

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
January 26, 2026

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

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

Jim opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioners approved January 12th amended minutes on a motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV. Commissioners signed; 1 P/R forms and Warrant Register, 2 A/P Warrant Register listed below, and Abated Orders 2025-354; 367-381.

		2026	2025
General		\$279,464.02	\$4,001.68
Road & Bridge		\$11,820.16	\$1,084.28
Weed			-
Airport		\$65.27	
Sheriff		\$416.12	\$5,220.17
Fire		\$3,287.52	
Health		\$1,198.46	\$44.95
Capital Improvement		\$678.00	\$400.24
Ambulance		\$514.98	
911		\$196.44	
Treasurer Motor Veh		\$30.00	
Employee Ben		\$51,294.15	
Payroll W/H		\$518.80	
Civic Center Dep Fund		\$340.00	
Opportunity Prog Fund		\$1,521.00	
Total		\$351,344.92	\$10,751.32

A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney-Client privilege at 9:32 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:42. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend for 5 more minutes. Back in regular session at 9:47. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 2 minutes. Back in

regular session at 9:49. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:51. No action taken.

Sheldon—Road. He presented bids for the road project 950 tons of rock.

J&R Sand ½ inch pea gravel \$26/ton \$24,700.

Klotz Sand & Gravel ½ crushed rock \$30/ton \$28,500.

Approved J&R Sand on a motion by Ed, seconded by JW, UYV from Road Fund.

He presented 2 contracts for the Bomag Compactor service agreements.

Foley \$3787.77 per service 12 services or 3000 hours

Berry Tractor \$40,430.14 for 24 months or 2000 hours

After discussion Foley will service it the first time and see what samples come back. Then the shop guys will do the scheduled maintenance until July and then we will discuss the service agreements again.

Sheldon presented quotes for the weed department for enclosures and heater on their side by side.

Scott Power--\$5,269.98

UTV Direct--\$5,950.00 (no heater no labor)

A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to approve quote from Scott Power.

Michael Nino—Updated the Commissioners the few changes he was suggesting. The Commissioners feel these are reasonable and want him to reach out to the County Attorney to update the contract. They are ready to get him on board.

Susie Luck—Interviewed for the County Fire Chief position,

Alexis—Economic Development. She presented a Smart screen quote \$2319-2750. She needs it to use at the Civic Center. She can apply for a grant for this and 6 tablets. A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to pursue the grant. These will belong to the Chamber and stored with Economic Development. JW went over with her what was discussed at the last meeting. We would like her to assist supervisors about their needs and grant opportunities she can pursue. She said yes, she would reach out to them.

David Bashford— Interviewed for the County Fire Chief position,

Hospital—Richard, CEO and board Ronn Martin, Troy Barnett and Karen Gates. Richard presented a spreadsheet of progress since August. Richard went over the wins(including financial improvements); medical records now all in house, respiratory has 2 staff members now, radiology noticing higher volumes, Sharm is back in the lab department it's a positive thing. Nursing is fully staffed, and no contract/agency. The Hospital is hosting Yarbrough, Elkhart and Rolla kids to participate in a Kansas career day hands on at the hospital.

Dusty Brillhart— Interviewed for the County Fire Chief position,

A motion to adjourn at 1:10 by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

Ed Anderson, Vice-Chairman

JW Finn, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Shores, County Clerk