

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
July 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 Denny Huebner opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; 1 P/R Form and 1 Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of July 9, 2018 as corrected and July 10 & 11 budget hearings minutes.

General	\$20,059.66
Road/Bridge	59,302.79
E Comm Loan	
Airport	4880.21
Employee Benefits	516.61
Ambulance	806.22
Health	
County Bldg	
Payroll W/H	2012.08
Civic Cntr Dep	2095.00
Fire	2286.59
Spec. Ec/Dev	
Emerg. Prep	649.50
Noxious Weed	39.23
911	546.11
Spec. Equip. Res	103479.49
	\$196,673.49

Rhianna—Health. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into 5 minutes at 9:41 for and **Local Board of Public Health**. Back in regular session at 9:46. No action taken.

Dana—Road. He presented the KS Federal Lands Access Program Project funding papers. For County Road 16 North of the River the County 20% is \$199,200.00. Dana presented Foley quote on a 12M3 Grader with a trade in of the 2007 CAT 63,600 and the funds from the Gavel Roads 161,176; which leaves a balance of \$33,114 to come from Special Equipment Road and not get a mechanics truck this year.

Vienna—Civic Center. Can she close the civic center a few hours on Wednesday to attend the PREDSI meeting, commissioners approved. Commissioners said they are waiting on another bid for the A/C and hopefully the A/C will make it through Fair week. Discussed how deposits and use fees are for all entities.

Supervisors— Crystal, Dana, Chris, Larry, Susie and Angela, Vienna, Rhianna, Vicki, Dusty, and Tracie.

Chris—The 953 D came back and ran for 4 hours and blew a hose. Back in the County Shop. Just about getting all the spraying done.

Vienna—Busy summer. Fair is coming up and some events in August.

Crystal—Has been traveling for meetings and also with 4-H kids for the exploration trip. Getting everything ready for the fair.

Tracie—upgraded hardware in old servers. Working on district court getting to Windows 10.

Dusty—Received good rains and thankfully not bad storms. Keeping up with the mowing at the airport. There is a training for windfarms

Susie—Introduced Angela Eichman as our County Appraiser as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. McCulley and Associates work along with her. It's been a positive transition.

Larry—Had a mutual aid run with Stevens County over the weekend.

Rhianna—Gearing up for school with physicals. Working on grants as well.

Dana—Rain is good, but makes for a lot of mowing.

Vicki—Just getting ready for the new license plate system Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Eric—Shelby has been out so it has been slower.

Gina—Early voting has started in the Clerk’s office. Also you can go to voter view and see your sample ballot. Getting ready to finalize the budget.

Commissioners—Randy said everyone deals with people differently and deal with each other well. The picnic was nice, great to visit with everyone. JW agreed the picnic turned out well. Thanked everyone for working on their budgets and hopefully we will get it done this afternoon with Steve Rice. Jim

Jay Williams entered for the Museum and presented the Santa Fe Trail Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held on Oct. 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Dana—Road.

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

Steve Rice CPA entered and went over the budget after cuts were made. Discussion took place regarding several items to cut to lower tax, and also how that would affect the tax lid and concerns for the next year.

Drug coalition group; Rodney Johnson, Marla Houtz, Rhianna Shaw, Kim Mauk, Crystal Bashford, Holly and from Compass Behavioral Health entered to discuss the final postcard.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to adjourn at 3:24.

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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