

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
July 9, 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(absent) and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Denny Huebner opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed 2 payroll forms and Warrant Registers; 3 A/P Warrant Registers listed below. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the minutes of June 25th as amended.

General	\$71,911.98
Road/Bridge	\$13,048.95
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Airport	\$8,431.69
Employee Benefits	\$3186.92
Ambulance	\$2,611.90
Health	\$4,138.26
Special Ec/Dev	\$260.39
County Building	\$3,175.40
Diversion	2,987.99
Spec. Alc/drug	177.00
Payroll W/H	\$7321.87
Treasure M/V	176.05
Spec. Equip.	\$5,292.42
Sales Tax Health	15,723.88
Civic Cntr Dep	
Fire	\$18,851.41
911	\$1130.97
Noxious Weed	\$22,707.80
Emerg. Prep	\$3,274.02
Totals	\$185,808.90

Matti entered to discuss her budget for 2019. The only increase is in Attorney fees at \$1000. They went over a little last year, so to be on the safe side made the increase.

Tausha—EMS. Presented run report. Thanked the Commission for letting Stephanie work on light duty.

Commissioners discussed property in Richfield that a lady wanted to deed over to the County. Since legal counsel was unavailable the Commissioners did not make a decision.

Dana—Road. Provided bids on a 2010 Chevrolet Pickup for mechanics truck with 2 different sizes of new cranes \$42,233.09 and \$53,738 from Reed Company and the same pickup with a refurbished crane \$38,519. The Commissioners asked him to keep looking and possibly go with a diesel pickup. Road sealing should get started this week if weather cooperates. They have got a lot of patching done throughout the county.

Vienna—Civic Center. She presented July calendar. They just received confirmation Morton Co. is E Community level 1. Which makes the county able to loan up to \$250,000 in the county. The end of June the Economic Development group invited the wind farms INV Energy for a luncheon, lots of good news came from that.

Commissioners reviewed both postcards made for the opioid/drug awareness groups and discussed changes, asked the Clerk to email parties involved and present at the next meeting.

Larry—Fire. He entered for Budget hearings. His only increase was for fuel costs and unsure of bunker gear being made in Canada and not sure about the cost of that. He has been working with Texas Co. Oklahoma Emergency Manager on mutual aid and cost of service arrangements.

Forest Ranger—Kevin Taylor. They discussed how often to meet, both feel that only when there is information that is relevant to both. Kevin said right now they want to start the prescribed burns again, that has not happened in several years.

Adjourn for lunch at noon. Reconvened at 1:00

Rod Hay and Steve Rice, CPA entered to discuss the preliminary budget. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to transfer \$44,436.26 from Airport to County General. These funds were received for the amended FAA project in 2016, and transfers were made then to complete the project.

At 2:45 the Commissioners asked Greg to come in and discuss the Civic Center A/C bids by Tatro and Knipp; they asked to have Boaldin Electric submit a bid on same type of unit instead of an overall change. The generator at the courthouse needs fixed; it is overheating and load capacity is about 80%. Commissioners asked him to have it worked on this fall at approximately \$1500-\$2000. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to repair the Library door knob and assembly mechanisms at \$900 and will have the County Attorney contact the roofing company as there are leaks again.

Vicki explained the tax sale list to the commissioners and how the process works. We have not had a tax sale since 2005, so we really need too. Commissioners reviewed tax sale properties and will discuss with the County Attorney tomorrow to get started on this process.

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

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

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Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina Castillo, County Clerk