

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
September 24, 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 (9:30); Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Keith Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed the following; Resolution 2018-8; 2 Part-time job applications for the Golf Course and 2 Full time job applications for EMS; 1 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 September 10th as corrected.

General	34,049.28
Road/Bridge	31,003.62
Nox. Weed	8,436.23
Airport	431.25
Employee Benefits	3,302.04
Ambulance	1497.00
Health	
Special Equip	48,844.24
County Building	
E Community	166.
Historical.	
Payroll W/H	4,927.38
Treasure M/V	
Soil Cons.	
Co. Att. Diversion	
Civic Cntr Dep	90.00
Fire	684.47
Hospital	
Extension Co.	
Library	

Spec. Ec/Dev	106.62
911	1,187.53
Mental Health	
Emerg. Prep	
Totals	134,725.66

Shelby—Sheriff. Entered to present another quote on replacing the padded cell. Cornerstone for \$21,225 and previous bid by Marathon Engineering Corp. \$16,223. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to accept the lower bid to pay out of County Building. The Commissioners also discussed a complaint received about a person's windshield was possibly broken due to grain flying out of silage truck. Law enforcement informed several to tarp the loads. Shelby is contacting KHP to find out if they are exempt or need to tarp loads.

Rhianna—A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for **Local Board of Public Health** for 5 minutes at 9:50. Back in regular session at 9:55. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:00. No action taken. Discussed the Hospital's town hall meeting and if there is any new items to discuss.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. Meeting with the Solid Waste Board to go over the 5 year plan. In attendance Charley McKinley an Unincorporated representative, and Matt Higgins for the City of Elkhart. All 3 Commissioners, County Clerk and County Attorney present. A motion by Charlie, seconded by JW, UYV to accept the 5 year plan as presented. Discussed crushing concrete and looking at options in the future. Also discussed the progress of accepting trash from out of the County.

Kevin—Golf. 2 new employees have started. Learning the new equipment and things are going well. Wednesday approximately 30 kids will be at the course helping with laying sod and staining bathrooms. The school has different projects throughout the town.

Dana—Road. The ice machine has quit, Kent Boaldin said it may be the compressor. An irrigation hydrant was run over east of the dairy, while mowing the ditches. Dana has called Fink Water Well Co. to repair it. Stevens County is still not making asphalt; he will call J & R Sand if they do not get it done this week.

Vienna—Civic Center. They have the 2<sup>nd</sup> E community loan in the process for Angela's Wellness. Haley Murray with American Red Cross has contacted Vienna, asked to waive the fee for use of the Civic Center until the renovations are done at the City Hall. The Commissioners suggested that hosting organizations can help with the use and deposit fees. Through the E community program, Oct 2-4<sup>th</sup> 6 of our local businesses are going to attend Destination Bootcamp with John Shallard in Colorado, then he will come here a few weeks later and do a workshop with them.

Supervisors—Jeff, Kevin, Stephanie, Dusty, Vienna, Dana, Chris, Larry, Rhianna, Tausha, Stephanie, Melinda and Tracie.

Dusty—Recently attended the KEMA conference.

Stephanie—Linn Energy has been sold and a researcher was in for that. There are about 4 real estate closings that will be coming through.

Rhianna—Getting ready to have the flu clinic.

Tracie—Been on vacation, just getting back on track

Jeff—Working on data entry and just finished up with the 17% appraisals in the County.

Tausha—Have been conducting CPR classes and working on the changes in the offices.

Larry—Been very quiet on the Fire side, which is a good thing.

Chris—Landfill is staying steady, just completed the 5 year plan for Solid Waste. The weed department surveys are being done now.

Dana—Trying to keep up with patching roads and mowing throughout the County.

Vienna—September has been pretty slow at the Civic Center. 7-12 grades of Elkhart and Rolla were out to listen to motivational speaker.

Kevin—He has hired 2 part time employees, and thanked the Commissioners. Wednesday several students volunteering to help throughout the Community and will be helping at the golf course.

Eric—Working with Shelby.

Gina—Preparing for the General Election in November. All budgets are in and will be setting the levies by the end of Oct. so it's a busy time. Keep in mind BCBS open enrollment will be coming up in November as well.

Commissioners— JW, we really appreciate all that you're doing. Keep in mind with the health insurance renewal we are hopeful to keep things the way they have been, but if there is an increase we will try to have options to help everyone. Jim agrees with JW, and really appreciates everyone. Randy stated these 4 years have been really good and thanks everyone for making working in the County easier.

Chris—Landfill. He got a quote to remove the tires for \$170/ton. Commissioners approved him to remove these tires.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:50. Reconvened at 1:00.

A motion by Jim, second by JW, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege at 1:06 for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:11. No action taken.

Tausha, Dusty, Stephanie and Melinda with EMS entered at 1:15. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 1:17 for 15 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:32. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:42. A motion by JW seconded by Randy to accept the recommendations by the EMS staff to hire Julie Talbert and Derek Foust. Julie Talbert entered at 1:45. Some discussion took place regarding contract labor and the way EMS department is paid salary for a fluctuating work week.

Commissioners discussed the following; the Hospital Town Hall meeting Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, requested Rodney attend next meeting with Rich to discuss; Approved Greg to have the men's restroom fixed at the Graham Building; Approved the publication of expenditures to be quarterly instead of monthly since the fees have increased from \$84 to \$134.

A motion by Randy, seconded JW, UYV to adjourn at 3:06.

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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

