

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
June 24, 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 1:15); and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Denny Huebner of Church of God Elkhart opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed; 1 P/R Form and 1 Warrant Register; 3 A/P Warrant Register listed below; abated GWM orders 2018 71-317; abated order 2018 70. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve amended minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup>.

	2019
General	\$27,735.27
Road/Bridge	\$9,819.86
Mental Retardation	\$700.00
Airport	\$415.00
Emp. Benefits	\$2,973.89
Ambulance	\$99.98
Health	\$6,312.10
County Building	\$3,875.00
Fire	\$31.63
P/R Withholding	\$1,382.12
Spec. Alcohol/drug	\$430.00
Civic Center Dep	\$90.00
Diversion Fund	\$2,570.00
E Community	\$6,900.00
911	\$189.85
Special Equip.	\$101,626.24
Emergency Prep	\$306.99
Special HWY Improv	\$1,060.00
Totals	\$166,517.93

Dennis—Airport. He has been watching the airport after rains. His opinion is putting the concrete footer on hold and maybe a drain would help keep the rocks off. He has been able to use the broom machine from the Road department and keep it maintained more often. Elkhart is having some roads sealed, he will try to get a quote to do 4-22. He will be checking with Warren Struckle about fixing the connection with the runway lights and leaving them off unless using a clicker from 1-5 am. A lengthy discussion took place regarding selling Hangars.

Rhianna—Health. A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to go into executive session at 10:00 for 5 minutes for **Local Board of Public Health**. Back in regular session at 10:05. A motion to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:10. A motion to extend 3 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:13. A motion to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:18. A motion to extend 3 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:21. No action taken.

Dusty—EMS. At the LEPC meeting last week, they went over current events in the County and did mask fittings. They discussed Medicare requirements for having trainings, possibly a table top in August and maybe an active shooter training in October with both the Hospital and Care Center. EMT class testing is coming up and will be done in Elkhart. CPR classes are being offered locally and in the Guymon area. State inspection is coming up as well.

Kevin—Golf. He received a thank you letter from some guys traveling through. A motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV to approve the quote of \$5495 for a new ice machine to replace the one he has had for 20 years. With all the rain he is saving on electricity for watering but spending money on diesel for mowing more.

Dana—Road. He is leaving the contract for the signage for the County Attorney's review. Road P just needs to be chip sealed about a week delay, which may be better after wheat harvest. After grinding Road D there have been a few compliments and a few complaints. Commissioner Finn stated it needs ditches cut back in. Dana talked to APAC about selling millings to Double T. Lengthy discussion took place regarding grading and maintaining the dirt roads with millings and caliche.

Vienna—Economic Development/Civic Center. The fire suppression system has been upgraded now. Rolla Rec. has been trying to purchase the Emanuel Baptist Church, but are not allowed to purchase a building and wondered if the County could assist somehow. Vienna will talk to Vicki, the Treasurer and Bill will talk to the Mayor of Rolla.

Supervisors—Stephanie, Dennis, Jeff, Tracie, Rhianna, Kevin, Vienna, Dusty, Dana, Larry, Crystal and Chris.

Dusty—Working with the Hospital on some exercise drills. They are finishing up the EMT class.

Rhianna—Has been handling Health officer issues and doing a lot of administrative duties.

Tracie—Been working on hard drives and installing updates.

Stephanie—There have been several land purchases and 4 real estate purchases. Merit has done an assignment interest to Panhugoton Partners LLC.

Dennis—Learning a lot about the Airport with Dusty and Gina's help. The Road department has loaned him the broom machine and the Airport is looking nice. Fuel sales are up, with a lot of people flying right now.

Larry—Several lightning fires lately, some the rain put out. A couple of car wrecks.

Chris—They got a new dozer last week, it's working good. They have been out spraying when they can. The office repairs are about finished.

Dana—Thanked the Landfill and Fire for sharing people and equipment for the Road project. Trying to catch up now on dirt roads and mowing.

Vienna—Grassland Heritage Festival was early in June. Not real busy right now.

Kevin—Staying caught up on the mowing with all the rain. Jr. Golf will start July – August. He shared the story of a thank you card from a couple guys traveling through and played golf.

Jeff—Willena and Susie are dealing with illnesses. Doing 17% of the appraisals right now.

Crystal—Since being back to work, she has been traveling with the Youth to several camps. Will be attending the Youth Entrepreneur Convention next with Vienna.

Gina—Received the valuation numbers from the Appraisers office. Working on budgets with Lisa, CPA. The Budget workshop on July 16<sup>th</sup> will be real helpful, please try to attend. Also a reminder that the AFLAC representative will be here Wednesday and Thursday remind your employees.

Commissioners—JW asked if a committee would start planning a summer picnic, Stephanie said she would send out an email.

Chris—Landfill/Weed. The annual weed conference will be in Mulvane, would like to attend and also have Zac go, this is in his budget. Commissioners approved.

Larry—Fire. He received 2 bids for 2020 Ford Truck flat bed and skid unit.

Hays Fire—103,016.89

Weis Fire—100,097.00

A motion by JW, seconded by Bill UYV to accept the Weis Fire bid, and purchase out of Special Fire.

Kevin Taylor—Forest Ranger. He wanted to update the Commissioners on the translocation of the Lesser Prairie Chicken study. Commissioner Finn stated it is always good communication in regards to endangered species and other things that affect the county.

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

Joined a webinar with Lisa, Lewis, Hooper & Dick to go over budget information and look at what different projections would look like. She gave us several things to decide and get information on.

Commissioners reviewed the delinquent taxes owed by vendors list, a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the Treasurer to credit delinquent tax payers report to satisfy the delinquency per KSA 79-2011, 2012 and 2013. After a brief discussion a motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to transfer the Bankhead Jones Funds in the amount of \$321,523.64 into Road and Bridge Fund. The County Attorney will review the KDOT Airport grant information for the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 2:35 on a motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV.

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JW Finn, Chairman

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Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

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Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest:  
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Gina Castillo, County Clerk