

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS
Special Meeting
August 4, 2023

JW called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with open doors.

Present: JW Finn, Chairman; Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman; Ed Anderson, Commissioner; David Thompson, County Counselor/Attorney; Gina Shores, County Clerk and Vicki Peacock, Treasurer.

Special meeting to discuss Hospital funds and County 2024 Budget.

Vicki—Treasurer and Gina—Clerk discussed with the Commissioners the conversation with Richard Adams, Hospital CFO. They need funds because Medicaid/Medicare funds being debited to them by CMS and Clover. They are in the process of getting this fixed. It was discussed that the next step will be to apply for No Fund Warrants. Vicki and Gina updated the Commissioners on discussions with our Auditor, Bond Counsel and Dream First Bank (FKA Heartland Tri-State Bank). We do not have the time to get the No Fund Warrants on the 2024 budget, therefore we can apply for them but there will be a 60-day waiting period for a protest petition. The cash available to give the Hospital is \$70-\$80,000 that will not hurt the County's cash reserve. Bond counsel said we could advance them some funds, but if there is a petition and it goes to an election the County will be out the funds they gave them. Also, Gina told the Commissioners that we need to know immediately if we need to adjust the budget before the RNR notices go out next week and we publish the budget. Currently we have room to go up 1 mill and that will be used for the 1st payment of the No Fund Warrants.

The Commissioners agreed to have the 1 mill in the budget for that but leave it as it was and proceed with Notices and publications. They said meeting with the Hospital CEO and board at the next meeting will be fine.

A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to adjourn at 9:25.

JW Finn, Chairman

Jim Tucker, Vice-Chairman

Ed Anderson, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Gina Shores, County Clerk