

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
July 24, 2023

JW called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with open doors.

Present: JW Finn, Chairman; Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Ed Anderson, Commissioner; Clint Floyd, County Counselor (9:10) and Gina Shores, County Clerk. David Thompson.

David Eckert with United Methodist Church opened with prayer.

At 9:15 Oath of Office to David Thompson, County Attorney. A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to appoint David Thompson as County Counselor.

Commissioners approved July 10th amended minutes on a motion by Jim, seconded by Ed, UYV. Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers listed below. McCully & Associates annual consulting agreement. Resolution 2023-5 and 2023-6.

	2023
General	\$330,816.31
Road/Bridge	\$31,732.70
Noxious Weed	\$3,891.87
Airport	\$6,043.96
Ambulance	\$1,974.44
Fire	\$90.01
Health	\$1,576.99
Civic Center Dep Fund	\$2,495.00
Hospital	
Payroll W/H	\$3,389.33
Ambulance gifts & grants	\$1,066.00
Golf gifts & grants	\$1,428.00
Sheriff	\$4,012.63
Mental Health	
Capital Improvement	\$18,875.03
Spec Road Machinery	\$38,285.25
Employee Benefits	\$4,248.98
911	\$195.46
Totals	\$450,121.96

A motion by JW, seconded by Ed, UYV to go into executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege at 9:20 for 10 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:30. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to extend 2 minutes. Back in regular session at 9:32. A motion to

extend 5 minutes by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV. Back in regular session at 9:37. No action taken.

Chris—Public Works. They have one spray truck in Wichita, and another one with an oil leak, he is wanting to purchase one in 2025. Chip sealing will start Wednesday, or after they finish with the city of Elkhart project. A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to go into executive session for personnel at 10:05. Back in regular session at 10:10. No action taken.

Tim Hardy—City of Elkhart. He received a quote from Alert Alarm, and they would like to install one at the Library, he is asking permission since it is a County Building. Commissioners approved, just let the ladies at the library know.

Dusty—EMS. KEMA conference is in September, he is requesting he and Derek to attend. Approved on a motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV. LEPC meeting last week, was informative with good speakers. Dan Walls family requested memorial funds to purchase new EMS shirts. Dusty also got the family the same shirts.

A motion by JW, seconded by Jim, UYV to pass Resolution 2023-5 the sale of unredeemed Real Estate. A motion to pass Resolution 2023-6 to Appoint a County Counselor. Signed the Contract Service Agreement by County Counselor and Morton County.

Angela-Appraiser. She presented the annual contract with McCully for oil/gas appraisals, no changes. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to sign annual contract. Also discussed details on the Elkhart Sr. Living facility that a group would like to lease a portion.

Commissioners discussed the recent notice of the lawsuit for the Lesser Prairie Chicken.

A motion to adjourn at 12:06 by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV.

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JW Finn, Chairman

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Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

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Ed Anderson, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina Shores, County Clerk