

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
March 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.

Gina opened with prayer.

Commissioners approved March 14th minutes approved on a motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 3 A/P Warrant Registers listed below; 2021 PUP Added/Abated Orders 34-70.

General		\$20,251.00	
Road & Bridge		\$4,699.63	
Fire		\$25.53	-
Airport		\$602.71	
Ambulance		\$669.53	
Sheriff		\$6,523.69	
Weed		\$2,140.00	
Treasurers M/V		\$212.81	
Health		\$2,163.96	
Golf Course- gifts&grants		\$861.36	
911		\$2,046.39	
Employee Ben		\$2,026.59	
Payroll W/H		\$3,816.76	
Hospital		\$20,580.41	
Fair		\$1,861.35	
Soil Conservation		\$517.72	
Extension		\$2,481.52	
Library		\$4,163.61	
Council on Aging		\$1,847.06	
Historical Museum		\$2,275.09	
Special Equipment		\$2,047.30	
Total		\$81,814.02	

The County Attorney presented a draft of collecting inmate fees. Sheriff, Shelby Ralstin entered to discuss this as well. They are going to do some more research and amend. Commissioners stated they did not want the process to end up costing the County.

The Commissioners also asked her opinion on changing the speed limit for county roads. In effort to reduce further damage to paved county roads commissioners are considering reducing vehicle speed from 65mph to 60mph and truck traffic from 65mph to 50mph.

Kayla Janko and Tiffany Bowen with Cimarron Basin entered to ask for a signature on the Fiscal Year 2023 Comprehensive Grant Application.

Chris—Public Works. He presented the KDOT agreement for spraying for signatures. Landfill can accept 20 tons a day. Tipping fee is \$40/ton. Chris also gave sign costs; \$26/sign and \$88/sign for dual to change speed limit. They received a verbal bid for rock from J&R sand and received a quote on volcanic rock, but didn't think that was a good option. He and Dana were discussing the cement added in and maybe using a primer will be approximately \$68,000. He will get a printed cost of the project with cement and without for the next meeting.

Supervisors lunch at 11:00 in kitchen break room. In attendance; Vicki Peacock, Richard Adams, Shelby Ralstin, Dusty Brillhart, Chris McCammon, Dana Baldwin, Kevin Shook, Stephanie Sinclair, Vienna Lee, Jeff Milburn and Dennis Tevebaugh. The Supervisors gave individual updates on their departments. The Commissioners updated the group on some suggestions from the audit. Also, try to use direct bill or voucher in advance versus using the County credit card. We are still working on the County handbook. Commissioners requested departments get on the agenda earlier than the day of, and have copies for everyone to review ahead of time. Adam noted that he is updating and amending the purchasing policy. Gina updated that the new website should be ready in May, contact Alexis and she can schedule pictures for your page and any links that are not on our current website need to be given to Tracie or Alexis. New employees and Supervisors will soon be getting new email addresses and will start learning Microsoft teams.

Commissioners, Attorney and Clerk went back to the Commissioners chambers at 1:00. Clerk updated the Commissioners on the airport terminal building grant papers that are due today. Previously, Lochner engineers were here to do a final walk through with Dennis, manager and Darren board member and based the terminal building estimate off that discussion. Per Lochner email, this amount can be changed going forward this is just to see if we are able to receive it. A motion by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV to approve to apply for this grant. JW left the meeting at 1:25.

The clerk presented 2 quotes for a generator at the Civic Center, it has been there as long as the Civic Center and will need replaced Elkhart Lumber \$31899.00 130KW; Central Power 100KW diesel generator \$32,500 and 100KW AKSA generator \$36,500. Central power also submitted a cost to install a new turbo in the old generator to help extend a while in the amount of \$3,153.26. A motion by Bill, seconded by Jim, to

approve the repair option from Central Power for \$3,153.26. Commissioners will review the transfers recommended by Lisa, Lewis, Hooper and Dick and also the budget letter templates for the next meeting. Clerk gave them several chapters of the handbook with edits made for their review to go over at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 1:45 by Bill, seconded by Jim.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

Bill Light, Vice-Chairman

JW Finn, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Shores, County Clerk