim UYV.

A motion by JW to adjourn at 2:03, seconded by Randy, UYV as the Commissioners were invited to the bank to listen to a candidate for Governor.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk