

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
November 13, 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 Daugherty opened with prayer.

The Commissioners canvassed the votes from the 2018 General Election on a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed 4 A/P Warrant Vouchers listed below; 1 P/R Form and Warrant Register 2018 1-5 Added/Abated orders. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve the minutes of Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Special Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> meetings as amended.

General	\$60411.97
Road/Bridge	\$42,277.37
Noxious Weed	\$100.00
Airport	\$1354.38
Spec. Equip Res.	\$47020.00
Ambulance	\$3691.60
Health	\$14595.26
Sales Tax Health	\$19681.51
County Building	\$19026.69
Employee Ben.	\$3357.78
Emerg. Prep.	\$297.99
911	\$
Treasure M/V	\$176.05
Spec. Eco Devo.	\$220.83
Co. Att. Diversion	\$1404.99
Civic Cntr Dep	\$590.
Fire	\$18702.05
Payroll W/H	\$5495.17
911	\$3471.30

Totals

\$241874.94

Adam Carey—In for Eric Witcher. He presented the letter for Tate & Kitzke LLC. that the Commissioners also received in the mail, in regards to Indigent services annual contract expiring Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Carey will review the contract and the expiration date. Currently, Mr. Fitzgerald, is replacing Mr. Jones until December.

Dusty—EMS. Also Stephanie and Julie. He presented the report of runs for last month. They had the annual inspection; there were a few minor things with expiration dates that need replaced. They have passed the inspection. They talked with the Dept. of Labor in length, and are good with the on call time volunteer pay. He also presented for the Airport the fuel pump repair. It should be approximately \$2000.00. Commissioners approved.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. The City of Boise City is going to use Morton County Landfill; they will provide scale tickets and pay \$30/ton and deliver 2 times a week. They have a waiver that Chris would like the County Attorney to review. Chris presented a Terracon contract the Commissioners need to sign. Commissioners approved purchase of battery operated grease guns.

Kevin—Golf. He talked to a couple courses about a reel grinder, and they also thought it was a good idea but wondered if we would do bearings also. He was able to get the courthouse lawn and golf course fertilized before the snow came in.

Dana—Road. Some people are upset about the asphalt millings being piled by Richfield. He apologized for not notifying them and would do that next time. He has ordered 2 large ceiling fans for the shop to try to save on gas bill. Commissioner Tucker thanked them for mowing from the by-pass to the city limits.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to go into executive session for personnel with the County Clerk for HR at 10:35 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:45. No action taken.

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Development. Russell Plaschke with Dept. of Ag. will be here today at 3:00 at the Civic Center to meet with the small committee, Elkhart Coop, Skyland Grain, Pate Agency and the

local banks. Commissioners approved Vienna to order an office chair. Groundwater management will be having their annual meeting in Morton County the evening of Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Hospital—Rich Bergling, CEO, along with Steven Brillhart and Mike Horton board members entered to discuss the A/R report. It is starting to come down. They are training Mandy LaRue in the areas of the CFO. They are still waiting on the volume decrease reimbursement from Medicare they thought would be here at the end of September. The total should be around \$400,000. This will be the last payment (adjustment). In December when they do the final calculation of cost of the hospital. That will determine the monthly amount for Rural Demonstration funds. Commissioner Tucker asked about the aging vendor A/P Report of \$356,051.10 that they presented. Rich stated they pay local first or those that may interrupt services. They are hoping with Azalea doing the billing and collections that things will turn around. Azalea will bill through CPSI as the transition occurs, so there should be no lapse in collections.

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

The Commissioners reviewed 2 letters of interest to serve the unexpired term of Jay D Coen on the Hospital Board. Randy left the room during discussion and abstained to vote, a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, to appoint Mandy Burton to the Hospital Board.

Commissioners discussed continuing plans for the Economic Development Investor meeting on Tues. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed the open enrollment meeting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> for BCBS, and the Hay, Rice and Assoc. annual contract and possibly getting quotes from other CPA's.

A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to adjourn at 1:56.

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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