

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
June 11, 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.

Keith Davis opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed 1 A/P Warrant Vouchers listed below; 1 P/R Form and Warrant Register; job application for Guthrie Myer, golf. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the minutes of May 29<sup>th</sup> as amended.

General	\$38,249.26
Road/Bridge	\$14,737.47
Fair	\$28,036.05
Airport	\$1,077.41
Spec. Ec. Dev.	\$226.71
Ambulance	\$2,536.72
Health	\$15.25
Sales Tax Health	\$17,637.71
County Building	\$520.00
Council on Aging	\$28,428.94
Historical.	\$32,619.88
911	\$50.00
Treasure M/V	\$176.05
Soil Cons.	\$7,820.69
Co. Att. Diversion	\$159.66
Civic Cntr Dep	\$1,600.00
Fire	\$647.74
Hospital	\$466,484.49
Extension Co.	\$32,688.85
Library	\$62,529.87
ROD Tech	\$2,500.00
911	\$546.11
Totals	\$736,408.77

Commissioners asked Vicki if she would discuss valuation totals and the difference between State Assessed and Oil & Gas. Susie also entered to discuss what she received from Tom Fuhrman on the decrease of State Assessed property by Merit. Clerk will email State Assessed, utility manager the questions the Commission has.

Tausha—EMS. Presented the May report for billing and services. She has heard there will be an increase in Medicaid reimbursements. Steph has been out on an injury, not related to work and may be off for a while; Tausha is not sure what to do about staff. There are companies working on ambulance quotes as well.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He is asking to use the County pickup to and from work, through the summer months as he does have to go to the landfill after hours for fires, chemical delivery and other needs that arise. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW UYV to accept the request to take county vehicle to and from work May 15<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. Summer weed conference will be in August in Pittsburg. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to approve Chris to attend. Still having problems with the 953D; samples keep coming back bad, and it died pushing back a fire. He has someone looking at it today and should know later today what is wrong; he thinks it's the undercarriage. He has heard from the State on the digging of the new pit, he needs more time to present all of this. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy, UYV for a 5 minute executive session for personnel at 10:18. Back in regular session at 10:23. No action taken. He also presented the invitation to a small arid landfill training workshop, there is no fee and he will sign up 2 people.

Kevin—Golf. He has hired Guthrie Meyer for summer help. There is a tournament this weekend. There are only 7-8 cart shed rentals that have not been paid yet.

Dana—Road. He received bids on a 1 ton truck for the mechanic's truck from National Auto Fleet Group 2018 Dodge Ram \$79,223.56 and 2019 Chevrolet Silverado \$75,148. Both have a 9' crane body and Air compressor. The equipment sold on Gavel Road was approximately \$115,000. Commissioners will discuss these bids later. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW UYV to go into executive session at 10:43 for 5 minutes for personnel. Back in regular session at 10:48. No action taken.

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Development. She entered with Carol Meyer with the KS Dept. of Commerce to explain the ROZ program. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to approve Resolution 2018-6. Vienna said the Grassland Heritage Festival was a success.

Hospital—Rich Bergling, CEO. Presented an update from the CPA. Should be receiving a lump sum payment of around \$70,000 for the rural designation. CDK lab update Morton County would receive 25% of income, BCBS first said this would not work, but after advisement from their legal counsel, they will approve the Hospital to do this lab work.

Commissioners discussed the following items A/C units at the Library and Civic Center. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to have Boaldin Electric install an A/C unit in the Library for \$7,000, that was like the last one installed in 2015. The Commission will review bids for the Civic Center A/C unit, when all received and ask Greg to schedule a time and go over the options; as it is a more extensive fix. Sheriff Ralstin entered to ask a few questions.

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

A call was made at 1:22 to and Economic Investor for a brief update.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 2:12.

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

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Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest:  
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Gina Castillo, County Clerk