

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
January 12, 20256

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

Present: JW Finn, Chairman; Ed Anderson, Vice-Chairman; Jim Tucker, Commissioner; David Thompson, County Attorney and Gina Shores, County Clerk.

Ed Richards with Bible Baptist Church opened with prayer.

At this time the election of officers took place. A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, to nominate Jim as Chairman for 2026. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim to nominate Ed as Vice-Chairman. A motion by Ed, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the minutes of December 29th with corrections. A motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve special meeting Jan. 7th minutes with corrections. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 1 A/P Warrant Registers listed below; Resolution 2026-2 GAAP and 2026-3 Salary.

		2026	2025
General		\$3,831.57	\$40,585.09
Road & Bridge		\$460.00	\$112,443.07
Weed			<u>\$233.63</u>
Airport		\$547.74	\$992.05
Sheriff			\$1,217.66
Fire			\$1,736.27
Health		\$799.70	\$15,213.90
Capital Improvement			
Ambulance		\$56.65	\$4,388.67
911		\$18,000.00	\$496.11
Hospital		\$592,470.30	
Fair		\$52,944.42	
Soil Conservation		\$12,050.67	
Sales Tax -Health Syst			\$35,261.88
Morton Co Extention		\$68,435.30	
Treasurer Motor Veh			\$323.91
Mental Health		\$3,047.82	
Library		\$110,860.90	
Intel Disability		\$2,963.58	
COA		\$48,616.40	
Historical Soc		\$63,514.74	

Ecommunity Loan Fund			\$4,000.00	
Employee Ben				\$4,067.26
Ambulance G & G				\$175.00
Emergency Prepare				\$1,631.07
Payroll W/H				\$1,509.12
Spec Road Mach				\$50,000.00
Spec Equip Reserve				
Total			\$982,599.79	\$270,274.69

A motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to sign Resolution 2026-2, GAAP Resolution (A Resolution Adopting Standards for and Financial Statements and Reporting) and a motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve Salary Resolution 2026-3. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve the 2026 mileage reimbursement rate of .70. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the County banks as Dream First and TBK Bank, Elkhart Tri-State News and [www.mtcoks.com](http://www.mtcoks.com) as the official advertising sources.

Sheldon—Public works. Calum Ellis has given his verbal notice, as he will be moving and looking for a job. Sheldon presented an application for hire for the landfill. A motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve Sheldon's recommendation to hire Kyle Custer at \$14./hr. Pete is getting ready to bait prairie dogs. The DEF system on the Bomag is being repaired. A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 9:53 for 10 minutes. No action taken.

Dusty-EMS. The transfer numbers for 2025; 91 flights, 30 ground transfers, turned down 49 transfers due to staff shortage and some out of County. Dusty feels the working relationship with the hospital is much better. They are starting an EMR class that will be completed in April. The Fireman's Relief Association meeting is at the Fire station Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will eat at 6 and conduct meeting after. Recognize Larry Dunn's 50 years of service.

Discussion took place regarding the Fire Chief open position. County Attorney and Clerk will review the job description and get it advertised and conduct interviews on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. County Attorney will let Commissioners know if we need an interim ASAP. Commissioner Anderson updated the Commissioners on the last Eco Devo meeting that the Coalition is now a 501 C3 and ready to assist with the child care facility. The County Attorney presented his annual contract for Counselor for Commissioners review. A motion by Ed, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve contract.

Commissioners approved annual dues and payments; KCAMP Insurance \$209,629; KWORCC work comp insurance \$45,622 and KNRC 2026 dues \$5,000 ad Kansas Assoc. of Counties dues \$1,450.04 approved on a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 1:14.

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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Ed Anderson, Vice-Chairman

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JW Finn, Commissioner

Attest:  
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Gina Shores, County Clerk