

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
February 28, 2022

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:00 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.

Jess Lee with Jakes Barn Church opened with prayer.

Commissioners approved February 16th 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; IT contract; Added/Abated Orders 2019-100, 2020-101 and 2021 30&31.

2022		
General		\$18,103.12
Road & Bridge		\$10,291.00
Fire		\$718.63
Airport		\$5,063.18
Ambulance		\$915.45
Sheriff		\$10,187.54
Weed		\$761.41
Mental Retardation		\$1,330.00
Health		\$2,145.06
Civic Center Dep Fund		\$1,175.00
Payroll W/H		\$5,389.90
Employee Ben		\$3,859.63
911		\$194.80
Sales Tax-Health System		\$23,382.85
E-Community Loan		\$2,199.85
Emergency Preparedness		\$606.47
Special Eco Devo		\$450.00
Special Equipment		\$1,549.39
Total		\$88,323.28

Commissioners also discussed the property tax sale. The County Attorney stated it will probably be completed in April-May.

Chris—Public Works. New hire Drake Lewis is doing a great job. Things are going good with the new pit. Metal recycler should be here within the next month. He is leaving today for the weed conference in Topeka. He has heard chemical is going to be hard to get and the price is higher this year. They refigured the cost of road 16 project with concrete \$639,000. He has 2 quotes for box blades Scott Power \$4,300.00 and American Implement \$2,500.00. A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to approve the lower quote of \$2500 from Road Special Equipment. One bid by J&R sand for \$107,000.00 and are trying to get q bid from XIT. The project was budgeted for 2022 at \$522,000 to grind 4 miles and chip seal County road 16; 8 miles from U to 1 mile south of the Cimarron River and Chip seal 4 miles from Road F to C. Discussion took place regarding lowering the speed limit on County roads to 55, tabled until the next meeting. They also discussed networking with other counties in the area for possibly sharing equipment.

Commissioners discussed getting bids to power wash and redo stucco on the County Courthouse. Also, a plan to replace big windows for better efficiency so we can work into the budget for next year. A call was made to Rolla resident Tracy Link with 5 Star Mobile Wash to give a bid. Commissioner Tucker proposed to start the recognition of exceptional achievements of local individuals or groups on a monthly basis. The Commissioners are going to start working on this. The County Attorney will review the water rights papers and have them ready for the Commissioners to sign.

A motion to adjourn at noon by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

Bill Light, Vice-Chairman

JW Finn, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Shores, County Clerk