

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
March 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.

Terrell Giddens opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the A/P Warrant Vouchers listed below. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the minutes of Feb. 26th as amended.

General	\$37,969.68
Road/Bridge	\$65,467.14
Fair	\$1635.12
Airport	\$1699.97
Employee Benefits	\$4643.51
Ambulance	\$2738.81
Health	\$3265.32
Special Fire	\$6710.10
County Building	\$177.10
Council on Aging	\$1710.31
Historical.	\$2022.76
Payroll W/H	\$2951.31
Treasure M/V	\$176.05
Soil Cons.	\$451.80
Co. Att. Diversion	\$164.99
Civic Cntr Dep	\$1130.00
Fire	\$1937.71
Hospital	\$28653.61
Extension Co.	\$1944.64
Library	\$3767.08
ROD Tech	\$2500.00
911	\$546.11

Sales Tax Hosp	\$16099.52
Emerg. Prep	\$389.98
Totals	\$188,752.52

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV for a 5 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 9:19. Back in regular session at 9:24. No action taken.

Tausha—EMS. She presented \$8,519.21 to be sent to collection. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV for the County Attorney to send 1 demand letter then send to collection if not paid. She has 5 people that would like to attend CORE conference in Dodge City, Commissioners approved. The medical director for EMS is changing; it will be Dr. Hannah Bingham with FreeState Healthcare works with the current medical director. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve purchase of a new copier at \$2500.00. She gave an update on the LEPC meeting that was March 6th. Discussed volunteers and part time positions.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. Chris presented bids on a Track Loader by Foley 2014 \$224,837.50; 2017 \$272,358.85 and 2018 \$288,171.44. John Deere has not submitted bids yet. Discussion took place regarding tipping fees and charging at the landfill. Chris will put together some suggestions on fees on Commercial businesses and out of County fees. The Annual Noxious Weed Conference was good. There are some proposed changes in the weed law, he will be following.

Kevin—Golf. They are advertising membership dues and what it includes for the public to be updated on. The Commissioners discussed putting tournaments on FB. The repairs on the mowers were \$2201.09.

Dana—Road. Dana contacted the state about the bridges, he received an email that currently it's being reworked and we will look at it again next year. He gave commissioners bids from the previous companies on the road work at 3 miles instead of 7 miles. The City has offered to let them have the water from the 3rd pond, and discussion took place if this is necessary. Commissioners will discuss fixing County road 16 later today and give him a call.

Hospital—Rich Bergling, CEO entered and updated the Commission. They have hired a CFO from Montana that will not be on site, she has

experience with CPSI. January and February have been really busy. They should be receiving \$42,000 every 2 weeks due to the Rural Demonstration Designation. New X-ray machine is in and they are doing the flooring now in that room.

Tanner Dixson, Game Warden entered to discuss with the Commission the fact that he feels they will not be putting a Game Warden in Morton County anytime soon. Discussion on having a meeting with the Wildlife Commission in the near future.

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

Discussed a few topics; a few payroll questions and an airport hangar maintenance question. The Commissioners approved to sponsor the Grassland Heritage Festival in the amount of \$1000.

County/School officials to discuss Drug Coalition Plan. Present Tim Hardy, Chris McCammon, Shan Hanes, Rex Richardson, Chris Scott and Tausha Hoyt. USD 218 sent out a survey. There was lengthy discussion of a school resource officer. Elkhart feels this is necessary, Rolla had no one present but the Clerk will email them the discussion of this meeting. The Sheriff, City Administrator and USD 218 Superintendent will proceed with more plans for a resource officer.

Commissioners discussed getting a county credit card for out of town emergency only use. Commissioners called Steve Rice, CPA for his recommendation; he stated there needs to be good credit card policy in place. Clerk will get some information on this. They also looked at some sick leave bank policies the clerk will revise and present at the next meeting for Commissioners review. Commissioners made a call to Dana to tell him that they have decided at this time they want more information on current county roads as far as which ones are the worst and need to go back to dirt and the cost of doing that. A call was made to Dusty about the Airport night approaches; he will get a hold of Chris with Lochner and get to work on this as soon as possible. Commissioners contacted Chris at the Landfill, they told him they want to wait and look at the Dozer purchase at budget time.

Jeff Milburn entered to give an update on how Susie was feeling, she may be in tomorrow.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 4:11.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk