

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
April 22, 2019

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

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

Pastor Ed Richards of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist 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 and added/abate orders 2018-56 ,2018-57. A motion by JW seconded by Bill, UYV to approve amended minutes of April 8<sup>th</sup>.

	2019
General	\$31,187.44
Road/Bridge	\$48,835.66
Extension Council	
Airport	\$415.00
Emp. Benefits	\$3,145.91
Ambulance	\$1,800.88
Health	
County Building	
Fire	\$154.22
P/R Withholding	\$2,214.34
Emerg. Prep.	
Civic Center Dep	\$750.00
Diversion Fund	\$123.00
Noxious Weed	\$315.12
Special Eco. Devo.	\$450.00
Sales Tax Hosp.	
Treas. M/V	
911	\$635.96
Hospital	
Fair	

Conservation  
Mental


\$90,027.53

Dusty—EMS. Attended EMS training in Manhattan. He may have to miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of that training to cover call for staff needing off for Traci Bitner's service. They will be having a debriefing tonight with last week's run. We also have new law enforcement staff. Susan Lang with the Dept. of Labor spoke at that meeting. A Mechanical CPR unit was bought with a grant.

Rhianna—Health. A motion by JW seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for 3 minutes for **Local board of public health** at 9:47. Back in regular session at 9:50. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:52. No action taken.

Scott Kedrowski with Russell Child Development entered the meeting. He discussed the Tiny-K program and also looked at how the allocated funds are spent.

Mark Hinde and Steve Sandoval with Southwest Developmental Services Inc. discussed their services.

Dana—Road. He is hoping to get a start date for County Road P project, he would like it to be about the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. The graders have made all the rounds throughout the County just in time for some more rain.

Vienna—Economic Development/Civic Center. May schedule is getting full. They are fixing to close on another E Community loan. She asked about the materials that could be used for parking stated in the incentives for E Community loans. Vienna mentioned that the State is bringing back the sales tax exempt incentives for new businesses.

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

Dusty—Attended EMS mgmt. classes in Manhattan. It has been a busy month.

Rhianna— Still seeing cases of strep and the flu.

Stephanie—She has had a lot of researchers in her office lately. She is not sure what the research may be for. Hopeful it's a good thing for the County.

Vicki—Sent out reminders for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half tax payments. They have been busy working on her budget.

Larry— There was a bad house fire in the County last week. Luckily, only a few small grass fires. He has also attended training at the Ulysses Fire department.

Chris—Zac O'Hanlon started last week. The tonnage reports have been turned in. Getting ready to start spraying noxious weeds.

Dana—His department has got the roads bladed before the next rain. Also getting ready for the asphalt County Road P project to start in May.

Vienna—Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce jointly invited Lisa Ford, a customer service expert, to speak last week at the Civic Center. We will be getting ready for trail ride breakfast.

Kevin—The grass looks nice since we have had good moisture over the last year, but also the weeds have been plentiful. Jr. Golf has started. Booster Club tournament is coming up.

Susie—Oil & Gas renditions have been coming in since April 1 until May. County Appraiser Angela Eichman checks them then Susie's office does the editing.

Gina—Working on and gathering the budgets. Getting documents ready for the Auditors. We are also in the process of a mail ballot election for USD 217. Also, keep Randy Bane in your thoughts and prayers.

Commissioners—Jim expressed his appreciation and thanked everyone for working and getting budgets turned in, as it is earlier and we have new auditors. Bill said he thinks everyone is working really well. JW also stated that the budget process is different and if anyone has suggestions or ideas that help, please share with us. He mentioned we have a card and donation to Larry Bitner and a card for Crystal Bashford.

Chris—Weed/Landfill. He has finished up the monitoring report, hopefully hear something by next week. A motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes at 11:22. Back in regular session at 11:27. A motion by Bill, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 3 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:30. A motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV to extend 3 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:33. No action taken.

A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to go into executive session for Personnel for 10 minutes at 11:41. Back in regular session at 11:51. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:56. A

motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 12:01. A motion by Bill, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 12:03. JW asked the Clerk to email her office and the Appraisers office to meet with the Commissioners today at 1:45.

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

Commissioners toured the Golf Course at 1:00. Entered back to the Court House at 2:00.

Susie, Mary and Jeff (Appraisers office) and Ronda, Wanda and Gina (Clerks Office) entered to discuss some differences.

Commissioners approved proclamation of EMS week for publication. Commissioners reviewed quotes by Boaldin Electric to replace the generator at EMS in the amount of \$3,999. Through Epic touch and materials and labor between \$750-900 Boaldin Electric. Approved on a motion by Bill, seconded by Jim. JW abstained. A quote by Boaldin Electric for the FSA/Conservation office air condition to replace the evaporator coil at approximately \$2150.00. Approved on a motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV.

Commissioners reviewed all the Airport Manager applications that were submitted. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to offer Dennis Tevebaugh the position. A call was made to discuss the details with Dennis. He accepted the position at \$700/month. Also reviewed a few items the Clerk had on the Commissioners budget.

A motion to adjourn by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV at 4:12.

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JW Finn, Chairman

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Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

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Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina Castillo, County Clerk