

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
June 25, 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.

Keith Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of June 11th as corrected.

Trent McCabe—Entered to discuss the tree trimming at the courthouse and received 2 bids between he and Delbert Forinash. Trent said that Delbert is in Oklahoma and not a Kansas taxpayer. He also feels he is not DOT regulated in Kansas. Trent also brought up the fact that there are a lot of trucks and trailers in Morton County that do not have Morton County tags. Commissioner Tucker addressed him on the tags that we have tried to emphasize the importance, but it is out of our hands. Both bidders are taxpayers in Morton County and submitted liability insurance.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 9:40 for all to attend the funeral service of son of County Deputy Appraiser Susie Lewis. Reconvened at 11:00.

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

Rhianna—Busy with disease investigation.

Stephanie—Been indexing and scanning a lot. There have been a few more houses that have sold.

Dusty—Had some rain last night in Elkhart, with some severe watches.

Vicki—2nd half tax collection went well. New driver's license program was supposed to be ready July 1st, but it will be later.

Tausha—Stephanie had hurt her ankle and has been off; they are short staffed so staying really busy.

Kevin—Jr. Golf is starting. They had a big tournament last week. Today is womans day at the course, hoping to get more woman interested in golf. The ladies tournament is July 14th.

Chris—Burnt the large brush pile, he is glad to get that gone. Spraying when they can and it's not windy.

Dana—Nice having rain all over the County. Started to patch but with the rain they will do that later.

Vienna—Grassland Heritage Festival was fun, well organized. The E Community loan fund was utilized recently. June has been slow, that is very unusual.

Larry—It has been real quiet. Which he is glad about. Small vehicle fire.

Eric—It has been slow lately.

Gina—Received the valuation numbers, looks close to last years. Working on budget information for entities and starting on budgets. Primary Election is coming up on August 7th.

Commissioners—Randy, really appreciates all that you all do. Jim stated budgets are due and we are working on these adjustments. JW stated when working on budgets keep in mind the things that effect the mill levy and continue being conservative. Also continue to keep Susie and Jeff and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He presented the valuation on the 953D dozer. He also presented a quote for repairs. It is \$43,127.80 this will make it almost completely all rebuilt. He wants to look at getting rid of the 953C at budget hearings. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to accept the quote for repairs.

Rhianna—Health. Greg looked at the door that has leaked underneath. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV for a 5 minute executive session at 11:39 for Attorney Client Privilege for **Local Board of Public Health**. Back in regular session at 11:44. No action taken.

Adjourned for the day at 12:05, on a motion by Randy, seconded by Jim UYV.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk

