

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
June 26, 2023

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

Present: JW Finn, Chairman; Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Andy Bane, Commissioner; Clint Floyd, County Counselor and Gina Shores, County Clerk. Ed Anderson in attendance.

Jess Lee with Jake’s Barn Church opened with prayer.

Commissioners approved June 12<sup>th</sup> amended minutes on a motion by Jim, seconded by Andy, UYV. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 1 A/P Warrant Registers listed below; and Abated order 2022 47-54.

	2023
General	\$53,108.33
Road/Bridge	\$3,125.04
Airport	\$2,451.61
Ambulance	\$2,374.83
Fire	\$23.94
Health	\$2,773.96
Payroll W/H	\$2,532.49
Emerg. Prep	\$32,024.18
Sheriff	\$1,556.29
Capital Improvement	\$3,530.21
Ecommunity Loan Fund	\$407.50
Spec Road Machinery	\$69,579.00
Employee Benefits	\$5,040.26
911	\$11,345.46
Totals	\$189,873.10

Chris—Public Works. County road 16 project is going well. He really appreciates Shelby and law enforcement helping with traffic. Chris asked if they need to work Friday to complete the project employees would be in overtime, Commissioners approved. They will start patching roads after this. Callum has been out spraying weeds on the state highways and the county paved roads. Commissioners commended Chris and his employees on the looks of the landfill.

Vicki—Treasurer. The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) has increased again this year by \$56,056. Last year we distributed the \$46,000 and put the increase into the Capital Improvement fund. Vicki asked the Commissioners if they want to do the same as last year, or distribute all of it. Commissioners agreed to do the same as last year, a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to transfer \$56,056.00 from Sub-marginal land fund to Capital Improvement fund. She also updated the Commissioners on the tax sale and gave the County Counselor a resolution to review to be passed at the next meeting.

Rhonda Fernandez with PIC. Rhonda went over the BCBS utilization report thru May 2023, looks like usage is down. We will get another report thru July, in time to put changes in the budget if needed. Commissioners approved switching to Bene-Block for all employee supplemental needs and assistance with open enrollment/new hires. She plans to do the County open enrollment in October.

Supervisors entered at 11:30 and gave updates on what their departments are working on. Barbie, Alexis, Crystal, Dennis, Chris, Stephanie, Shelby, Larry, Jeff, Vicki, Kevin, Dusty. All went across the street to the park for lunch.

Lisa Axman and Katie Wagner with Lewis, Hooper and Dick entered by Zoom to go over the 2022 Audit with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed drafting Resolution 2023-4 Change the name of County Road 10 to Simmons Drive. The Commissioners want to recognize Darrin Simmons and Jerry Simmons, both hometown guys, for numerous accomplishments in the NFL. Jim said Darrin is here until July 4<sup>th</sup> to do a photo. JW said this is a good time to honor Bob and Dian Boaldin by naming the Civic Center Event Hall to Bob Boaldin Event Hall. JW said Dian Boaldin is here for the holiday as well and we could do the dedication.

David Thompson called in to give an update on his Kansas Attorney license, he just received confirmation from the State and is going to contact Leo Carrillo, Republican Party Chairman that he is ready to proceed. Commissioner Bane said he really appreciated working with everyone.

A motion to adjourn at 3:05 by JW, seconded by Jim.

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JW Finn, Chairman

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Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

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Ed Anderson, Commissioner

Attest:  
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Gina Shores, County Clerk