

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
April 8, 2019

JW called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. with open doors.

Present: JW, Chairman; Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Bill Light, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney(9:45) and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Ed Richards with 1st Baptist Church opened with prayer.

A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to approve the amended minutes from March 25th and Special meeting March 29th. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers listed below; Abated Orders 2014-180, 2016-117, 2018-54-55

	2019
General	\$52,969.12
Road/Bridge	\$13,264.18
Extension Council	
Airport	\$1,351.11
Emp. Benefits	\$2,937.71
Ambulance	\$3,728.61
Health	\$10,449.31
County Building	\$1,341.15
Fire	\$813.08
P/R Withholding	\$2,084.00
Emerg. Prep.	\$708.52
Civic Center Dep	\$280.00
Diversion Fund	\$368.74
Noxious Weed	
Special Eco. Devo.	\$411.01
Sales Tax Hosp.	\$13,880.87
Treas. M/V	\$369.71
911	\$50.00
Hospital	
Fair	
Conservation	
Mental	\$1,400.00
Totals	\$106,407.12

A motion by JW, seconded Jim, UYV at 9:05 to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:10. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:12. No action taken.

Commissioners discussed the budget letters sent out to departments and supervisors. They asked to be better informed to be able to edit letters that have Commissioners suggestions.

Dusty—EMS. Dusty presented the run report. He will be attending the EMS director meeting and also the EM Mgmt. monthly meeting. He has not been in about 4 months as he has been on call. Dusty asked about the balance in the Special ambulance fund. The 1998 Ambulance is the oldest of the fleet and in the future he would like to replace it. Commissioner Finn suggested getting an amount for budget hearing and workshop time. The airport fuel pumps have been working well, with no calls or complaints.

Chris—Landfill. He has received several applications and is recommending hiring Zac O'Hanlon as he had worked at the Landfill before. Commissioners approved his recommendation at base pay and an increase once obtaining a CDL. Todd will be testing next week for his CDL to be able to help at the road department. Groundwater monitoring fees have increased a little this year as we have added 2 wells. Terracon will be here today. Discussed the tarps they receive from the dairy and grain storage for disposal at the Landfill, they cause a lot of problems trying to cover; they are slick and cannot be burnt. Commissioners suggested contacting the company who brings them; maybe they can use a different style or other solutions.

Kevin—Golf. Membership dues are coming in, he gives them until about April 10th to receive. He would like to reconstruct the putting greens. The golf course receives \$3500/year from the Elkhart Rec. department, which goes into gifts and grants. His department will do this themselves, the approximate cost for sand, gravel, peat moss and seed is \$6700-\$9300. The current balance in gifts and grants is about \$14,000. Commissioners unanimously approved this project.

Dana—Road. They want to finish replacing the lights; the shipping cost is \$300 at the Lumber Yard. He is talking to Kent about another company or ordering more in bulk.

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Development. She asked about getting contact information for the top tax payers in Morton County. Also may need to review the top 20 list. She will get with Susie and Gina on contact information.

The Rural Opportunity conference last week was good, she thanked the Commissioners for letting her attend. New programs are being put together combining rural opportunity and commerce together. Dandi Owens is also working for this group, she is a hometown girl. The 3rd E-Community loan has been approved.

Lisa Packard—Pest Control. She wanted to discuss again with the Commissioners her services. Commissioner Finn expressed to her that in the past we have switched services then recently went back to General Pest, if she will come back and re-visit in 6 months, once she gets established, we would reconsider working with her. She said she understands and she is eager come back.

Hospital—Rich, CEO; Brian Mitchell, Steven Brillhart and Mike Horton board members. Rich stated they have been busy the last few weeks. Clinic is working good with Azalea, he included those revenue reports. They will be going live on the Hospital side April 23rd. Will continue using CPSI until once they see how the progression and the clearing house process goes. Once they feel comfortable they will issue a letter with a 30 day notice. Steve Brillhart stated that Jerry Moran's office is helping to assist with re-opening the Keyes clinic and visiting with Casey Murdock. Discussion also took place regarding the lease changes, there was some confusion. The County Attorney will work on the Wellness Center lease and Commission and Hospital Board both will review before presented.

Shelby—Sheriff. She is requesting to purchase 6 new bullet proof vests. The ones they currently have are expiring. These vests are lighter weight and exterior/interior carriers. The approximate cost is \$7,500. She is applying for a grant which is about half the cost. County Attorney stated this cost can come out of the Diversion Fund. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the request to come from the Diversion Fund approved by the County Attorney.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:10. Went to the EMS office and toured the whole facility and looked at Ambulances. Reconvened at 1:40.

Commissioners discussed the following; KCCC meeting, NACO Representative, State/Local Recognition, Wellness (Tobacco Initiative) the clerk gave some more information. Greg turned in bids for a power washer that he and the Sheriff's department can use. A motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV to approve the bid by NAPA for \$369. Commissioners also asked the Clerk to email the Ks Game and Wildlife representative to see if they would give an annual update, also the Local officials to be on the agenda for August and give an update on the opioid procedures they have put in place.

A motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes for HR with the County Clerk at 2:42. Back in regular session at 2:52. No action taken.

A motion to adjourn at 2:56 by Bill , seconded by Jim, UYV.

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk