

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

Terrell Giddens opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; 2 P/R Forms and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below. Resolution 2018-3, Appoint an interim appraiser, 2018-4, Appoint Appraiser for remainder of the term. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve minutes of Special meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> & Special meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> as corrected.

General	\$18,897.30
Road/Bridge	\$10,314.42
E Comm Loan	\$5,000.00
Airport	\$4,449.47
Employee Benefits	\$2,945.69
Ambulance	\$4,248.86
Health	\$2,430.35
County Bldg	\$707.14
Payroll W/H	\$4,257.01
Civic Cntr Dep	\$50.00
Fire	\$367.94
Spec. Ec/Dev	\$80.00
Emerg. Prep	\$282.97
Noxious Weed	\$500.00
911	\$636.66
Spec. Equip. Res	\$1,626.24
Totals	\$56,794.05

Shelby—Sheriff. She entered and updated the Commissioners that she will advertise 2 open positions. 1 Dispatcher and 1 Officer. They are looking at quotes on the new CAD system and server.

Angela Eichman, Seward County Appraiser and Susie Lewis entered at 9:15. Angela expressed that she and McCully & Assoc. will need to start maintenance and gathering in May in order to make a smooth transition. Susie said that they really need a pickup that can go out in the country to data collect. The Commissioners will check with other departments. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to approve the contract by Angela Eichman to be the Appraiser when the interim term is completed by Cindy Wellbrock. Angela stated she would contact Roger with PVD and see if a Resolution can be done now, and let us know.

Tausha—EMS. She presented reports for their review. She had 2 additional people that wanted to go to the KEMS conference. If we increased our membership fees, the cost per person was less. The total increase was \$70 and we actually receive better benefits.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. He presented a list of things that could be charged for, at the Landfill; Commercial, Commercial/Out of County and individuals out of County. The annual operating plan will need to be updated before any changes are implemented. Commissioners asked him to proceed with a plan for out of County fees. Crushed concrete options; currently S&S comes in and crushes and takes what is there for them to sell, we receive \$20/truck. Currently, we crush it and sell it ourselves but there is more cost. He gave County Attorney 2 contracts for groundwater managing for review by the next meeting. Greg installed the lights at the landfill, it's made a big difference.

Kevin—Golf. There is a used Roller in Garden City that he would like to look at they are asking \$7500; to use on the courses. This is a lot cheaper than the mowers, he will eventually need to buy, but this could help save hours on the mowers. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV to approve Kevin to offer up to \$7500 for a roller.

Dana—Road. He presented a list of items sold on Gavel Roads at \$161,176.00. He would still like to look at getting the mechanic pickup. He has asked KDHE about the effects of using sewer water on the roads; KDHE replied only information pertaining to the truck driver. We will just hope for rain, right now. Kirkham Michael gave an approximate cost to replace the bridge south of Dermot of about \$725,000. If we can get approved for a grant that will help a lot with the cost, he will continue to get more information on this. The Commissioners approved him to get quotes on a pickup with crane for the mechanic.

Vienna—Civic Center. The Windcatcher wind energy project, several traveled to Oklahoma City to speak on behalf of the project. Should know more by April. Morton County Chamber and Economic Development will split the cost for business ads on TV; this will be \$250 now instead of \$500. Barbara Luck has started, she is studying for her passport certifications and it's working out well.

Supervisors— Vienna, Dana, Chris, Larry, Tausha, Susie, Shelby, Dusty, Stephanie and Tracie.

Shelby—Working with the schools on several things. Prom coming up and they will be assisting if needed.

Tracie—Has been working at Civic Center and EMS also helping where needed.

Stephanie—A few house sales, not a lot going on right now.

Dusty—Spoke at Colorado EM conference. We will have a storm spotter meeting will be in May. 5 State meeting is also coming up and we will host it.

Susie—valuations are coming in. This year the oil/gas shows a drop in the adjustment factor. We are thankful that Seward County Appraiser Angela Eichman is offering a contract for appraisal services to Morton County and will start about July 1st.

Tausha—Appreciate Greg, replacing lights. Tracie has helped them when server crashed. CPR classes will be coming up. Recertification class coming up in April.

Larry—He picked up the tanker, the road mechanic is looking at it.

Chris—Not too busy at the landfill, which is good now with the high winds.

Dana—We just need some rain, to help out the roads.

Vienna—Had the Chamber Banquet last week. We have a couple weddings and Prom coming up. Barbara Luck has started for the Civic Center, so happy to have her.

Eric—Keep Janice K. Curtis in prayers at the loss of her son.

Gina—Ronda is doing real well, working on payroll and A/P. Reminded everyone to please make copies of bids, quotes or meeting information for Commissioners, Eric and myself to refer back to. Will be sending job descriptions out to you all soon for revisions and please include the date of the updates.

Secretary of State has been in Federal court; and the outcomes effect my office and elections.

Commissioners—JW encouraged everyone to keep doing what you're doing. Randy shared the loss of his mother in law, encouraged everyone to appreciate loved ones in your life. Jim shared updates on Vicki/Lanell's surgery, they are both doing well.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Attended the Lions club meeting and luncheon. Reconvened at 1:00.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to appoint Cynthia Wellbrock as Interim Appraiser Resolution 2018-3.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV for a 10 minute executive session for Attorney Client privilege at 1:54. Back in regular session at 2:04. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 2:09. No action taken.

Dusty, Airport manager entered at 2:30 for a conference call with Chris and Mike, Lochner and Jason with FAA to discuss the update on the night approaches. Runway 35 has night approaches but the others do not and will not until the FAA required survey is completed. Our banked entitlement funds cannot be used for the survey, nor can the survey be added on to the project of the taxiways. It was recommended that we look at a KDOT grant and talk with Walter Stokes about flight procedures.

Clerk asked Commissioners what fund the WEKANDO \$4000/Port Authority \$400 2018 dues should come from as we did not have this in the budget. After discussion they agreed to take it from the General fund, Other Appropriations in the amount of \$4,400.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to approve Resolution 2018-4 appointing Angela Eichman as the Appraiser for the remaining term. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to adjourn at 3:06.

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

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Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina Castillo, County Clerk