

MINUTES  
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
1025 Morton, Elkhart, KS  
October 10, 2022

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:0 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.

Pastor Denny Huebner with Church of God opened with prayer.

Commissioners signed 1 P/R form and Warrant Register; 2 A/P Warrant Registers listed below.

2022

General		\$46,673.09
Road & Bridge		\$16,342.71
Employee Benefits		\$11,305.24
Airport		\$1,635.77
Ambulance		\$3,065.19
Sheriff		\$7,669.17
Health		\$8,322.87
Payroll W/H		\$709.00
Civic Center Deposit Fund		\$1,575.00
911		\$496.11
Fire		\$137.88
Capital Improvement		\$129.99
Sales Tax-Health System		\$30,808.77
Treasurers M/V		\$540.33
Emergency Preparedness		\$3,941.78
Hospital		\$23,584.90
Fair		\$1,861.00
Soil Conservation		\$516.75
Extens		
Extension Council		\$2,468.02
Mental Health		\$333.33
Library		\$4,188.65
Intellectual Disability		\$93.48
Council on Aging		\$1,937.10
Historical		\$2,284.08

	\$170,620.21
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Vicki—Treasurer. Commissioners asked her about the vendors with delinquent taxes. She has sent letters and they are aware that payments to them will be credited to their tax balance.

Chris—Public Works. Tipping fees to date is \$115,705. They are finishing up mowing.

Carolea Wellen—She is requesting to get a culvert on County Road B to access her property. Chris stayed and said the road department will get one put in. She also asked about mowing, Chris also said they mow once a year an it hasn't rained a lot.

Commissioners reviewed the costs for local artist artwork from Barbie, suggested to see if they would want to display it with the costs. The County Attorney requested to KDOT to extend the contract for the Road/Dairy Road project. KDOT approved to extend to Feb. 2023, Commissioners approved this extension.

Alexis—Economic Development. She applied and received the Rural Champion Grant for \$22,000, this is for Community improvement. It's a one-year program and requires a person to assist with the project. She asked to attend the annual conference on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Wichita. A motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV to approve her to attend. Alexis can attend on behalf of the champion this time, but he/she will have to attend the training on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She asked if the commissioners had anyone in mind for this. JW mentioned Mike Horton. Only 12 counties in Kansas were awarded this grant. She gave an update on visiting with the fair board about Alexis using that office and will share with the Fair during fair week. She is asking to attend the Great Plains annual meeting in Dodge City, Commissioners approved. Sew Loved, Bar T Beef, Higher Grounds and Hospital were all nominated for a business award. She is attending a zoom meeting about customer service trainings, and is hoping to be able to get this set up. In November she will be visiting with an individual about County daycare program. Commissioners also asked if she would take time and meet some of the businesses throughout the County.

Dusty—EMS. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> the Fallen Firefighters are having an event in Wichita and Josh Schwindt will be recognized. Dusty and a couple firefighters from Rolla will attend. EMR class will provide individuals that may not want a lot of hours but will do transfers a way to do this. Currently, they have 8 signed up. Extension, EMS and Health are putting on a safety event with Pioneer and TCEC to present information. At the KEMA conference they discussed the difference in replacing burn bans with burn permits, which he has discussed with Larry. Commissioners said work with County Attorney on going forward with this. Dusty presented and idea of offering gym memberships as an employee benefit, he reached out to our local gym on costs. They stated \$300/year per person. Tabled this for now.

Commissioners reviewed the 2023 Holiday list, approved on a motion by JW, seconded by Bill, UYV. A motion by Jim, seconded by JW, UYV to approve the quote of \$800.00 by Kinney Glass to caulk and repair all Library windows. Clerk asked the

Commissioners to change the date of the November election canvass to November 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Veteran's day holiday. Commissioners approved.

A motion to adjourn at 11:26 by Bill, seconded by JW, UYV.

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Jim Tucker, Chairman

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Bill Light, Vice-Chairman

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JW Finn, Commissioner

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