

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
December 10, 2018

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with open doors.

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

JW opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed 2 A/P Warrant Vouchers listed below; 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; Added/Abated orders 2018 12-31. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the corrected minutes of November 26th.

General	24221.19
Road/Bridge	6044.67
Noxious Weed	
Airport	276.94
Employee Benefits	
Ambulance	2,615.00
Health	8648.06
Fire	2097.14
County Building	
Spec. Econ. Dev	296.98
Sales Tax Hosp.	13283.70
Payroll W/H	2084.00
Treasure M/V	176.05
Emg.	
Prepardness	316.97
Co. Att. Diversion	164.99
Civic Cntr Dep	340.
ROD Tech fund	
Totals	60,565.69

Tracie—IT. A motion by Jim, seconded by Randy UYV, to go into executive session for Personnel, employee evaluation for 5 minutes at 9:14. Back in regular session at 9:19. No action taken.

Dusty—EMS/EM Mgr. Presented the EMS run/transfer report. They wanted to discuss the jobs and salaries for 2019. Discussed exempt/non-exempt positions. They requested that Dusty be non-exempt and Stephanie part-time be exempt. Tabled for further discussion. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel, employee evaluation for 5 minutes at 9:42. Back in regular session at 9:47. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:52. No action taken.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He asked to purchase new 10ply tires for the landfill pickup from D's tires for approximately \$700. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to purchase the tires. He also asked to hire a full time person as they are taking waste from Boise City and the part-time person had quit. They are getting behind on prairie dogs and digging the new pit, they just need another person. Tabled for now. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for employee evaluation at 10:07. Back in regular session at 10:12. No action taken.

Kevin—Golf. The heaters are installed. He talked to reps for grinders since he has gotten a lot of positive feedback for this service. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel, employee evaluation for 5 minutes at 10:17. Back in regular session at 10:22. No action taken.

Dana—Road. The new grader has been delivered; Larry Bitner will drive it in the Rolla area. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for employee evaluation at 10:23 for 5 minutes. A motion to extend 5 minutes by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV at 10:28. Back in regular session at 10:33. No action taken.

Vienna—Civic Center. She asked to close the Civic Center tomorrow until 1:00 to attend Larry Coen's funeral, Commissioners approved. Youth Entrepreneur Challenge they are awarding 3 awards from E Community Network Kansas. 1st place winner will go on with their business plan to compete at the state level. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for employee evaluation at 10:45 for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:50. No action taken.

Hospital—Rich Bergling, CEO and Board member Steve Brillhart. The Hospital received the low volume decrease from Medicare about \$427,000. They only used approximately \$100,000 to pay down the A/P, they wanted to be able to make payroll. This is the final one they will receive. Steve stated that Azalea took over billing as of Dec. 1st and will be phasing out CPSI. Commissioners expressed the concern of outstanding payables similar to Texas County Hospital and the potential for lawsuits that the County would be responsible for, as well as all outstanding debt.

Lisa Packard and Gerald Fisher entered to present the Pest control service that she has had for the past 10 years. She is now licensed in Kansas and wanted to offer her services. The Commissioners agreed to look at quotes and the Clerk will provide a list of facilities.

Susie—Appraiser. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for employee evaluation at 11:53 for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:58. No action taken.

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

Rhianna—Health. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for employee evaluation at 1:03 for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 1:08. No action taken.

Lisa Axman and Shane with Lewis, Hooper and Dick entered to discuss the Proposal for Audit and Budget service for 2019. Discussion took place regarding the Audit process, budget training, cost and timeframe in 2019. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to accept the proposal by Lewis, Hooper and Dick.

Commissioners accepted a conference call from Bob Wolfe at 2:05. He discussed the agenda for the upcoming Special meeting for Economic Development.

Commissioners also discussed EMS department, raises and the Special meeting on Friday. A call was made to Susan Lang with Dept. of Labor, she stated you cannot be an employee and volunteer. She is emailing the information. Commissioners decided to meet with EMS, Friday Dec. 14th at 8:00a.m before the Economic Development meeting.

A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to adjourn at 4:57.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk