

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
March 25, 2019

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

Present: JW, Chairman; Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Bill Light, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney(entered at 9:35); and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Shella Choi of United Methodist Church opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed; 1 P/R Form and 1 Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below. A motion by Bill seconded by Jim, UYV to approve amended minutes of March 11th and a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve amended minutes Special meeting March 12th.

	2019
General	\$14,569.59
Road/Bridge	\$7,591.08
Extension Council	\$3,076.78
Airport	\$415.00
Emp. Benefits	\$7,719.07
Ambulance	\$806.09
Health	\$400.00
County Building	\$225.00
Library	\$5,316.98
P/R Withholding	\$4,170.56
Council on Aging	\$2,563.30
Civic Center Dep	\$590.00
Historical	\$2,863.57
Noxious Weed	\$394.85
Special Eco. Devo.	
Sales Tax Hosp.	
Spec. Equip. Res.	\$1,626.24
911	\$635.96
Hospital	\$39,421.57
Fair	\$2,378.58

Conservation

\$662.30

Mental

Totals

\$95,426.52

Rhianna—Health. Marla is unable to attend the Governor's Public Health Conference because she will be in Washington but Rhianna, Pam and Kendra will be attending as planned. I have requested Haley be increased back to 3-4 times a month for Family Planning days, (the clinic manager had previously changed her to only 2 times a month due to lack of providers at that time). Rhianna has been able to save a lot of money through the 340B program for pharmaceutical supplies, amounts discussed. Now working to try and get the hospital and/or C&R Pharmacy on 340B also if we can but Rodney and Rich were checking on some additional details first. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV for executive session for Attorney Client at 9:48 for **Local Board of Public Health** for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:53. A motion to extend 5 minutes by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV. Back in regular session at 9:58. No action taken.

Dusty—EMS. The EMS building generator has not been working during the last few power outages, it's an older model. He would like to get bids to replace the old one. EMS appreciation week is coming up, they are looking at things to do, to show appreciation to volunteers. He gave the Clerk the Airport Manager job description to start advertising and he will help as needed in the future. There are electrical and fuel pump things that come up rarely, but he will be available. There are 14 currently enrolled in the EMT class. Testing will be done in June.

Kevin—Golf. He has been busy the last 2 weeks. Membership dues have been coming in. A representative from Arizona was here showing the grinder for reels, he was impressed with the setup. He still has to put numbers together and get more information. The Golf Superintendent school In Dodge City on April 24th he would like to attend; Commissioners approved. High School golf is starting with Yarbrough, Rolla and Elkhart. He is putting down pre-emergent to try to fight weeds.

Dana—Road. They are busy trying to get everything put together for the County Road P project in May. He needs to find a place to dump the septic tank, he has checked with Rolla they did not want to take it. The Commissioners said maybe contact a company to haul it off. A grader that is under warranty

had some injectors go out. Foley has said they will replace bad injectors under the warranty and recommended changing the remainder at \$1200/each.

Vienna—Economic Development/Civic Center. She presented the April calendar. She and Becki will be speaking at the Western Region Retreat for Network Kansas on March 27th. On April 2nd & 3rd is Kansas Rural Opportunities Conference in Dodge City. Commissioners discussed an idea with her about a luncheon and discussion with the Counties top 10 taxpayers.

Fred Claassen—Entered to talk to the Commissioners about the water board, and information Mark Rude presented to him. He also expressed his concern about his irrigated land valuation increasing.

Supervisors—Stephanie, Tracie, Rhianna, Kevin, Vienna, Dusty, Dana, Larry, Chris and Susie.

Rhianna—They are currently promoting Nutrition and Public Health. Still seeing influenza cases.

Tracie—Been working on servers.

Stephanie—There has recently been 2 residential and 2 quarters of land sales. Mainly mineral exchanges.

Larry—Fires have been relatively slow right now. The Forest service will probably not do anymore prescribed burns, other than the one they just did.

Chris—2 new monitoring wells have been drilled. It's been too muddy to test them. He has received 4 applications for the Landfill open position, still taking applications another week.

Dana—With the muddy roads, they are trying to keep up. Busy getting stuff ready for the county road p project.

Vienna— Wanted to acknowledge that Rhianna was “Woman of the Year” and the Health Department was “Business of the Year” at the recent Chamber Banquet.

Kevin—If you are a golfer or know a golfer, Golf books can be purchased that have incentives for Point Rock Golf course as well as other courses. It's a good promotion for Morton County.

Susie—They have been conducting many hearings since evaluation notices went out. Oil & gas has to be all submitted by April 1.

Gina—Gave the supervisors an update on the Budget information that will be emailed to them this week. The mail ballot election for USD 217 will be April 30th. Also shared a Thank you card from Wanda and Abrienne.

Commissioners—JW congratulated Rhianna and her department for Woman of the year and business of the year. Rhianna also noted keep Crystal Bashford in thoughts and prayers as she will be out the month of April and has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He presented garage door bids. Overhead door (SW Glass)--Liberal 9180.00 for 2 doors and Guymon Overhead door is 9960.00/for both. He budgeted \$6000 for these. A motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV to approve the doors from Guymon Overhead Door for \$9960, as these are insulated doors.

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

Commissioners toured the Civic Center at 1:00. Entered back to the Court House at 1:50. Finished business; asked Clerk to email Bob Wolfe for an update, discussed getting information on the PILT and Bankhead Jones payments. JW asked the Clerk to contact the Wildlife Committee again this year and see if they would come for a visit.

A motion to adjourn at 2:57 on a motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV.

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk