

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 MORTON, ELKHART KS  
October 22, 2018

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors.

Pastor Denny Huebner opened with prayer.

Present: Jim Tucker, Chairman; J.W. Finn, Vice-Chairman, Randy Bane, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney; and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Minutes of the October 8, 2018, and special Oct. 9th minutes were read and approved as corrected on a motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV.

1 A/P Warrant register and checks was signed. Payroll form signed also.

General	\$8,677.35
Road/Bridge	\$21,243.13
Noxious Weed	
Airport	\$415.00
Employee Benefits	
Ambulance	\$508.01
Health	\$31.25
Fire	
County Building	\$1,138.87
Spec. Econ. Dev	
Sales Tax Hosp.	
Payroll W/H	\$1,750.18
Treasure M/V	
Emg. Preparedness	
Spec. Equip	\$5,295.00
Reg. Deeds	
Tech	\$695.00
911	\$705.49
Totals	\$40,459.28

Discussion took place regarding the Airport, the water line to the spray pads was leaking; the City contacted Commissioner Finn, for now it was decided to shut it off. The Commissioners also approved Lochner to submit a grant to KDOT for surveys that need done to open the County night approaches. The grant is a 95/5 match, so the County is looking at approximately \$5,000 if approved.

A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege at 9:35 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:45. No action taken.

Rhianna entered the meeting at 9:46 a.m. for Local **Public Board of Health**. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV at 9:47 to go into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for Local Board of public health for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:52. No action taken.

Kevin—Golf. This weekend was the last tournament of the year. He would like to get prices for infrared shop heaters. Commissioners approved. He learned a lot at the Garden City conference. Discussed the possibility of grinding reels at our course and charging other courses; he will check surrounding areas on where they send theirs and the cost.

Dana—Road. They are done patching. Hopefully this is the last pass of mowing. APEC should bring the contract over this week. He thinks if they install ceiling fans in the shop it will help the heat go down, maybe save on gas expense. Commissioners asked him to contact the Railroad about mowing their area by the bypass for the signage area.

Vienna—Civic Center. She was asked about having a booth at the hunter safety training for shooting in a padded area with a pellet gun. Commissioners approved this. This year there will be extra security at the gun show. Rolla has a few community projects and they are going to try and get assistance with these.

Supervisors came to the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Crystal, Shelby, Dusty and Stephanie, Rhianna, Tracie, Stephanie, Vicki, Chris, Kevin, Larry and Dana.

Crystal—Has been to several meetings. 48 hours of 4H. The State did a social media campaign with alumni and new 4Hers.

Rhianna—Giving flu shots right now.

Dusty—Thinking of having another EMT class. Getting ready for ambulance inspection. There were 4 runs this weekend and football standbys.

Stephanie—There were only a couple houses that sold this month. Getting ready for the Christmas Party, maybe get together after this meeting. Commissioners discussed that we would like to rotate local caterers from year to year.

Tracie--has been helping the Senior Center with their computer.

Larry—Been pretty quiet, a vehicle accident hitting a deer.

Chris—Tonnage is down right now which is normal for this time of the year.

Dana-They have the patching completed; now working on mowing.

Vienna—She really appreciates all departments that help her with the stage, mowing and killing weeds at the Civic Center. The quilters were in this weekend and always have a great time. John Schallart with Destination Business Bootcamp will be speaking 8-9:30 for the public on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events are Holly Days and the Tri-State Gun show.

Kevin—They just had the last tournament this year the Yarbrough Jr. Class. Getting ready to fertilize now for the winter.

Susie—Finishing up editing 2018, Clerk's office is getting ready to set the levies.

Gina—Early voting has started in Clerk's office, with Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> being Election Day. Getting ready to set the levies and the Treasurer will print tax statements.

Eric—a new phone scam saying they are law enforcement. So beware of this.

Commissioners—JW, keep us updated on the Christmas Party details. Enjoy this time of the year with lots of activities to attend. Randy appreciates all you do. Jim thanked everyone for all you do.

Dusty and Stephanie—They explained the letter they are putting in the paper in regard to needing volunteers. At the first of the year they will have a class for first responders and EMT.

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

Mark Iseley with HUB was here to discuss the BCBS annual renewal. Much discussion regarding plan options and ways to keep spending down. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV for the County to pay employee health insurance at the higher deductible premium and give the employee the option to pay the difference in premium if they want one of the 2 lower premium options and they approved to continue paying dental insurance this year.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV for a 2 minute executive for personnel at 3:03. The Clerk left. Back in regular session at 3:05. No action taken.

On a motion by Jim, and a second by Randy, meeting was adjourned by 3:12 p.m.

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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