

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
August 12, 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(9:20) and Gina Castillo, County Clerk.

Pastor Jim Cunningham with 1st Christian Church opened with prayer.

A motion by Bill, seconded by Jim, to approve the amended minutes from Special meeting July 18th. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approved amended minutes of July 22nd. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 3 A/P Warrant Registers listed below. Also signed Resolution 2019-6 Cimarron Basin Interlocal Agreement.

	2019
General	\$52,020.49
Road/Bridge	\$28,754.04
Mental Ret.	\$1,171.44
Airport	\$4,867.80
Emp. Benefits	\$3,401.69
Ambulance	\$561.65
Health	\$5,354.66
County Building	\$7,015.68
Fire	\$613.75
P/R Withholding	\$3,630.28
Treas. M/V	\$176.05
Civic Center Dep	\$2,500.00
Diversion Fund	\$164.99
Noxious Weed	\$12,409.04
Special Eco. Devo.	\$202.21
Golf Gifts/Grants	\$3,582.79
Emergency Prep	\$302.99
Sales Tax MCH	\$16,303.32
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Comm.	\$218.28
911	\$546.11
Totals	\$143,797.26

Dusty—EMS. He presented a run report. A deceased patient has a balance, he asked if it needs charged off, the County Attorney stated if there are no assets/estate that is about our only option. Dusty got another quote for an ambulance from Osage that is not 4x4 approximately \$213,400. Discussion took place about waiting, some funds have been put in capital outlay for 2020 budget towards a new ambulance. Best to look at this again towards the end of the year, and next year.

Budget Hearing at 10:00. No public in attendance.

Chris—Landfill. Things are going pretty good, still receiving waste from Boise City. The spraying has slowed down some.

Kevin—Golf. Jr. Golf was good with 14 kids, it lasts 6 weeks. He appreciated using the Road department's trailer to pick up the seed. A couple tournaments are coming up.

Dana and Sheldon—Road. He presented the bridge inspection papers that need signed, Morton County has 9 bridges. They are requesting to purchase a service truck for Sheldon, the shop mechanic, to assist with tires and service calls. He presented last year's quotes, prices on trucks that have already sold on Purple Wave and a truck in Dumas. When they purchase this they will have to have a truck and the service bed, later the service bed can be put on another pickup. Dana is also requesting that he needs a newer pickup, and he can pass his down. They also have several bob-tails that could be sold and are only being used about 10% of the time. Commissioner Finn asked him to put together a list of equipment with costs to sale and get quotes for what Dana is looking at and they will review all those together. Commissioners suggested a 1 ton or a 450 and not to exceed \$25,000 on a motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV for a 10 minute executive session for personnel at 10:52. Back in regular session at 11:02. A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:07. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 5 minutes. Back in regular session at 11:12. No action taken. Commissioner Light asked him about the roads in the County that have not been graded all summer, Dana said they had an opportunity to put the culverts in so they took it. He will get someone over to help Larry and get that area caught up.

Vienna—Civic Center/Economic Development. Presented the September calendar. The Dept. of Commerce sent her information on a potential project, she presented the overview and criteria and wanted them to review it and get back with her by August 23rd to submit. She spoke to a gentleman from Smokey Hills Public Service that wants to highlight and focus on a community in SW KS, Grant County rejected the offer. He came down, looked at the County and the

Grasslands. The County would get air time for 30 minutes a time for 12 times and a DVD for our use in promoting the County. She is going to check with the cities, Epic Economic Development and maybe local banks for contributions. Commissioners stated these were great ideas.

Hospital—CEO, Chad Thompson, COO, Rodney Johnson and board member Mike Horton. Critical access status has been declined and probably will not ever be able to receive. Coding went live today. They had 122 school physicals done. They are working with Southwest Medical Center, Liberal to get specialists to come here. Staff is having morning meetings, seems to be increasing communications. Commissioner Tucker asked the amount of A/P, Chad stated it is about \$450,000 plus and about 100 days past due. They have some ideas that will be brought up in the next couple months. The north wing firewall cost is approximately \$12,500 and door \$3,500. Fire Marshall will be out again in October.

Cimarron Basin Community Corrections—Bobby Bonner. He wanted to discuss the supervised probations and expectations the CBCC are working hard at achieving. He also presented Resolution 2019-6 Cimarron Basin Interlocal Agreement with the 26th Judicial District. A motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV to sign Resolution 2019-6.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 1:00.
Commissioners toured the FSA/Conservation office.

The Commissioners made a call to Lisa, the accountant in regards to the Budget. There were 2 line items, the District Court and the Landfill, the Commissioners decided to lower that were previously not done. Lisa, stated the budget could be lowered and did not have to be republished. She made those adjustments and sent a new copy to the Clerk. A motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV to approve this budget.

Commissioners discussed a few items; an email regarding BCBS rates are increasing and Hub would like to market it again and see if we can get one comparable to the current. A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to pay the Golf Course ice machine from County General in the amount of \$5,561.95.

A motion to adjourn at 4:08 by Jim, seconded by Bill, UYV.

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Bill Light, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Castillo, County Clerk

