

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
July 22, 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 (9:45 left at 10:30); and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Keith Davis of Church of the Nazarene opened with prayer.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda. Commissioners signed; Resolution 2019-5 ROZ program; 1 P/R Form and 1 Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below. A motion by Bill seconded by JW, UYV to approve amended minutes of July 8th.

	2019
General	\$15,900.24
Road/Bridge	\$9,827.69
Mental Health	
Airport	\$505.48
Emp. Benefits	\$471.97
Ambulance	\$291.26
Health	\$73.50
County Building	\$3,935.99
Fire	\$1,710.00
P/R Withholding	\$3,875.69
Special HWY	\$207,972.23
Civic Center Dep	\$50.00
Diversion Fund	\$512.40
Noxious Weed	
Special Eco. Devo.	\$63.92
Golf Gifts/Grants	\$1,903.00
Emergency Prep	\$106.99
SpecialLEC	\$400.00
911	\$685.96
Totals	\$248,286.32

Shelby—Sheriff. She entered to let the Commissioners know that she has hired Staci Ratzlaff at \$12/hr. Commissioners approved her recommendation. A

lengthy discussion about still trying to get the public informed on the importance of vehicles being tagged here in Morton County. Talked about ways to inform the public on the value of tagging vehicles where they reside and where revenues are distributed to County services.

Rhianna—Health. She is glad the doors are going to be installed at the end of the month. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for **Local Board Of Public Health** for 5 minutes at 9:46. Back in regular session at 9:51. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:56. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:01. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:06. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 10:08. No action taken. **Local Board of Public Health** authorized taking action on the condemned property located at 902 Richard Street, owned by James Burnett will be cleaned or removed and inspected by August 1st. After that the fine will be \$250/day until corrected.

Dusty—KEMA will be Sept. 11-13, he is asking to attend. They are up in call numbers this year, compared to last year. There was a demo on an ambulance last week. He presented a spec sheet and the warranty information on it. Commissioners discussed the funds and also suggested getting a more accurate quote and another bid also. Check a lease option with \$100,000 down.

Dana—Road. He presented tire balancing machine. \$1650 Altus and a Ranger \$1989 both through Elkhart Auto Parts. Commissioners approved up to \$2000 on a motion by JW, seconded by Jim UYV, whichever Sheldon, the shop foreman chooses. JW asked how they are doing on grading roads, Dana said it's going kinda slow.

Vienna—Economic Development/Civic Center. She gave an update on the listening tour in Ulysses with the Governor's representative on several topics, unfunded mandates, vehicles being tagged outside of the Counties, and KDOT road projects. Kent Boaldin has been out will be getting the A/C unit put in soon.

Supervisors—Shelby, Dennis, Rhianna, Crystal, Dusty, Stephanie, Dana, Larry, Chris, Vicki, Vienna and Susie.

Dusty—Busy weekend. EMT classes finished up, seven took the practicals and 3 have passed the written and will be starting as volunteers. Calls are up from the same time last year.

Crystal—Getting things in place for the fair. Next week she is taking 4-H kids on a trip to the Renaissance Festival.

Vicki—Working on 2nd half delinquent collections and motor vehicle.

Shelby—Hired a new dispatcher, Staci Ratzlaff.

Dennis—Airport looks good. Ordered fuel, the price was down. FAA was out checking the GPS and around our Airport.

Larry—It had been quiet, until this last weekend. The rain has helped a lot this year.

Chris—Spraying when they can.

Stephanie—Things are going ok in her office. She updated everyone on the County Picnic that will be Thursday at 6:30.

Dana—Busy mowing and working on the roads. The County Road P project is completed.

Vienna— They have done a lot of passports lately. Busy with an event this weekend, then getting ready for the fair.

Susie—They have been doing data collection, all Ag will be reviewed. Editing is still being done for 2019 until September. The pickup is in the shop for repairs. Keep Willena Boaldin in your prayers, as she is having back problems.

Gina—Just busy working on the budget with the Commissioners and the Auditors.

Commissioners—All the Commissioners agreed too, that we have been busy working on budget numbers. JW reminded everyone of the Picnic in Rolla on Thursday at 6:30.

Dennis—Airport. He discussed the Hangars, he called around a few airports and most own the majority of hangars.

Adjourned for lunch at noon. Drove by the Airport to look at the mowing and hangars. Reconvened at 1:00.

The Commissioners reviewed the budget numbers the remainder of the afternoon. There was lots of discussion regarding the Airport Project, Property

tax lid and budget cuts. It was a consensus of all 3 Commissioners that the public really wants lower taxes.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to sign Resolution 2019-5 ROZ Student Loan Repayment Program.

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

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk