

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
April 23, 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.

Pastor Daugherty opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; Opioid Litigation agreement; McCulley and Associates consulting agreement; 1 P/R Form and 1 Warrant Register; 1 A/P Warrant Register listed below. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve minutes of April 9, 2018 as corrected.

General	\$6694.55
Road/Bridge	8855.82
E Comm Loan	
Airport	
Employee Benefits	
Ambulance	299.50
Health	
County Bldg	
Payroll W/H	
Civic Cntr Dep	1795.00
Fire	1189.85
Spec. Ec/Dev	
Emerg. Prep	
Noxious Weed	
911	546.11
Spec. Equip. Res	103479.49
	\$122860.32

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to approve the County Attorney to pursue the Indigent Service Contract upon acceptance of the bid of Kramer, Nordling & Nordling of \$25,200/annually.

The following are the bids received:
Kramer, Nordling & Nordling \$25,200/annually
Tate & Kitzke \$30,000/annually
Tahirkheli & Premer-Chavez \$2,500/month
Floyd Law Office \$34,000/annually

Shelby—Sheriff. She asked to hire a dispatcher, which had previously worked for us and did a great job. Commissioners approved her hire at \$12/hr. Shelby's 2 new patrol vehicles are arriving and the company she ordered them through said if she ordered the other 2 (budgeted in 2018) by May, he could use them for display at conference and give us a 10% discount. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to go ahead and order these two. Prom went good with the breathalyzer.

Rhianna—Health. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW to go into 10 minutes at 9:46 for Attorney Client Privilege and **Local Board of Public Health**. Back in regular session at 9:56. A motion to extend by 5 minutes by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV. Back in regular session at 10:01. No action taken. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to accept the service agreement for standby generator and temperature alarms annually at \$500 beginning Sept. 23, 2018 from Boaldin Electric.

Robin Jennison and Keith Sexson with Ks. Game & Wildlife along with Craig Schultz, local employee with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks entered to discuss having a relationship that reaches out to our community. It's been about 8-10 years that the Commissioners have met with Game & Wildlife. Currently they are working on having a couple officers to cover 6 counties in this area and hope to have that soon.

Supervisors— Crystal, Dana, Chris, Kevin, Larry, Tausha, Susie, Vienna, Rhianna, Vicki, Dusty, Stephanie and Tracie.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. Working on phase 2 of getting the pit ready. Weed dept is getting ready to start spraying.

Vienna—Civic Center. Busy with lots of events. Prom was last weekend. Barbara Luck is certified to process passports. A gubernatorial candidate will be here Wednesday at 4:00 to speak to the public.

Kevin-glad we received rain, now ready to spray.

Tracie—Busy upgrading servers. Rhonda helped clean a lot of the dust out of her office. Getting ready to install the CAD systems for the Sheriff's Department to go live by the end of May.

Stephanie—2-3 houses have sold recently.

Dusty—He received an up to date map from Colorado on where the fire had burned. They will document the facts.

Susie—Oil/Gas renditions are all in, and they will be mailing them. Landmark will be having hearings and be done by the end of May.

Tausha—Real busy assisting with fires. There have also been wrecks and 911 calls.

Larry—1400-1500 acres burnt in Morton County, everyone worked really well to keep it under control with those high winds.

Rhianna—Busy doing physicals for daycare. Thought the communications were good during the night of the fire. Appreciated a lot of help from Tracie updating facebook.

Dana—Glad to have received the rain, just getting real busy on the roads before they dry out.

Crystal—The cattle and small animal weigh in, had over 200 for the County Fair. Then it rained! Livestock producer meeting will be on Monday in Rolla. Getting ready for Fair and 4-H. The kids have been working with people in the Memory care unit.

Eric—A new phone scam is out and its about 911 family relief fund; watch for this and spread the word.

Gina—Went over the Sick Leave Bank policy and Credit card for emergency use policy. The Commissioners approved these and the information was emailed to the Supervisors to give to the employees. Getting ready to attend meetings, and start on budgets and levies.

Commissioners—Randy stated he can't thank everyone enough on the assistance with the fire. He also thanked the Chairman for putting the Thank-you on social media to everyone that helped. Jim also thanked everyone; it was a humbling experience. JW feels very blessed to have each and every department helping with the emergency. It's incredible what all departments do and he pointed out that Crystal's Extension Council does a great job with the kids and the Memory care unit that not a lot of people are aware of. Thank you!

Hospital—Rich Bergling, CEO and Rodney Johnson, Clinic manager and Board members Steve Brillhart and Mike Horton. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim,

UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 11:08 for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:23. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:33. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:43. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 5minutes. Back in regular session at 11:48. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to have a special meeting at the Courthouse, Monday 4-30-18 at 6:00 with the Hospital board and CEO.

Dana—Road. He asked for an additional night at the conference as there is a meeting he would like to attend that requires him to stay another night. KAC will pay 2 nights. Commissioners approved. He also has a few bids on a mechanic pickup. He asked about sealing road 16 to help it last longer at approximately \$116,000. He will bring actual numbers and a long term plan of roads to save or take to dirt for the next meeting for the Commissioners to decide.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 1:00.

Bob Wetmore with Great Plains Development entered with Vienna to discuss updated Economic Development services for 2018.

William McCulley(McCulley and Assoc.); Angela Eichman, Seward County Appraiser along with Susie Lewis entered at 1:15. William presented his history as a consultant and they discussed the transition. He also presented their consulting agreement for signatures.

Clerk asked for approval to pay \$5,281.30 from County Building (repairs) from prior year. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the transfer of Bankhead Jones funds in the amount of \$263,288.04 to the Road Fund. Commissioners signed 2 Capital Outlay forms; Fire for the tanker \$2,793.49 and Golf for the Surface Roller \$6,500.00.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 3:00.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk