

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
December 28, 2018

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Jim Tucker, Chairman; JW Finn, Vice-Chairman; Randy Bane, Commissioner, Eric Witcher, County Attorney(absent); Adam Carey, Assistant to the County Attorney; Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Randy opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed; 1 P/R Form and 1 Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below, CMB License Pando, Resolution 2018-9 and added/abated orders 2018 32-38. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup> and Special meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> as corrected.

General	40258.51
Road/Bridge	242077.94
E Comm Loan	1743.41
Airport	1387.81
Employee Benefits	2949.37
Ambulance	1290.61
Health	2685.46
County Bldg	1716.01
Payroll W/H	4404.80
Civic Cntr Dep	1110.00
Fire	2870.95
Spec. Ec/Dev	112.09
Treas M/V	215.00
Noxious Weed	570.00
911	686.74
Spec. Equip. Res	291.99
	<b>\$304371.01</b>

Bobby Bonner entered for Cimarron County Basin. He presented the revised inter-local agreement Resolution for signatures. He expressed the need for additional employees and appreciation for County support.

Greg—Maintenance. Commissioners asked if he would make sure and clean snow and ice at Sheriff's department even if the Courthouse is closed, as they are always open. The Clerk apologized; she did not tell him that.

Supervisors— Susie, Kendra, Dusty, Vicki, Shelby, Stephanie and Tracie.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. Sent a message, with the weather he cannot make it to town.

Susie—Angela, the Appraiser is here today and they are doing hearings.

Tracie—Trying to figure out why windows 10 is not working in the District Court.

Stephanie—Getting ready for year end numbers to get to Vicki. The mortgage tax goes away next year.

Kendra for Rhianna—The Generator did work yesterday with the power outages, that's important for the vaccines.

Gina—Working on year end budgets and getting ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year payroll and Accounts payable stuff that needs done. Please keep Wanda and her granddaughter in your prayers they are in Denver Children's Hospital.

Shelby—Real busy with the blizzard.

Dusty—Been busy since the blizzard. This month has been a very hard month with EMS runs. Yesterday there were a lot of stranded motorist and they have been working with LEC.

Vicki—62.19% collection on taxes that is above average.

Commissioners—JW appreciate everyone doing what they do and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Jim thanked everyone for the fun Christmas party and events. He received a lot of compliments from the public about the help yesterday by EMS, Road and Sheriff Departments. Please be mindful of your budgets and going forward. Bring expenses over \$500 to the Commission. Randy, this will be the final meeting and has a greater appreciation for the County and all that takes place that the general public is not aware of. Working with JW and Jim has been good, even though we may not always agree, we still

leave as friends. He has been amazed at County employees helping each other. It has been a privilege to serve.

Reviewed the letters of interest for open board positions. Wade Wisdom, Darren Buck to Airport Board and Steven Brillhart, Mandy Burton and Mike Horton to Hospital Board. Commissioner Tucker expressed concerns that he received from the public and employees that there is a direct conflict with Heidi being an employee and Steve serving on the board. When Steve came on she was not an employee.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Pot luck luncheon for Randy. Reconvened at 1:00.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. Had to call in, as he was unable to come to town with the blizzard busy clearing roads and area. He asked to attend the annual weed conference in March with an approximate cost of \$550. Commissioners approved. He also asked if he could hire a person. Lengthy discussion about part-time versus full-time and also the option of sharing a person with the Road Department. Dana entered and it was discussed that they talk about sharing some staff and hold off making a decision to hire until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV for 5 minute executive session for personnel at 1:25. Back in regular session at 1:30. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes at 1:30. Back in regular session at 1:35. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes at 1:35. Back in regular session at 1:40. No action taken.

Dusty and Steph entered for EMS. They applied for CRAFT grant with a 35% match for a mechanical CPR Device and dual pagers. If awarded, they will have to pay some out of special ambulance. They provided a list of volunteers' schedules and are asking that Stephanie get more than 1000 hrs/year. Dusty's 1<sup>st</sup> proposal salary \$54,539 based on 40 hr/week with OT after that. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option is Salary \$60,000 based on 50 hr/week and OT after that. Option #3 Salary \$62,400 based on 60 hr/week and OT after that. Commissioners will review this and get back with them later today.

Susie and Angela with the Appraisers office entered at 2:15. Reviewed the North Wing Hospital new improvements. The 5500 square foot facility is now being used as a different facility and not a hospital; it does not fall into the exemption classification. They estimated the approximate tax to be around \$8000. She will check on several entities exemption statuses. Also discussed Ag values and water usage.

The Commissioners discussed the CMB License for the Pando Race Track, while Angela was still here; they asked about the taxing status of that arena, she will

look into it. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the 2019 CMB License.

Commissioners had lengthy discussions regarding EMS positions as well as the Hospital Board position. A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to approve Darren Buck to the Airport Advisory Board. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve Wade Wisdom to the Airport Advisory Board. A motion by JW, seconded by Randy, UYV to approve Mandy Burton to the Hospital Board. A motion by Randy, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve Mike Horton to the Hospital Board. A motion by JW to approve Steve Brillhart to the Hospital Board, the motion died due to the lack of a second.

Dusty and Stephanie came back to the meeting. The Commissioners offered Dusty a non-exempt position at \$54,539 yr. and Stephanie will be part-time under 35 hours a week, not to exceed 1000 hours a year. The County will no longer pay the EM pickup reimbursement in 2019. They accepted.

A motion by Randy, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 5:17.

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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