

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
January 24, 2022

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with open doors.

Present: Jim Tucker Chairman; Bill Light, Vice-Chairman; JW Finn, Commissioner; Adam Carey, County Attorney and Gina Shores, County Clerk.

Gina opened with prayer.

Commissioners approved Jan. 10th minutes approved on a motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers listed below; Resolution 2022-3 ROZ Student Loan Repayment Program.

		2022	2021
General		\$15,190.88	\$243.76
Road & Bridge		\$1,535.03	\$11,911.52
Employee Ben		\$36,514.20	-
Airport		\$9,955.64	
Ambulance		\$233.50	\$1,118.17
Sheriff		\$1,893.91	\$3,439.69
Weed		\$957.80	
Co Building		\$3,367.56	
Health		\$11.96	
Fire		\$348.97	\$340.57
Payroll W/H		\$2,255.60	
Emergency Prep		\$40.00	
911		\$194.80	
Mental Retardation		\$665.00	
E-Community Loan		\$320.00	
Hospital		\$568,494.30	
Fair		\$50,591.81	
Soil Conservation		\$14,075.06	
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Extension Council	-	\$67,455.52	
Library	-	\$113,076.05	
Historical Society	-	\$61,845.58	
Council on Aging	-	\$49,921.78	

Spec Road Machinery		-	\$173,397.00	
			\$1,172,341.95	\$17,053.71

Chris—Public Works. They were able to do some blading with the little bit of snow received. Chris has gotten a price on a snow plow blade for the side by side from Scott Power for \$799. A motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV to approve purchase. Road is built into the new pit. Commissioner Light asked about the road overlay with concrete. After much discussion we are going to see if the budget can handle that. The clerk will reach out to Lisa, with Lewis, Hooper and Dick. Commissioners also discussed the idea of Bob Fillpot assisting Tracie in IT when she needs it. The Boise City trash hauler has asked if he can park at the Landfill, Commissioners stated if he can find an individual that would let them that would be best.

Pam Lamb and Ernie Barnes entered with Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner of Water Resources on the phone. They wanted to discuss the water rights that were purchased by the golf course in 2007. When either party do any changes, it has to be approved by both parties. 80.9 acres were authorized to the golf course property and currently utilizing 55 acres. Ernie is wanting to move acres around and is needing access to some more acres from the golf course. They would not let the Golf Course run out. Kevin, Golf Course superintendent entered to share his thoughts on this, since he has was here when this took place. Tabled until they all come back at 1:00 today, as more time is needed.

Vienna—Economic Development. She entered with Alexis O'Hair for an interview for the Economic Development Director position. Alexis shared her resume and job details currently with the Extension Council. She shared of thoughts for the underserved and mental health issues within the county. Vienna feels Alexis brings a lot to the table with roots here and younger generation moving back home to assist in our community. Vienna also presented the ROZ annual repayment program a motion by Bill, seconded by Jim, UYV to sign Resolution 2022-3. She also mentioned that the Civic Center needs repainted, she and Barbie will do it, commissioners approved. Richard Adams entered for an Interview for Economic Development Director. He shared his employment history and resume. He also expressed ideas of bringing business into the County. He is concerned what the local businesses are looking for and their ideas for the future.

Dusty—EMS. Continuing education classes for EMT's is coming up. Fire relief meeting is Thursday at the Civic Center and Pioneer Electric will be here speaking along with TCEC. Dusty received a \$3500 estimate to redo the land next to EMS

building, if we sold it. Dusty is cross training Derek as Emergency Management backup position for emergencies. Derek and Stephanie are taking the required classes. There is a class HSEEP in Feb 1-3rd for Derek to attend class is free motel stay is the only cost.

Kevin—Golf. He is starting to get reels coming in. He asked about the letter sent out stating all employees will receive \$14/hr. and part-time is only getting 10%. He is just asking for clarity. The Commissioners apologized for that error in the letter, but are staying with the 10% raise for part-time employees.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30. Back in regular session at 1:00.

Pam Lamb and Ernie Barnes entered back in with Kevin, golf superintendent to discuss the water usage at the golf course. They contacted Mike, water Commissioner again by phone. Reviewed several options to look at going forward. Mike is going to research the history and get back with us on a proposal.

Commissioners also discussed and signed the tax exemption forms for the Independent Living, Special Care Unit and Senior Care Center facilities. The Clerk asked for Sheriff Ralstin(gone to annual Sheriff Association meeting) to hire Tonia Chapman for dispatch \$14/hr. Approved on a motion by Bill, seconded by Jim, UYV. Clerk also updated the Commissioners on the progress and webinars with Traci and some Supervisors for the new County website. Should be viewable in March and finalized by May. Commissioners also decided to repost for bids on the Manter Crossing on the website and newspaper and the County Attorney will contact the previous bidders and also noted that we will not need an engineer on this project.

JW left the meeting at 2:25.

A motion to adjourn at 2:34 by Bill, seconded by Jim.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

Bill Light, Vice-Chairman

JW Finn, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Shores, County Clerk