

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 MORTON, ELKHART, KS
MAY 28, 2019

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

Present: J.W. Finn, Chairman; Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Bill Light, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney (9:15) and Wanda Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

Pastor Ervin Daugherty, Jr. of Christ Lutheran Church opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Bill, to approve the May 13th amended minutes. Bill made a motion to approve the May 15th minutes as presented. Jim seconded the motion.

The commissioners signed 1 P/R form and 1 warrant register; 2 A/P warrant register listed below. 3 abated orders-2018-61, 2018-62, 2018-63.

5/28/2019

	2019
General	\$24,811.62
Road/Bridge	\$7,077.59
Extension Council	
Airport	\$4,486.82
Emp. Benefits	\$3,878.46
Ambulance	\$724.39
Health	\$6,045.42
County Building	\$846.80
Fire	\$1,938.25
P/R Withholding	\$4,872.44
Special. Hwy. Imp.	\$24,035.94
Civic Center Dep	\$100.00
Diversion Fund	
Noxious Weed	\$7,699.30
Special Eco. Devo.	
Sales Tax Hosp.	

Treas. M/V	
911	\$189.85
Hospital	
Fair	
Conservation	
Mental	
Totals	\$86,706.88

Chris-Weed/Landfill. Since General Pest has treated the office for mice they have been seeing a lot of dead mice in and around the building. KDHE had done an inspection of the landfill that went well. The roof is leaking but Stanfield Roofing will be here soon to check it. He presented numbers and figures for materials and labor for the updates to the weed department building. These updates are necessary for safety concerns. Joe's Handyman Service will remove the ceiling and carpet for \$800.00, the only contacted contractor that submitted a bid. Chris told Joe he would need to use hazmat precautions. Chris presented an amount of \$11,500 for the project; materials coming from Elkhart Lumber Company. Greg and Chris will do the labor for the project. Bill made a motion, seconded by Jim, to proceed with this project.

Rhianna-Health. Rhianna and Kendra will be attending an immunization conference in Salina June 11th to June 13th. This is a required conference. There is a possibility of 10%-20% decrease in Bioterrorism grant money. This has been a possibility every year but so far it has not happened. Rhianna asked for a 10 minute executive session for a **Local Board Of Public Health** issue. Jim made the motion with a second by J.W.UYV to go into executive session at 9:53 a.m. Returned to open meeting at 10:03 a.m. No action taken. She will be meeting with Dusty to review evacuation sites and publish to the public.

Dusty-EMS. EMS, along with LEC, they sponsored the Red Cross blood drive last week. There was a good turnout. They also sponsored Movie in the Park last Friday and it was well attended. They will be having it two more times this summer. They plan to do more public education to show what services are offered by the department. The current class of EMT's will be finishing at the end of June. Dusty has been able to get the testing site moved to Elkhart for this class. There should be 4-6 students testing. Dusty said he will need to buy at least four pagers, he is getting prices. The weather caused some issues with the radios during Sunday's storms but the repeater picked up the slack.

Shelby-Sheriff. Shelby reported there is a problem with spiders in the sheriff's department. Commissioners suggested she contact General Pest Control as their pest control includes spiders. Tarah's last day was last week and Shelby will be advertising for a new hire. Cheri has caught on very quickly and is doing an excellent job.

Shelby and Commissioners had discussion regarding salaries of her department.

Dana-Started on the Road P project and so far it is going well. He stated they might get behind grading on other roads until this is finished. There was discussion regarding the purchasing of millings. The County will have 12,000 tons. Double T is requesting 500 tons. Dana doesn't have the staff to load so his idea is to have buyers load their own and then get scale tickets on every load. The Commissioners want to be sure the County has enough for our use. A motion was made by J.W., seconded by Jim, to sell 5000 tons pending requirements from Norm Bowers, Local Road Engineer with KAC and sales tax information from our CPA.

Supervisors meeting was attended by: Dusty, Larry, Kevin, Vicki, Stephanie, Tracie, Chris, Shelby, Rhianna.

Jim thanked everyone for the team effort this past weekend during the storms, stating even those that were out of town were on top of things.

Kevin-The hail did some damage to the greens but they are now back in shape. The rain has made everything green, even the weeds.

Chris-Due to the rains, there is a lot of water in the pits but it is being pumped out. Bind weed is taking off but will be sprayed soon.

Larry-It has been quiet, no fires. They have only responded to a couple of roll overs. He is getting bids on a new grass unit.

Vicki-Tax collection has been good with over 98% collected.

Stephanie-No oil & gas has been moving. There have been two houses sold.

Tracie-She attended a cyber security meeting in Garden City and it was very informative. Finney County government computers did get hacked. She told everyone not to use a USB that is sent unsolicited. Also, do not charge phones from your computer tower.

Rhianna-They are busy doing immunizations. She is still seeing flu cases.

Shelby-Keeping Eric busy with cases. Their department helped with the blood drive.

Dusty-Reported about blood drive and movie in the park.

Wanda-Told the group that Gina was out today because she is in Amarillo with her mother who is in the hospital there.

Kevin-Going with high school golf team to Hesston tomorrow for State golf meet.

Bill-mentioned that Randy Bane had a very nice service.

Eric-Mentioned boys high school baseball team won State again.

J.W.-appreciates the team work of all departments and employees, especially during a crisis.

J.W. made a motion for a 5 minutes executive session with Rhianna for **Local Board of Public Health** issue. Jim seconded, UYV. Executive session began at 11:20 a.m. Returned to open session at 11:25 a.m. No action taken.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Lisa Axman of Lewis, Hooper & Dick, auditors. She was accompanied by Jarrod Sauer, as a job shadow. After discussion and explanation regarding fund transfers, a motion was made by Bill, second by J.W. UYV, to approve the transfers as recommended by Lewis, Hooper & Dick. The transfers are as follows:

County General-\$150,000 to Special Equipment
County General- \$80,455 to Special Equipment-Sheriff
Road-\$215,549 to Road Special Equipment
\$456,381 to Special Highway

Weed-No transfer

Airport-No transfer

Ambulance-No transfer

Health-No transfer

Fire-No transfer

She also recommends for 2020 putting the Sheriff department in its own fund and to move Emergency Preparedness to Ambulance.

Lunch was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Southern, executive director of Compass Behavior Health, and Fernando Rodriguez-Infante, Region III director, came to the meeting. They gave a background of their organization and explained the many services they provide. They need two people from Morton County to serve on the board. Because of the distance to attend meetings in Garden City, they are exploring using telenet services. They are requesting the same amount for an appropriation as they had last year.

There was discussion regarding the bill from Morton County Medical Clinic for the amount they are charging for an employee physical. The Commissioners agreed to pay the \$140 charge.

Eric said he is waiting for documents for three properties to come to him so he can get the tax foreclosure sale started.

Commissioners would like to have a detailed account of any special accounts held by outside entities.

A call was made to Mark Rude of Groundwater Management. A mistake was made by GWM on land assessments. He explained the procedure of correcting the error and will send Gina the wording for the correction. The statute for correction is 79-1701A.

Short discussion was held on Southwest Juvenile Detention contract.

Commissioners discussed selling airport hangars to pilots. They would request the Airport Board be at the next meeting to further discuss this. Eric will get the appraised value from the Appraiser.

A motion as made by Jim, second by Bill, UYV to proceed with the airport runway project as recommended by Lochner.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Seconded by J.W. UYV.

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk

