

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
July 10, 2023

JW called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with open doors.

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

David Eckert with Methodist Church opened with prayer.

Commissioners approved June 26th 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; Memorandum of Agreement between County and Syracuse Dairy.

	2023
General	\$49,267.15
Road/Bridge	\$13,129.90
Airport	\$1,188.48
Ambulance	\$3,116.79
Fire	\$12,993.02
Health	\$5,715.56
Civic Center Dep Fund	\$2,395.00
Payroll W/H	\$475.00
Emerg. Prep	\$294.72
Fair	
Sheriff	\$9,881.99
Mental Health	
Capital Improvement	\$4,112.46
Sales Tax H S	\$16,577.97
Spec Road Machinery	\$66,733.00
Museum	
Employee Benefits	\$6,779.35
911	\$496.11
Totals	\$193,156.50

Kendra—Health. She has been working with Brooke Cooper from Compass Behavioral Health, and is interested in having office space in the Health Department versus the Hospital. Brooke Cooper thinks patients would be more comfortable meeting somewhere other than the Hospital. Commissioners approved her to draft a MOA with Compass and run it by the County Counselor. On the facility remodel with the grant funds, she needs to pay ½ of the cabinets now and the other ½ when completed. She has 3 quotes for appliances for the break room, the commissioners asked her to check with Circle D Appliance in Liberal. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to approve Home Depot unless Circle D is comparable. She is also reaching out to both schools regarding immunizations, hearing, vision and dental screens, as neither school has nurses. There is a grant for \$83,000 through Workforce Development that may assist with this from December 2023-2027. She also brought up the idea of the Health Department hiring a school nurse. Commissioners suggested that she check resources and research some of this. Invited the Commissioners and the community to the upcoming LPC meeting about storm notifications. The Health Department is partnering with RCDC(Russell Child Dev.) for immunization records and car seat checks in August.

10:00—Went to the meeting room with supervisors to attend the budget workshop with Lisa Axman with Lewis, Hooper and Dick. Commissioners confirmed budget dates and exceeding the RNR notice for the Clerk.

Hospital—Richard Adams—CFO entered at noon. Updated Commissioners on the new CEO they hired. Dr Loya has reached an agreement with the hospital and he will be here August. Dr. Clark will remain the CMO(Chief Medical Officer), his wife is able to work as Allergy Tech. Aubrey Winegardner is the new DON(Director of Nursing). Currently they are doing interviews for the CFO(Chief Financial Officer). Richard is also requested an additional \$287,000 for current operations this year. Commissioners said they will need to talk with the Treasurer and see if we have additional funds. They did have hail damage to roofs and Richard invested in a buy down which helped on the deductible amount this year. if they can have the High Plains Health foundation go under the hospital, they may get a 501C3. The opioid grant funding starts in September for programs and staff.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:55. Back in regular session at 1:15.

Vicki-Treasurer. Discussion took place regarding the Hospital's need for cash in the amount of \$287,000. A motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV to give the hospital \$300,000 now and 2024 decrease hospital budget request from \$1,300,000 to \$1,000,000. Commissioners signed new signature card for accounts at Heartland Tri-State Bank removing Andy Bane and adding Ed Anderson. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve using their signature stamp on payroll checks if no one is able to stop by and sign them. Clerk presented 3 quotes for Attorney office desk

Amazon \$329.99

SPC \$501.77

Southern Office \$925.55

A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to purchase from Amazon for \$329.99 from Capital Improvement fund.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 2:20.

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Ed Anderson, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Shores, County Clerk