

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
May 29, 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.

JW 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. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve minutes of May 14th as corrected.

General	\$35,494.91
Road/Bridge	\$7,626.08
E Comm Loan	
Airport	\$478.09
Employee Benefits	\$3,308.66
Ambulance	\$3,353.85
Health	\$1,096.00
County Bldg	
Payroll W/H	\$5,211.47
Civic Cntr Dep	\$780.00
Fire	\$4,506.84
Spec. Ec/Dev	
Emerg. Prep	\$106.99
ROD Tech	\$320.00
911	\$1,202.26
Spec. Equip. Res	\$879.43
Totals	\$64,364.58

JW made a motion, seconded by Randy UYV to accept the lowest tree trimming bid by Delbert Forinash. Forinash \$3,200.00 and McCabes Tree Trimming \$5,800.00. Commissioners discussed agenda items.

Steven Sandoval with SDSI entered to present the 2019 budget request and the services they provide.

Scott Kedrowski with RCDC also entered to present the 2019 budget request and the services they provide.

Kevin—Golf. He needs to hire one part time summer position, as Braden Harbour is now working in Liberal. Hoping to hire soon, as it is already getting busy.

Rhianna—Health. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV for a 5 minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for **Local Board of Public Health** at 10:18. Back in regular session at 10:23. No action taken. She said her copier is not working properly; she was trying to wait until budget hearings. It's just not going to make it that long, so she has gotten both quotes from Southern and SPC. JW made a motion, seconded by Jim, UYV to purchase the copier from SPC without the service agreement and less the trade in of her current one at \$3666.18 from Special Equipment Fund.

Dana—Road. He can get a message board through SW KS regional homeland security council at no cost to the county. He has gotten 2 bids on chip sealing County Road 16, for 7.5 miles. Dana will order rock separately from J&R sand at \$37/ton which will be approximately \$37,000. The Commissioners will discuss this later in the day and let him know.

APAC--\$137,272.31

B&H Paving—108,470.50

Dana also asked about leasing a grinder machine from CAT its \$22,000/mo. it grinds and puts back asphalt mixed with cement. He says we can seal roads after, and likes this option better than the asphalt zipper. Commissioners will take this into consideration going forward. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV for a 3 minute executive session for personnel at 10:50. Back in regular session at 10:53. No action taken.

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

Shelby—It has been a busy long weekend, there was a stolen vehicle that was recovered. She received her patrol vehicle yesterday.

Rhianna—Staying busy with continuing education and seeing patients.

Tracie—Helping with the Sheriff's department with the new CAD server. She also attended a meeting in Salina for 911.

Stephanie—7 residential homes have sold lately, which is better than it has been.

Dusty—Busy with the weather lately. There were a couple clouds that looked like funnels, but thankfully nothing came of them. Hazmat training class will be coming up at the Civic Center.

Tausha—Busy with a lot of calls.

Kevin—Short with summer help, Braden accepted a job in Liberal. So he is staying real busy keeping up until he gets someone hired.

Larry—It has been slow which is good, small grass fire due to lightning. He asked the Commissioners to lift the burn ban. New bunker gear has been ordered.

Vicki—busy with 2nd half tax collection. Interest rates are up, which is good for the County. Tracie has been helping her with the new drivers license program.

Chris—Starting to spray weeds when the wind cooperates.

Dana—Glad for the rain, Mowers are out and they will be working on the roads.

Vienna—1st e community loan was accepted. Quilt shop will open early July. Grassland heritage festival starts Saturday.

Eric— He will be getting busy, sounds like from Shelby's busy weekend.

Gina—Attended the Clerks annual conference. Getting ready for valuation numbers and start working on budgets and levies. The Primary election will be August 7th.

Commissioners—Randy really has appreciated working with everyone, he will not be running for re-election, but is confident the 2 candidates are very adequate and will do a good job. JW updated the group on Social media talk and wanted to inform everyone to try to use good judgement on responding to comments. Jim also elaborated on that topic and expressed the general public does not fully understand all the details of County operations. He also mentioned doing a County wide picnic again this year. A committee will organize this again. Stephanie agreed to send out emails and get a meeting date.

Dusty—Emergency manager. Asked if he could purchase 7 radios at \$835 each. Commissioners approved if it was in his budget. He also needs 5 pagers, currently he has no backups. Commissioners approved.

Shelby—updated the commission on information she heard from EPIC Touch regarding security systems and working together with LEC.

Vicki Huben—Western Child Advocacy. She went over services they provide. County support is greatly appreciated. The County has contributed \$1000 each year for several years; they are asking for an increase up to \$2500.

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

Tausha—EMS. Discussed new required paper work.

Commissioners signed crop insurance papers, and signed Resolution 2018-5 on a motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV.

At 1:15 the following individuals entered for the 3rd drug coalition group meeting. Shelby Ralstin(Sheriff), Becky Hanna(City of Richfield), Kim Mauk(Rolla Schools Superintendent), Rodney Johnson (Elkhart Medical Clinic manager), Rex Richardson(Elkhart Schools Superintendent), Tim Hardy(Elkhart City Administrator) and Lisa Southern(Compass Behavioral Health).

Discussion took place regarding Elkhart Schools implementing random drug screens starting in August 2018. They also discussed going forward with a School Resource Officer position in Elkhart Schools and with the City of Elkhart. Rolla will be hosting some awareness events at the Civic Center, and currently feels awareness is needed but they are not implementing programs yet. The group discussed getting a theme out for the public awareness, Rodney Johnson will work on an item and email all for additions or corrections. This group will meet again on July 23rd, once budgets are determined.

Aaron Cromer—Presented to the Commissioners a request to put in a gas line and bore under county road; he will complete the road permit and get it back to the Commission.

David McKinley entered on behalf of Southwest Groundwater Management to ask about putting in a Cimarron River Groundwater Gage; they have 3 locations being considered and he is here asking if the county had any funds to support this. Commissioners stated they will be looking at funds during budget time and will take this into consideration.

At 2:30 a call was made to an investment consultant. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session at 2:35 for 20 minutes for Attorney Client Privilege. Clerk left the meeting. Back in regular session at 2:55. A

motion to extend 15 minutes by JW, seconded by Jim UYV. Back in regular session at 3:10. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV as recommended by Morton County Fire Chief, Larry Dunn the Commissioners have lifted the burn ban until further notice. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW UYV to approve the County road 16 sealing project by B&H and purchasing the rock from J&R Sand.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session at 3:18 for 5 minutes for Attorney Client Privilege. Clerk left the meeting. Back in regular session at 3:23. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 3:28. No action taken.

Commissioners discussed the following; set budget hearing dates of July 10th & 11th , The County Attorney will send a letter to SW Predatorial Services with a determination by the next meeting, follow-up e-mail to Asphalt Zipper, due to budget restraints we will not pursue this at this time.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn the meeting at 3:53.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, County Clerk